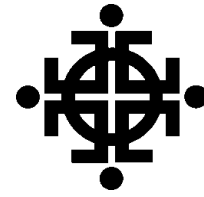


Notes:



First Covenant Church

Welcome to our church! May you know the joy of salvation, which is ours through Jesus Christ and that through the warmth of our fellowship you may grow in God's grace and love.

Worship Celebration

December 24, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Something is happening that never happened before.

Are we ready?

All our lives have prepared us for this moment.

Are we ready?

God who comes to us in Jesus Christ is coming to us now.

Are we ready?

Let every heart prepare him room.

Hymn #147

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

Opening Prayer

Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle

Reading of God's Word

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16 (Pew Bible pg. 229)

Second Lesson: Luke 1: 26-38 (Pew Bible pg. 781)

Giving of our Tithes and Offering/Congo Kids Offering

Doxology #48

*The mission of First Covenant Church is to WORSHIP God,
EQUIP people to live in faith,
SHARE God's love,
SERVE the community around us.*

Morning Prayer

Hymn #135 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Message "The Glory of God" Mike Hannay
The Fathers Participation in the Nativity

Hymn #146 "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

*Challenge...Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
And be gracious, gracious to you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
And give you, give you, give you peace.

Postlude

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Worship Leader: Julie Phaneuf-Hill
Advent Readers: Audrey Branstrom & Bernie Christiansen
Scripture Reader: Brian Hill
Ushers: Bob & Mary Nelson

Today

4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Vespers
Mike Hannay preaching
We will be taking a Christmas offering for the Quad Cities Foodshelf

This Week

Tuesday, 12:45 p.m., Salvation Army

Next Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration
Carol Sing and Meditation
Ushers: Roger & Judy Linden
10:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
2:00 p.m. Service at Waterview Pines

Caretakers this week: Mike & Kathy Hannay

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Pray for:

Evens & Karina Paul, Covenant missionaries to Haiti

Military personnel: Sarah Skogman & Grace Koski, Brandon Max

Area public service personnel