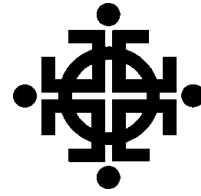


Notes:



# 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 31, 2023

9:30 a.m.

First Sunday after Christmas

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

John 1:14, Isaiah 9:6

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth:

**We have beheld his glory. Alleluia!**

A child has been born for us,

**a son given to us;**

authority rests upon his shoulder, and he is named:

**Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace**

Hymn #157

"Hark! The Heralds Sing"

Opening Prayer

Reading of God's Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 61: 10-62:3

(Pew Bible pg. 572)

Second Lesson: Luke 2 : 22-40

(Pew Bible pg. 783)

Giving of our Tithes and Offering

Doxology #48

Morning Prayer

*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.*

Carol Sing

Meditation

“How to Prepare for the New Year:  
Talk to Yourself” Roger Linden  
Romans 12:2 and 2 Corinthians 10:5

Carol Sing

Hymn #188

“Go, Tell it on the Mountain”

\*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: Roger Linden  
Scripture Reader: Evelyn Babbini  
Ushers: Brian & Julie Hill

**Today**

10:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation  
2:00 p.m. Service at Waterview Pines

**This Week**

Tuesday, 12:00 p.m., Ladies Lunch at Little Gourmet Deli

**Next Sunday**

9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration  
Pastor Randy Swenson preaching  
Ushers: Roger & Judy Linden  
10:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation  
11:00 a.m. Adult Christian Education

**Coming Events**

Wednesday, January 10, 6:30 p.m. Church Council  
Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. Annual Church Business Meeting

Christmas greetings from friends in other places are  
posted on the bulletin board at the front door  
and on the bulletin board by the church office.

**Caretakers this week:** Roger & Judy Linden

**Caretakers next week:** Lucan & Cassie Hill

**Pray for:**

Karl & Sue Peterson, Covenant missionaries to Mexico

Military personnel: Sarah Skogman & Grace Koski, Brandon Max

Area public service personnel