

Notes:

Ushers for December

December 1st – Roger & Gail Johnston December 8th – Bernie Christiansen December 15th – Bob & Mary Nelson December 22nd – Roger Linden December 24th – Brian & Julie Hill December 29th – Roger & Gail Johnston

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

December 1st, 2024

9:30 a.m.

First Sunday in Advent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – A Week of Hope

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

Opening Prayer: Welcoming the Promised Coming of Emmanuel

Reading of God's Word:

First Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9 page 574 Second Lesson: Mark 13:24-37 page 777

*Doxology #48

Morning Prayer

Hymn #126 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Message: "Prophecies of the Messiah- 'The Messenger'"

Communion - In Memory of (and Anticipation of) His Coming Scriptures: Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22. I Corinthians 11 "Let each person examine themselves." I Corinthians 11:28

"This is my body, broken for you."

"This cup is the New Testament in my blood."

*Hymn #136

"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers!"

*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: Brian Hill

Ushers: Roger & Gail Johnston

Accompanist: Shirley Koski

Advent Candle: Andrew & Evelyn Babbini

Today:

10:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

11 a.m. Adult Sunday Class: The First Apostolic Movement

This Week:

Tuesday, December 3rd – Ladies' Lunch

Next Week:

Ushers: Bernie Christiansen

Caretakers: East Range Developmental Achievement Center (ERDAC) will be doing our Church cleaning while the Council evaluates continuing their services. ERDAC does

our summer mowing as well.

Wednesday, December 11th - Church Council

---- Our Annual Scandinavian Smorgasbord ----

will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 16th. Kristen Carlsgaard and John Redshaw will be presenting the program. Signup sheets are available in the narthex. We have a specific list of food that needs to be prepared and also a number of items that can be purchased and dropped off at the church ahead of time. Everyone is welcome! Reservations and cancellations are essential. While we have a committee to prepare food, setup, decorate and serve, we need everyone to help cleanup. Plan now to attend!

Next Sunday, December 7th - Second Sunday in Advent

9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 11:00 Adult Sunday Class

Coming Events:

Sunday, December 15th – Dan Triestman will be preaching Pastor Mike & Kathy will be at a family Christmas event Tuesday, December 24, 4:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Carol Service

"Our Community" Prayer Interests:

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

Special Missionary Prayer Focus for this week:

Karl & Sue Peterson, Mexico:

Prayer request: Please pray for discernment, creativity, persistence, joy and grace.

Update for prayer: "The Mexico Covenant church is at a crossroads ... there are multiple factions creating a divisive environment." Pray for unity and church health as well as wisdom and respect.

Birthdays in December:

8th - Stephen Carlson

11th - Jim Branstrom

18th - Bob Arvola

20th - Jodie Phaneuf-Saari

24th - Barb Johnson