



Ushers for January

January 19 – Kathy Hannay
January 26 – Roger Linden

Notes:

Birthdays in January

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

January 12th, 2025

9:30 a.m.

First Sunday After Epiphany

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Psalm 40

I waited patiently for the Lord;

He turned to me and heard my cry.

He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire.

He set my feet on a rock

And gave me a firm place to stand.

*Hymn #485

"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

Opening Prayer

Reading of God's Word:

First Lesson: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

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Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:1-12

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Offering

*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 #494 "O Let Your Soul Now Be Filled With Gladness"

Message: "The Revealing" Luke 2, Matthew 2

*Hymn #600 "We Are God's People"

*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: Mary Nelson
Ushers: Bob and Mary Nelson
Accompanist: Digital Hymnal

Today:
10:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
Adult Sunday Class

This Week:
Wednesday, January 15, 6:30 p.m. - Church Council
Saturday, January 18 – Kate Barnes' Wedding, Chisholm Baptist

Next Sunday, January 12th
9:30 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Coffee & Conversation
11:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday Class – The Gospel to our Ancestors

Next Week:
Usher: Kathy Hannay
Caretakers: East Range Developmental Achievement Center

Coming Events This Month:

Tuesday, January 21 – Project Day

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

Julio & Katie Isaza, Colombia: Theological Education, Leadership Development; Christian Formation and Discipleship

MINISTRY OVERVIEW

We partner with the Evangelical Covenant Church of Colombia (FIPEC) in four primary areas: leadership development, Christian formation, theological education, and peace and reconciliation equipping pastors, lay leaders, children’s ministry volunteers, and youth leaders. The Covenant Youth Association continues to expand their ministry of peace and reconciliation, ("Be Peace, Make Peace") and social projects are working with marginalized or vulnerable communities, including those who have been displaced.

CHALLENGES

Encouraging children’s ministry leaders to connect with one another and participate in mutual learning.
Helping the ministries become more self-sustaining.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. For the national church, FIPEC, to find ways for the churches to organize, unify and become self-sustaining.
2. Pray for youth leaders and children’s ministry leaders in Colombia, that collaborative ministry would take place, and resources and tools be shared to strengthen the ministry.
3. Pray for Julio who has begun a PhD research program through Oxford Centre for Mission Studies, focusing on biblical peace.
4. Pray for our family as we have suffered the loss of Julio’s brother in 2023, and most recently the sudden death of Katie’s parents in a car accident. Pray for our family as we grieve and for our boys (in school) as they grow into mature teenagers.
