



Notes:

Birthdays in September

September 8 - Ralph Ainsworth
September 8 - Kate Barnes
September 14 - Shirley Koski
September 24 - Andrew Branstrom

Ushers for the month of September

September 8 - Roger Linden
September 15 - Brian & Julie Hill
September 22 - Roger & Gail Johnston
September 29 - Bernie Christiansen

Caretakers for the month of September

September 8 - Mike & Kathy Hannay
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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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 8th, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship Psalm 146:1-2, 5-6, 10 (NIV)

Praise the Lord;

Praise the Lord, my soul.

I will praise the Lord all my life;

I will sing praise to God as long as I live.

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob;

Whose hope is in the Lord their God.

He is the maker of heaven and earth;

He remains faithful forever.

The Lord reigns forever,

your God, O Zion, for all generations;

Praise the Lord!

*Hymn #685

"I, The Lord of Sea and Sky"

Opening Prayer

Reading of God's Word:

First Lesson: Psalm 125 page 472
Second Lesson: Mark 7:24-37 page 770

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology #48

Morning Prayer

Hymn #520 "Open Now Your Gates of Beauty"

Message:

"The Imperative of the Oneness and the Oneness of the Imperative"

The Lord's Supper

Fellowship with "The Christ" and All His Followers

Preparation of Our Hearts

Hymn #553 "Come, Let Us Eat"

Remembering His Broken Body

Remembering His Shed Blood

*Hymn #609 "Come, All Christians, Be Committed"

*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: Andrew Babbini

Ushers: Roger Linden

Accompanist: Shirley Koski

Today

10:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

11:00 Sunday Study Hour

This Week

Wednesday, September 11th, 6:30 p.m. Church Council

Next Sunday, September 15th

9:30 a.m. Worship Service & offering for Covenant Kids Congo

10:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

11:00 Sunday Study Hour

Caretakers this week: Mike & Kathy Hannay

Caretakers next week: Jeffrey & Heather Jones

Ushers Next Week: Brian & Julie Hill

"Our Community" Prayer Interests:

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

Special Missionary Prayer Focus for this week:

Steve and Barb Swanson, Sweden: Ministry with Refugees, Immigrants and Asylum-Seekers; Justice; Christian Formation

Prayer request: Please pray for vision, health, strength, boundaries.

Covenant Park Bible Camp:

September 13-15, Women's Retreat at CPBC

Update: Covenant World Missions (3StrandStrong)

Congo Covenant Church (CEUM) celebrated 100 years in northwest Congo. The service was attended by over 9,000; it included more than 700 baptisms. In conjunction with the Paul Carlson Partnership, work in the Congo has resulted in:

- number of infant deaths cut in half
- maternal deaths reduced by nearly 80%
- increase the percentage of children in basic education from 52% to 80%
- household access to clean water has increased from 16% to 50%.

Update: ECC in Canada and the U.S. In 2023

- more than 12,000 first-time faith commitments
- more than 100 church plants