



Ushers for December
 December 24th – Brian & Julie Hill
 December 29th – Roger & Gail Johnston

Ushers for January
 January 5, 2025 – Bernie Christiansen
 January 12 – Bob and Mary Nelson
 January 19 – Kathy Hannay
 January 26 – Roger Linden

Notes:

Birthdays in December:

24th - Barb Johnson

Birthdays in January

6th – Gail Johnston

27th – DuWayne Johnston

31st - Ed Pajunen



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 22nd, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship: Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 4:18-19 (Isaiah 61:1-4)

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

*Hymn #151

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

*Hymn #167

“The First Noel”

Opening Prayer

Reading of God's Word:

First Lesson: Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

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Second Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

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Hymn #183

“Emmanuel”

Offering

Special Music: Jeffrey Jones

*Doxology #48

*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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Morning Prayer

Hymn #184 "God's Love Made Visible"
Hymn #162 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Message The Time of the Anointed One

*Hymn #187 "Our Day of Joy is Here Again"

*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

Worship Music Leader: Rev. Jeffrey Jones
Advent Candle Readers: Shirley Koski and Roger Linden
Scripture Reader: Mary Nelson
Usher: Roger Linden
Accompanist: Digital Hymnal

Today:

10:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
Adult Sunday Class will reconvene in January

This Week: Ushering, Christmas Eve: Brian and Julie Hill

Traditional Christmas Eve Carol Service

Tuesday, December 24, 4:30 p.m.

An evening of Carols, Readings and Poems

Next Week:

Ushers: Roger and Gail Johnston

Caretakers: East Range Developmental Achievement Center

Next Sunday, December 29th – First Sunday after Christmas

9:30 a.m. - Worship

10:30 a.m. - Coffee & Conversation

11:00 a.m. - No Adult Sunday Class

2:00 p.m. - Service at Waterview Pines – Christmas afterglow

Coming Events:

Sunday, January 5, 2025 – Worship and Communion Service

Tuesday, January 7 – Ladies' Lunch

Wednesday, January 8, 6:30 p.m. - Church Council

Saturday, January 18 – Kate Barnes' Wedding, Chisholm Baptist

Tuesday, January 21 – Project Day

Saturday, January 25 – Seth Bjornrud's Wedding, IFalls Covenant

Sunday, January 26, 11:00 am. - Church Annual Business Meeting

Tuesday, January 28, - Assisting at Salvation Army

"Our Community" Prayer Interests:

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

Special Missionary Prayer Focus for this week: Covenant Kids

Congo- The Covenant Church works with World Vision through Covenant World Relief and Development (CWRD).

To our First Covenant Family, I am reaching out to you, wondering if the church would be interested, again, in partnering with us as we are planning our 2025 Lakeview Christian Academy mission trip to Rio Bravo Ministries in Reynosa, Mexico. The cost is \$1,100 per person.

Thank you, Paul and Rachel Johnston

The Church Council has affirmed support on behalf of the Church; but if you wish to add to the support for Paul & Rachel and their family (Paul, Rachel, Grace & JD), you can make a contribution to "Lakeview Christian Academy" – memo it for the Johnston family.

We will forward these donations on their behalf.