

Welcome to our Guests

Thank you for joining with us today as we worship our risen Lord and Savior— Jesus Christ! Our prayer is that you would be spiritually enriched as you join us in singing praises to God, hearing from God’s Word, and being together with other members of God’s family. If you have children, please entrust them to the care of our dedicated teachers. Childcare is available for infants, toddlers, and elementary-age children. Hearing assistance receivers are available at the sound booth.

Benevolent Offering

A benevolent offering will be received following the service. Moneys go to assist those in our congregation and community who have financial needs. Please place your contributions in the offering plate on the table in the foyer.

Congregational Business Meeting Today

Immediately following the service there will be a Congregational Business Meeting. At that meeting we will elect Church Council members for 2019, approve the 2019 budget, vote on hiring Seth Farison as the Contemporary Worship Leader, and form the Senior Pastor Search Committee.

The following people are being nominated for the 2019 Church Council:

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| Chairman – Aaron Reiher | Vice Chairman – Mike Kellogg |
| Secretary – Susie Martin | Treasurer – Stan Brandenburg |
| Financial Secretary – Laura Morris | |
| Evangelism and Outreach – Char Kellogg | |
| Member Care – Christine Reiher | |
| Missions – Kesslyn Hansen | |
| Stewardship and Properties – John Morris | |

The following people are continuing on the Church Council for 2019:

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| Christian Education – Christine Finta |
| Fellowship – Cecil Wilson |
| Worship & Music – Cory Cook |

Connecting people with God, each other and the world!

Ministers of Jesus Christ in Life and Work – All of Us!

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| Pastor – Rick McRostie | Pastor of Youth & Children – Brandon Smart |
| Choir Director – Joan Sikkens | Community Outreach Director – Char Kellogg |
| Small Groups Coordinator – Aaron Reiher | Church Secretary – Sharie Cook |
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Welcome to First Covenant Church of Eureka
First Sunday of Advent
10:00 AM Worship Service December 2, 2018

Meditation passage: “For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.” John 1:17 (NASB)

Prelude

***Song of Praise**

O Come All Ye Faithful

Welcome, Announcements and Lighting the Advent Candle

(Please complete the green registration insert and place in the offering.)

Greet One Another

Children’s Songs

**Preschool – 2nd Grade dismissed for Children’s Church
(Following the service parents may pick up their children in Room 3
of the Fellowship Hall; children will only be released to their parents.)**

***Song of Praise**

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Worshipping God with His Tithes and our Offerings

“...bring an offering and come into His courts.” Psalm 96:8

Choir Anthem

An Advent Alleluia

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-18

Message by Rick McRostie

The Good News of Christmas – Grace and Truth Revealed

The Lord’s Supper

***Song of Praise**

This is Amazing Grace

***Benediction**

***The Congregation will please stand**

The Lord’s Supper

You are welcome to share with us in the Lord’s Supper if you are a follower of Jesus Christ and you seek to lead a life that is pleasing to Him.

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request or praise please note it on the back of the green registration insert and place in the offering. If you have a prayer request to send out during the weekend or after office hours, please contact Laura Morris at 599-7141 or email her at 78soccerfan@gmail.com.

The Rest of Today

- 11:15 AM Congregational Business Meeting
6:00 PM SOLOS – Covenant Young Adults at Brandon’s home
(1036A Huntoon Street, Eureka)

Events of the Week

★ Tuesday, December 4

- 5:30 PM Church Council Meeting in the Peterson House

★ Wednesday, December 5

- 6:00 PM Choir Practice in the Peterson House
6-8 PM *First Cov Youth* – Senior High (Youth Room)
6:30 PM Small Group/DVD Book Study in the Carriage House
6:30 PM Creation Class (Room 2 upstairs in the Peterson House)

★ Thursday, December 6

- 6-7:30 PM *First Cov Youth* – Junior High (Youth Room)
7:00 PM Small Group Bible Study in the book of Acts in Peterson House

★ Friday, December 7

- 6:30 AM Men’s Bible Study in the Peterson House

★ Saturday, December 8

- 7:00 PM Ladies’ Christmas Tea in Fellowship Hall (1-3 PM)

Second Sunday of Advent - December 9

- 9:30 AM Traditional Worship Service; Nursery in Fellowship Hall;
Children’s Church for Preschool – 2nd Grade (dismissed
from the service); and Adult Sunday School in the PH
10:30 AM Coffee Time in the Peterson House
11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service; Nursery & Sunday School
for birth – 5th Grade (in Fellowship Hall); Adult Sunday
School in the Carriage House
6:00 PM SOLOS – Covenant Young Adults at Brandon’s home
(1036A Huntoon Street, Eureka)

Coming Events

- December 16 Christmas Choir Cantata in the Sanctuary (5:30 PM)
December 18 Church Council Meeting in the Peterson House (6:00 PM)
December 21 & 22 Live Nativity at FCC (6-8 PM)

Childcare for Today – December 2

- Nursery: 10:00 AM – Autumn Jimenez
Children’s Church: Helen McRostie and Nate Hartman
NOTE: Children in Preschool through 2nd grade will be dismissed from the
Worship Service for Children’s Church.

