



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 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 29th, 2024

9:30 a.m.

First Sunday After Christmas

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Philippians 4:4-6, 9b, 20

Rejoice in the Lord always,

I will say it again; Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be evident to all.

The Lord is near.

Do not be anxious about anything,

But in every situation present your requests to God.

And the God of peace will be with you; to our God and Father
be glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

*Hymn #165

“Away in a Manger”

Opening Prayer

Reading of God's Word:

First Lesson: Psalm 148

Second Lesson: Luke 2:22-40

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*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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Offering

*Doxology #48

Morning Prayer

Hymn #159 "Angels From the Realms of Glory"

Message "Peace on Earth"

*Hymn #156 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

*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: Roger and Gail Johnston
Accompanist: Shirley Koski

Today:

10:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
Adult Sunday Class will reconvene January 12th
2:00 p.m. - Service at Waterview Pines – **Canceled due to Covid**

This Week:

Relax, Recover, Rejoice! - "Peace on Earth"

Next Week:

Usher: Bernie Christiansen
Caretakers: East Range Developmental Achievement Center

Next Sunday, January 5th – Second Sunday after Christmas

9:30 a.m. - Worship and Communion
10:30 a.m. - Coffee & Conversation
11:00 a.m. - No Adult Sunday Class

Coming Events:

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
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, and others serving people in our communities.)

Special Missionary Prayer Focus for this week:

Randy (and Cheryl) Bevis
Covenant missionary Randy Bevis spent years in Thailand using his aquaculture background to help villagers establish fish farming to provide a source of income as well as food. "In-Seine" fish farming has become a "New Food Source for the Hungry" in working with fish ponds for sustainable food production.

In April 2015, Randy, a special assignment missionary with the ECC, founded the nonprofit with the vision "Full Nets, Changed Lives." Fish farming has become the fastest growing food production system in the world with roughly 50 percent of fish eaten coming out of fish farms.

Prayer request: Please pray for safe, fruitful travels and for my family.

Our Church supports other Missionaries and Missions, like:

- Columbia - Julio & Katie Isaza
- Taiwan - Peter & Anna Kim
- Haiti - Evens and Karina Paul
- Mexico - Karl & Sue Peterson
- Sweden - Steve and Barb Swanson
- Congo - Craig and Cheryl Wickstrom
- Local, Virginia, MN - Salvation Army
- Local, East Range - Youth For Christ
- Local, Iron Range area - Habitat for Humanity