



Ushers for December

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

Notes:



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 8th, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Second Sunday in Advent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Isaiah 11:1-5

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle – “Peace”

*Hymn #120

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Opening Prayer: Welcoming the Promised Coming of Messiah

Reading of God's Word:

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

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Second Lesson: Mark 1:1-8

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Offering

*Doxology #48

Morning Prayer

*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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Hymn #127 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent"

Message: "Who Are You?"

*Hymn #128 "Prepare The Way, O Zion"

*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 Leader: Rev. Jeffrey Jones
Advent Candle: Bernie Christiansen & Audrey Branstrom
Scripture Reader: Shirley Koski
Usher: Bernie Christiansen

Accompanist: Digital Hymnal

Today:
10:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
11 a.m. Adult Sunday Class: The First Apostolic Movement

This Week:
Wednesday, December 11th – Church Council

Next Week:
Ushers: Bob & Mary Nelson
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.

Next Sunday, December 15th – Third Sunday in Advent
9:30 a.m. - Worship – Pastor Dan Triestman, preaching
Worship Leaders: Roger Linden & Rev. Jeffrey Jones
10:30 a.m. - Coffee & Conversation
11:00 - No Adult Sunday Class

Coming Events

----- **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!**

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 4:30 p.m. – Christmas Carol Service

Thank you for your kind gift! All your support and prayers are appreciated through the year. I'm hopeful that I can keep working out at Camp this next summer and many more to come. Thank you, again, for the kind gift and your support and prayers.

– Grace Johnston

"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:
Steve and Barb Swanson, Sweden: Ministry with Refugees, Immigrants and Assylum-Seekers; Justice; Christian Formation
Prayer request: Please pray for vision, health, strength, boundaries.

Birthdays in December:

8th - Stephen Carlson
11th - Jim Branstrom
18th - Bob Arvola
20th - Jodie Phaneuf-Saari
24th - Barb Johnson