Childcare for Next Sunday – December 9

- Nursery: 9:30 AM – Sharie Cook
11:00 AM – Volunteer Needed
Children’s Church: Mary Onstad and Marisa Hernandez
NOTE: Children in Preschool through 2nd grade will be dismissed from the
9:30 AM Worship Service for Children’s Church.

Sunday School Classes

9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

- ➔ Nursery (newborn - 2 years) – Room 7, downstairs in Fellowship Hall
- ➔ Children’s Church for Preschool – 2nd Grade – children are dismissed from
the worship service; Room 3, downstairs in Fellowship Hall
- ➔ *First Cov Youth* – Junior High & High School; Youth Room, downstairs in
Fellowship Hall
- ➔ **Café Connect – A study in the books of Colossians and Philemon;**
Main Room of the Peterson House;
facilitated by Mike Kellogg and Cecil Wilson

11:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

- ➔ Nursery (newborn - 2 years) – Room 7, downstairs in Fellowship Hall
- ➔ Sunday School for Preschool–5th Grade – all classrooms are downstairs in
Fellowship Hall
- ➔ **A study in the book of Genesis;** Carriage House;
facilitated by Lawana Martin
- ➔ **A study on HEAVEN;** Church Office;
facilitated by Hardy Ziesak

Thank You!

The Women’s Ministry Leadership team would like to thank everyone who
purchased pies for Thanksgiving! It was a great success and great fun!
Thank you, Jeannine Brandenburg, Christine Finta, Christine Reiher, and Susie
Martin

Because we are a family of people who have experienced the life-changing love of Christ, it is our purpose to:
bring people to the same life-changing relationship with Christ, love and nurture each other to Christ-like
maturity, equip each other for service in our church family, community and the world,
and gather together to worship God.

Covenant Café this Wednesday, December 5

Join us this Wednesday in Fellowship Hall for Covenant Café! Dinner is served at 5:30 PM and the cost is: \$7 for adults, \$5 for high school and under, with a maximum of \$20 per family. The menu this Wednesday is: Vegan and regular chili, hotdogs, cornbread, salad, and dessert. Please make dinner reservations by checking the appropriate line on the green bulletin insert.

Note: Covenant Café meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.

Live Nativity Sign-ups In Back of Sanctuary

It's time to secure the cast for this year's Live Nativity, Friday, December 21st and Saturday, December 22nd. Sign-up sheets can be found in the back of the sanctuary on the white board or you can call Char Kellogg at 443-2957. Thank you to each one who participates in this special outreach!

Financial Update for October 2018

The Church Council wants to keep you informed about the church's current financial standing. For the month of October income exceeded expenses by \$338 (Income: \$21,762; Expenses: \$22,100). Over all for 2018, expenses have exceeded income by \$6,450 (Income: \$218,290; Expenses: \$224,740). Thank you for your faithful support of the ministries at FCC! A detailed monthly financial report is posted in the Peterson House entrance.

Small Group DVD/Book Study

Come and join us in the Carriage House on Wednesdays from 6:30 PM until 7:45 PM as we explore John Bevere's book *The Bait of Satan*. In this provocative title Mr. Bevere discusses the topic of offense and its importance in our everyday spiritual walk. It's a must read. This brief class will consist of six 30 minute DVD presentations followed by discussion questions. Hope to see you there! For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Stan Brandenburg at 444-3117.

Triumphant Life Camp – Caretaker Position

Triumphant Life Camp (TLC) currently has an opening for a Resident Camp Maintenance Director. TLC is located 12 miles beyond Bridgeville on Highway 36 in the Larabee Valley. The camp is owned and operated by First Covenant Church and 4 other local churches. The Resident Camp Maintenance Director position requires that the person live on-site (housing provided), serve as the host for rental groups, and provide general maintenance and security for the camp. For more information, a job description, or a job application contact Rick McRostie at 442-6774.

Advent and Christmas Materials

To help you prepare for the celebration of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, we provide the following inspirational materials. They are available on the back table for your use and inspiration.

★ *The Case for Christmas – A Journalist Investigates the Identity of the Child in the Manger* by Lee Strobel

This book invites you to consider why Christmas matters in the first place. Weigh the facts... and decide for yourself.

★ *The Christmas Code*

Daily devotions celebrating the Advent Season by O.S. Hawkins

Mission Springs Events

➡ **Moms & Daughters**

February 8-10, 2019

Theme: *Engage* (Embracing the journey of discipleship with your daughter)

Speakers: Hannah Nelson & Kathy Berggren

Worship Leader: Grace Wysong

➡ **Men's Conference**

March 1-3, 2019

Theme: *Stand* (Will we choose the path of least resistance or will we have the courage to take a Stand?)

