

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.

Pancake Breakfast – Today!

Immediately following the service please join us in Fellowship Hall for a pancake and sausage breakfast served by our high school students. The breakfast is a fundraiser for their upcoming trip to THRIVE UNLEASHED at Bayside Covenant Church in Roseville on January 18-20, 2019.

Congregational Business Report

At the Congregational Business Meeting on Sunday, December 2, the following people were approved to serve on the 2019 Church Council:

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:

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

The following people were appointed to serve on the Senior Pastor Search Committee:

Jeannine Brandenburg	Stan Brandenburg	Sharie Cook
George Eitzen	Mike Kellogg	Andrew Sathrum
Marlys Seitzer		

Connecting people with God, each other and the world!

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

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
The Second Sunday of Advent
9:30 AM Worship Service December 9, 2018

Meditation passage: “O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago.”

Isaiah 25:1

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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

Lighting the Advent Candles

***Hymn #259**

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Child Dedication

Isaac Sathrum and Aliza, Willow, & Hazel Reiher

Choir Anthem

The Angel Called Him Jesus Medley

Worshipping God with His Tithes and our Offerings

“Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand.” 1 Chronicles 29:14b

Hymn #281

What Child Is This?

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:1-7

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.)

Message by Rick McRostie

The Good News of Christmas – It’s All In His Name

***Hymn #277**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

***Benediction**

*The Congregation will please stand

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

- 10:00 AM Pancake Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
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)

Events of the Week

★ Wednesday, December 12

- 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 13

- 6-7:30 PM *First Cov Youth* – Junior High (Youth Room)
Small Group Bible Study will resume on Thursday, January 3

★ Friday, December 14

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

Third Sunday of Advent - December 16

- 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
5:00 PM **Christmas Choir Cantata in the Sanctuary**
SOLOS – Covenant Young Adults will resume Sunday, December 23

Coming Events

- December 18 Church Council Meeting in the Peterson House (6:00 PM)
December 21 & 22 Live Nativity at FCC (6-8 PM)

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.

Childcare for Today – 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 Worship Service for Children’s Church.

Childcare for Next Sunday – December 16

- Nursery: 9:30 AM – Amanda Sharp
11:00 AM – Volunteer Needed
Children’s Church: Suzie Cook 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 Hebrews;**
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

Live Nativity Sign-ups In Back of Sanctuary

It's time to secure the cast for this year's Live Nativity, Friday, December 21 and Saturday, December 22. 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!

Thank You from Mike & Gail McCann

To the First Covenant Church of Eureka,
Thank you all for your generous gift of \$2,000. Thank you all for your genuine acceptance and love for us. Thank you all for your prayers. Thank you all for your caring, generosity, and hospitality. We are looking forward to how the Lord is going to guide us into His Will. We appreciate your continued prayers for us and for our church in Paradise, as a scattered flock and for our town. Love in Christ, Mike & Gail McCann (Laura Morris' parents)

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.

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

Financial Update for October 2018

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Florence, OR 97439

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FCC Family Prayer Needs

December 9, 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:

Redwood Teen Challenge

To show support for other area churches, we ask that you pray for the following church: Grace Baptist 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 cease giving a foothold to Satan.
Ephesians 4:27

Lord, I pray that _____ will put off his/her former way of life, to be made new in the attitude of his/her mind; and to put on the new self, created to be like You, God, in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24

From Diane DeRuyter (12/6): Once again, I send you many thanks for all your prayers. I gratefully made it in Tuesday night and was, therefore, able to make choir practice on Wednesday. Please continue praying for our son, Eric. His job is very stressful, and he is often gone from 5:30AM - 5:30PM. Adding that to school is challenging for him. Thanks again so much! Lovingly, Diane (The Christmas cantata is so beautiful! I hope you all can make it!)

"Pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances." 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

Prayer Requests from Sunday, December 2:

- Please pray for my boyfriend, Alex, that he gets to know God and how much he is loved and that he doesn't have to do it alone. Pray for him to have a better life than he is having. – Marisa Hernandez
- Please pray for our mother, Lawana Martin. For her acceptance of slowing down due to age and health – this is a huge problem for her. – Martin Family
- Special prayer for Lawana Martin, that the Lord put His healing hands on her and give her a speedy recovery. She is missed very much. She is a very special spiritual leader in a lot of our lives. She is loved by all, especially our Father in Heaven. Thank you, Mark Hilsendager
- Want to wish Lawana Martin blessing and hope she gets better soon. Sending prayers to her and the Martin family. Thank you Lord for the blessing you have brought into my life lately. – Sarah Licon

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.

"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