



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

September 15th, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Birthdays in September

September 14 - Shirley Koski
September 24 - Andrew Branstrom

Ushers for the month of September

September 15 - Brian & Julie Hill
September 22 - Roger & Gail Johnston
September 29 - Bernie Christiansen

Caretakers for the month of September

September 15 - Jeffrey & Heather Jones
September 22 - Roger Linden
September 29 - Lucas & Cassie Hill

*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.
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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Psalm 119:1-2, 5a, 6a, 7a, 8a

Blessed are those whose ways are blameless;

Who walk according to the law of the Lord.

Blessed are those who keep his statutes,

And seek him with all their heart.

O that my ways were steadfast;

Then I would not be put to shame.

I will praise you with an upright heart;

I will obey your decrees.

*Hymn #625

"I Then Shall Live"

Opening Prayer

Reading of God's Word:

First Lesson:

Psalm 1

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Second Lesson:

Mark 9:30-37

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Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Covenant Kids Congo

*Doxology #48

Morning Prayer

Hymn #520

“Open Now Your Gates of Beauty”

Message:

*Hymn #35

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

*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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*Congregation is invited to stand

Scripture Reader: Gail Johnston

Ushers: Brian & Julie Hill

Accompanist: Digital Hymnal

Worship Leader: Jeffrey Jones

Today

10:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

11:00 Sunday Study Hour

Coming Events

Tuesday, September 17 – Project Day

Tuesday, September 24, 12:45 p.m.–Assist at Salvation Army

Sunday, September 29, 2:00 p.m.-Waterview Pines Service

Next Sunday, September 15th

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

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Special Outreach Prayer Focus: Covenant Kids Congo

The Covenant Church works with this ministry of World Vision through Covenant World Relief and Development (CWRD). Updates are available at: @covkidscongo and CovenantKidsCongo@CovChurch.org

Special Missionary Prayer Focus for this week:

Craig Wickstrom, DR Congo: Liaison to Covenant Church Congo
Prayer request: Please pray for commitment to Covenant community and that we continue “well by the grace of God.”

Liaison between the American Covenant and the Congolese CEUM. In October a trip is planned to Congo. Currently organizing 2 and 4 week trips to Congo (if you are interested) for those interested in learning about how God is at work there.

- Praise God for opportunity to share about Congo, whether on the West Coast or in the Midwest.
- Praise God for fun times with family and close friends.
- Please pray for wisdom and sensitivity for Cheryl and me as we seek God’s will - as we make plans to move to Oregon and imagine our future.
- Please pray for CEUM leadership and especially President DUALE as they seek to meet immediate needs while also planning for the future.
- Please continue to pray for unity and reconciliation within the CEUM. Pray that the concerns of the marginalized will not be forgotten.

“Our Community” Prayer Interests:

Area public service personnel: (military, law enforcement, First Responders, health care workers, teachers, chaplains, social workers, etc.).

School supplies are now on sale - time to be thinking of Operation Christmas Child. Needs: composition books, crayons, pencils, pens, erasers, glue sticks, scissors, solar calculators, etc. See Bernie for questions or details.