Speakers: Pat Gelsinger, Todd Rodarmel, Abraham Bejarano, and Marco Ambriz

Worship Leader: Adrian Moreno

Triumphant Life Camp – Summer Dates for 2019

July 7-12 4th & 5th Grade Camp (entering 4th & 5th grades)

July 14-19 6th & 7th Grade Camp (entering 6th & 7th grades)

July 21-26 8th & 9th Grade Camp (entering 8th & 9th grades)

July 28-Aug 2 Senior High Camp (entering 10th-12th grades)

New Address for Dave & Diane Carstensen

Dave and Diane Carstensen recently moved to Oregon. They would love to hear from their First Covenant Church family. Below is their address if you'd like to write them a letter.

1030 Bay Street #26

Florence, OR 97439

ePray Daily Covenant Missionary Prayer Calendar

An abbreviated form of the Covenant Missionary Prayer Calendar is available electronically. Recipients will receive a daily email with prayer requests related to Covenant missionaries, the countries they serve, and international ministry partners. Each email will have a photograph of the missionaries. To subscribe, go to: www.covchurch.org/resources/missionary-prayer-calendar/

FCC Family Prayer Needs

December 2, 2018

Pray for those from our congregation who are serving in the military:

Ryan Straub (Air Force Reserve in Maryland)

Randy Scheffler (Army National Guard – Pittsburgh, CA)

Relatives of those in our congregation who are serving in the military:

Jacob Conway (Navy – San Diego, CA) – Cory & Sharie Cook's nephew

Logan Crosswhite (Army – Iraq) – Pat Robinson's great-nephew

Luke Hallsten (Army in Maryland) – Mark & Kathy Hallsten's son

Michael Howard (Coast Guard in North Bend, OR) – Carol Howard's grandson

David Irving (Coast Guard in Kodiak, AL) – Minnie Wolf's nephew

Jessica McGayhey (Navy on USS Saratoga) – Sharon McCornack's granddaughter

Anthony Pasquale (AR) – Ron & Barbara Stephens' grandson

RJ Wirtz (Air Force) – Marilyn Bainbridge's grandson

Please pray for this local Christian organization supported by FCC:

Triumphant Life Camp

To show support for other area churches, we ask that you pray for the following

church: Hydesville Community Church

Pray for the First Covenant Senior Pastor Search Committee as they seek to find the

right person to lead our congregation.

Scriptures to Pray for Those Who Do Not Know Christ:

Father, I pray that _____ will understand that his/her only hope for forgiveness and acceptance with You is through Jesus' work on the Cross.

1 Corinthians 1:18

Lord Jesus, I pray that _____ will not be content with the appearance of righteousness but will seek You for the true and lasting transformation of his/her whole life. Matthew 23:27-29

From Diane DeRuyter (11/28): Blessings to you all, dear prayer warriors! I am leaving tomorrow (Nov. 29) to visit our son, Eric, in Georgia and returning December 4. His birthday is the 4th, and he won't be coming home for Christmas. He sounds very happy to have me visit. And, of course, I am thrilled to be going. My prayer request is for travel mercies, especially so that my flights are on time. (Now is not a good time to miss choir practice on Wednesday.) Also, Eric is homesick and unhappy with his job. Please pray for him to find a new one. He really likes school and has made some good friends. Thank you all so very much!

Prayer Requests from Sunday, November 25:

- I pray that my mom is going to be fine and gets rid of her pain. I pray that my depression and anxiety get better. I pray to have more friends and the ones I do have are good as well as my family. – Trinity
- I pray that my brother, Jacob, gets better and will come back home as a new person and good person. I pray for my dog to go to heaven and not hell. I pray that my grandpa is doing well in heaven – Katie
- Please continue to pray for Bill's brother Jim. He seems to be improving but it is slow. Thank you, Karen & William Frazee
- Please pray for my husband, Dan. He is really suffering physically from head pressure since his surgery at Stanford last July! Thank you, Margie Flanagan
- Please pray for my family and I as we lost our house and all of our possessions in the fire in Paradise. Please pray that we will rebuild and move on from what we lost. – Mandy Kemp
- Please pray for Lawana who is in the hospital with breathing issues. Please pray for a speedy recovery. Thank you, Susie Martin

From Joan Sikkens (11/25): Thank you for your continued prayers for my brother, John. Immunotherapy is ongoing. He has been in the ER several times because breathing is difficult. They've drained fluid from his lungs and around his heart. He's in the hospital now and he won't be released until his condition is improved and there's a plan in place. Please pray for satisfying breaths, for calm and strength and healing.

Update from the Martin Family (11/25): Thank you for your prayers for Lawana. She is still in the hospital and needs continued prayer. The family is requesting no visitors as she needs her rest. Thank you.

Update from Minnie Wolf (11/21): I am home recovering. The pain from the fractured vertebra is gone, but I have pain from a pulled muscle in my back. Please pray for continued healing.

Original request (11/12): I am having surgery, Kyphoplasty, on Friday (11/16). Compressed fracture of a vertebra. Please pray all goes well and the pain goes away. Thanks for praying. Minnie

Update from Rick and Helen McRostie (11/21): Nick, Amber (McRostie) and Jeffery are now home! Jeffrey's diagnosis is Tuberosus Sclerosis. As of today, his seizures are under control and his other organs are clear of any masses. Please continue to pray for his health and development.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7