



<u>Ushers</u>
<u>April</u>
5 th – EASTER Brian & Julie Hill
12 th – Roger & Gail Johnston
19 th – Bernie C. & Linda S.
26 th – Bob & Mary Nelson

<u>Birthdays</u>
<u>April</u>
2 nd – JerriLynn Phaneuf
4 th – MaryAnn Robinson
7 th – Peggy Johnston
12 th – Lucas Hill
14 th – Barb Knapper
15 th – Rachel Branstrom

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 29, 2026

9:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday

Prelude Music & Fellowship Time

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship:** Hymn #33

“Lift up your heads to the coming King;
Bow before Him, and adore Him; Sing! Sing!
To His Majesty, let your praises be:
Pure and Holy, giving glory to the King of kings.”

*Opening Hymn #228

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

*Opening Prayer: Unto you, O Lord, Unto you, we give glory.

Reading of God's Word:

First Lesson: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

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Hymn #235

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

*Doxology #48

Morning Prayers of the Church

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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Hymn #240 "Were You There?"

Message for Today "Drops like Blood"

*Concluding Hymn #223 "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

*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: Evelyn Babbini

Usher: Roger Linden

Accompanist: Digital Hymnal

Today

10:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

11:00 a.m. Sunday Conversations: This is Why We Pray

2:00 p.m. Nursing Home Service at Waterview Pines

This Week

Tuesday, March 31, 4:30 pm – YFC dinner assistance

Holy Week Services – see insert

Next Sunday, April 5, 2026 – Resurrection Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration and Communion

Benevolence Offering Sunday

10:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

Ahead on the calendar

Monday, April 6th, 6:00 p.m. - CPBC Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 7th, noon – Ladies' Lunch

4:30 p.m. - Assisting YFC with dinner

Wednesday, April 8th, 6:30 p.m. - Church Council

Friday, April 10, 5:00 p.m. - YFC "Championing of Hope Gala"

Easter flowers can be dropped off at any time in the kitchen area. They will be displayed in the sanctuary for our Sunday morning Easter Worship and Communion Celebration.

OPPORTUNITIES for 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.

OPPORTUNITIES for PRAYER

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

Friends of World Missions (FOWM) 2026 focus projects

Czech Republic: 25 incarcerated men living together, worshiping and maturing In Jesus Christ.

Israel and Palestine: Newly designed professional diploma at Bethlehem Bible college initiated; peacemakers mission to assist Middle Eastern churches with individual counseling and self-care planning.

Nepal: "Message of Hope Nepal" media programs use radio, television, print, podcasts and digital platforms to share biblically grounded content in an area of Christian division, misinformation and a searching for trusted voices.

Argentina: In the midst of economic instability, rising and high unemployment and social fragmentation, the Covenant Church of Argentina (IPEA) offers assistance with addiction recovery, vocational training, leadership development, emergency support and developing sustainable food production.

South Sudan and Ethiopia: The Evangelical Covenant Church of South Sudan via the Walgak local congregation is constructing a community center to support reconciliation between tribes and individuals in areas where conflict, poverty, and displacement have left deep wounds.

Democratic Republic (DR) Congo: Through the Paul Carlson Partnership (PCP), Karawa hospital provides medical care alongside the Covenant Church of Congo, reaching 3.3 million people through five hospitals, nearly 100 clinics, two nursing schools and associated malnutrition programs.