



<p><u>Ushers</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>March</u></p> <p>8th – Bernie Christiansen & Linda Skogman 15th – Bob and Mary Nelson 22nd – Kathy Hannay</p>	<p><u>Birthdays</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>March</u></p> <p>8th – Russ Carlson 20th - Tom Larson</p>
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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 and Communion Celebration

March 1, 2026

9:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Lent

Prelude Music & Fellowship Time

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship:**

*Opening Hymn #99

“We Gather Together”

*Opening Prayer

Reading of God's Word:

First Lesson: Psalm 131

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Second Lesson: Matthew 6:24-34

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Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

*Doxology #48

Morning Prayers of the Church

Hymn # 105

“O Splendor of God's Glory Bright”

Missions at First Covenant Church

Missions is at the heart of the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC). As such, First Covenant supports local, regional and worldwide missions efforts. There are opportunities for everyone to be actively and directly involved at a local level and involved through donating to regional and worldwide efforts. You can always give to any of these mission causes by donating to the church; please make a note on your check or donate using the envelopes in the hymnal racks by making a designation on the envelope.

*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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Pastor Mike's cell: 218-290-5447

Message: **“Selfless love and quality time”**

Communion: Celebrating the Last Supper
Preparing our Hearts, Preparing our Love
The Scriptures: Luke 22:14-20
The Distribution
The Declaration: Jesus: Remember Me, for I Remember You

*Concluding Hymn #108 “Sing Praise to the Father”

*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
Scripture Reader: Brian Hill
Usher: Roger & Gail Johnston
Accompanist: Digital Hymnal

Today

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
11:00 a.m. Adult Class: Covenant Week of Prayer, Day Six

This Week

Monday, March 2, 6 pm – CPBC Board Meeting (Mike)
Tuesday, March 3rd, 4:30 pm – Assisting at YFC
Wednesday, March 4 – Mike out of office, LSDM, Duluth

Next Sunday, March 8, 2026 – Third Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
11:00 a.m. Adult Class: Covenant Week of Prayer, Day Seven

Ahead on the calendar

Sunday, March 8, 2:00 a.m. - Daylight Savings Time change
Sunday, March 8, 4:00 pm – CPBC Prayer Gathering,
Lakeside Lodge at Camp
Tuesday, March 10th, noon – Ladies' Lunch (change of date)
Tuesday, March 10th – LSD Ministerial, Moose Lake (Mike)
Wednesday, March 11th, 6:30 pm – Church Council
Friday-Saturday, March 13-14 – Rural Impact Leadership
Conference, Alexandria (Mike)
Sunday, March 15, 9:30 a.m. - YFC presenting at the morning
Worship Celebration

OPPORTUNITIES for PRAYER and PARTNERSHIP

Bible Drive: Gary Elmquist from Gilbert is collecting used and unused Bibles to send to “Mission Cry” for distribution. You can bring them to the church during March. Mike will deliver them.

“Our Community” Prayer Focus

We continue to pray for all area (current and retired) public service personnel: Those serving in the military and law enforcement, serving as First Responders, health care workers, teachers, chaplains, social workers, especially those you know personally.

Special Missionary Focus for the Week

Julio & Katie Isaza, Columbia: As they provide Theological Education and Leadership Development as well as leading Christian Formation and Discipleship. Julio and Katie Isaza partner with the Evangelical Covenant Church of Columbia (FIPEC) and are professors at the Biblical Seminary of Columbia. Under their leadership, The Covenant Youth Association continues to expand their ministry of peace and reconciliation and training of local youth leaders. With Covenant Foundation, social projects work with marginalized or vulnerable communities, including those who have been displaced.

Pray that the leaders in youth and children's ministries would connect with one another and participate in mutual learning. There is slow movement in this direction.

Pray that collaborative ministry would take place and resources and tools would be shared to strengthen the effectiveness of ministry
Pray that ministries become more self-sustaining.

Pray for the national church (FIPEC) to find ways for the churches to organize, unify and become self-sustaining.

Pray for the youth leaders and children's ministry leaders in Colombia.

Pray for Katie and Julio while they are stateside reaching out to supporting believers and churches from their center in Minnesota.