



<p><b>Ushers</b></p> <p><b>March</b>  15<sup>th</sup> – Bob and Mary Nelson  22<sup>nd</sup> – Kathy Hannay  29<sup>th</sup> – PALM SUNDAY  Roger Linden</p> <p><b>April</b>  5<sup>th</sup> - EASTER</p>	<p><b>Birthdays</b></p> <p><b>March</b>  8<sup>th</sup> – Russ Carlson  20<sup>th</sup> - Tom Larson</p> <p><b>April</b>  2<sup>nd</sup> – Jerrilynn Phaneuf  4<sup>th</sup> – Mary Ann Robinson  7<sup>th</sup> – Peggy Johnston</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 Celebration

March 8, 2026

9:30 a.m.

*Third Sunday of Lent*

Prelude Music & Fellowship Time

Welcome and Announcements

**\*Call to Worship:** Hymn #37, verse 1 (adapted to verse)

The God of Abraham be praised,  
**Who reigns enthroned above.**

The ancient of eternal days;  
**The God of grace and love.**

The Lord, the great "I Am",  
**By earth and heaven confessed.**

We bow before your Holy Name,  
**Who art forever blessed!**

\*Opening Hymn #219

"I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"

\*Opening Prayer: Adapted from hymns #15 and #16

**Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts.**

**The whole earth is full of His glory.**

**Holy is the Lord.**

**Lord, we lift up your Name, with hearts full of praise.**

**Be exalted, O Lord our God!**

### 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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Reading of God's Word:

First Lesson: Psalm 95 page 454

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-11 page 860

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

\*Doxology #48

Morning Prayers of the Church

Hymn #222 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Message: "The Gospel of John, Part 3"

\*Concluding Hymn #78 (requested) "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

\*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: Barb Knapper

Usher: Linda Skogman

Accompanist: Shirley Koski

### Today

10:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

11:00 a.m. Adult Class: Covenant Week of Prayer, "Bonus Day"

### This Week

Today, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm – Prayer Gathering for CPBC at Camp

Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, noon – Ladies' Lunch

Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – LSD Ministerial, Moose Lake (Mike)

Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm – Church Council

Friday-Saturday, March 13-14 – Rural Impact Leadership  
Conference, Alexandria (Mike)

### Next Sunday, March 15, 2026 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration - YFC presenting

10:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

11:00 a.m. Adult Class: "This is Why We Pray"

### Did you look at the back of the monthly Prayer Calendar??

Gail and Roger came up with the creative and helpful idea of listing events for the month of March (because there are so many this month). Like a page out of the "Lamp Lighter".

### Ahead on the calendar

Tuesday, March 17, 8:30 am – Project Day

Thursday, March 19, 11:30 am – VI Ministerial (Mike)

March 20-21- Women's Ministries Spring Retreat

Tuesday, March 24 – 11 a.m. - Primetimers (Mike)

Tuesday, March 24, 12:30 – Assisting at Salvation Army

Thursday, March 26, 9 am – IRR Pastors' Meeting

Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29 – Nursing Home service at Waterview Pines

Tuesday, March 31, 4:30 pm – YFC "Dinnering Delivery"

### OPPORTUNITIES for PARTNERSHIP and PRAYER

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 we know personally.

### Special Missionary Prayer Focus for this week:

**Anna and Peter Kim, Taiwan, ECC**

Family: Anna, Peter, Nathan, Nehemiah,  
Elizabeth, Evangeline



**MINISTRY OVERVIEW:** In partnership with the Taiwanese Evangelical Covenant Church, they support the local churches' ministries, including ministry with migrant workers (Jesus Covenant Church). They also serve as "missionary nurse"

at an international school. With these collaborations, they hope to further evangelism and discipleship to the unreached people of Taiwan.