



Notes:

**Ushers for the month of September**

September 22 - Roger & Gail Johnston  
September 29 - Bernie Christiansen

**Caretakers for the month of September**

September 22 - Roger Linden  
September 29 - Lucas & Cassie Hill

**Birthdays in September**

September 24 - Andrew Branstrom

**Coming Up In October**

Ushers	6 <sup>th</sup> – Bob & Mary Nelson
	13 <sup>th</sup> – Roger Linden
	20 <sup>th</sup> – Brian & Julie Hill
	27 <sup>th</sup> – Roger & Gail Johnston
Caretakers	6 <sup>th</sup> - Roger & Gail Johnston
	13 <sup>th</sup> - Bernie Christiansen
	20 <sup>th</sup> – Linda & Ken Pogorelec
	27 <sup>th</sup> – Shirley Koski

*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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# 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 22nd, 2024

9:30 a.m.

### Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 145:4-7

One generation commends your works to another;

**They tell of your mighty acts.**

They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty;

**And I will meditate on your wonderful works.**

They tell of the power of your awesome works;

**And I will proclaim your great deeds.**

They celebrate your abundant goodness;

**And joyfully sing of your righteousness.**

\*Hymn #614

“Christ, You Call Us All to Service”

Opening Prayer

Reading of God's Word:

First Lesson:

Psalm 124

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Second Lesson:

James 5:13-20

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Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology #48

Morning Prayer

Hymn #87 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

Message: "I Only Do What I see my Father doing"

\*Hymn #351 "Jesus of Nazareth Passes By"

\*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: Bob Nelson

Usher: Gail & Roger Johnston

Accompanist: Shirley Koski

### **Next Week:**

Ushers: Shirley Koski

Caretakers: Lucas & Cassie Hill

### **Today**

10:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

11:00 Sunday Study Hour - The Merging of all Persecution

### **This Week**

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

### **Next Sunday, September 29th**

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

11:00 Sunday Study Hour – 100 A.D.-200 A.D.

The Rise of Organized Christianity and the Beginning of the  
Demise of Individual Christianity

2:00 Service at Waterview Pines

### **Coming Events**

Monday, 9/30-10/2: Pastor Mike - at Covenant Pastors Retreat

Tuesday, October 1 – Ladies Lunch

### **Special Missionary Prayer Focus for this week:**

Randy (and Cheryl) Bevis, working with fish ponds (sustainable food):  
Consulting in the Area of Food Sustainability; Fish Farming  
Prayer request: Please pray for safe, fruitful travels and for my family.

### **"Our Community" Prayer Interests:**

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

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The [Covenant Companion](#), (Cathy Norman Peterson, editor) was recognized as the best denominational magazine for content published in 2023 by the Evangelical Press Association (EPA). Judges highlighted the "authenticity" of the storytelling, "strong and descriptive" writing, and "clean, creative" design. In total, the *Companion* received three awards from the EPA and three additional first-place awards from the Associated Church Press (ACP).

"The *Companion* team loves the work of creating content to inform, connect, and inspire our readers." "It's especially gratifying when that work is recognized by our professional peers. We are deeply grateful to the amazing Covenanters whose stories we are able to share."

### **Evangelical Press Association**

#### **First Place**

- Award of Excellence—[Denominational magazine](#)
- Humorous—Dana Bowman, "[The Funkhouser Special Sauce](#)"

#### **Second Place**

- Critical Review—Jelani Greenidge, "[Reclaiming Our God-Given Superpowers](#)"

### **Associated Church Press**

#### **First Place**

- Department — Cov Beat
- Humor—Dana Bowman, "[The Funkhouser Special Sauce](#)"
- Devotional/Inspirational—Brandi Sanders, "[Sometimes You Gotta Go to Work](#)"