

## 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.

## Coffee Time

Following the service please join us in the Peterson House for coffee and tea.

## Congregational Business Meeting 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

Seth Farison was approved to serve as the Contemporary Worship Leader. His first Sunday will be January 20, 2019.

### *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 Third Sunday of Advent***  
*9:30 AM Worship Service      December 16, 2018*

**Meditation passage: “The angel said, ‘Don’t be afraid. I’m here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: A Savior has just been born in David's town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master.’”**

***Luke 2:10-12 (The Message)***

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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

Lighting the Advent Candles

\*Hymn #270

*Joy to the World!*

Choir Anthem

*You Follow with I Surrender All*

Worshipping God with His Tithes and our Offerings

*“Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you.” Deuteronomy 16:17*

Hymn #272

*While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night*

Scripture Reading

**Luke 2:1-20**

Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.)

Special Music by William Frazee

Message by Rick McRostie

*The Good News of Christmas – The Gift That Keeps on Giving*

\*Hymn #278

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

\*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](mailto:78soccerfan@gmail.com).

## The Rest of Today

- 10:30 AM Coffee Time in the Peterson House  
11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service; Nursery & Sunday School for birth – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (in Fellowship Hall); Adult Sunday School in the Carriage House  
5:00 PM Christmas Choir Cantata in the Sanctuary

## Events of the Week

### ★ Tuesday, December 18

- 6:00 PM Church Council Meeting in the Peterson House

### ★ Wednesday, December 19

- Choir Practice will resume on Wednesday, January 2, 2019  
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 20

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

### ★ Friday, December 21

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study in the Peterson House  
6-8:00 PM Live Nativity at FCC

### ★ Saturday, December 22

- 6-8:00 PM Live Nativity at FCC

## Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 23

- 9:30 AM Traditional Worship Service; Nursery in Fellowship Hall; Children's Church for Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (dismissed from the service); and Adult Sunday School in the PH  
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6:00 PM SOLOS – Covenant Young Adults at Brandon's home (1036A Huntoon Street, Eureka)

## Coming Events

- December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (5 PM in the Sanctuary)

## Childcare for Today – 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be dismissed from the 9:30 AM Worship Service for Children's Church.

## Childcare for Next Sunday – December 23

- Nursery: 9:30 AM – Jevonne Rieke  
11:00 AM – Volunteer Needed  
Children's Church: Kendall Martin and Sam Morris  
NOTE: Children in Preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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–5<sup>th</sup> 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*

## 2019 Offering Envelopes Now Available!

Please pick up your 2019 offering envelopes, which are on the table at the back of the Sanctuary.

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.

## 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 the Martin Family

To the wonderful First Covenant Church family,  
We want to thank you for all your prayers and cards given to our mom, Lawana. She appreciates them and she is getting stronger every day! We would appreciate your continued prayers for her. Thank you from the entire Martin Family!

## Thank You from Mike & Gail McCann

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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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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

## 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

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# FCC Family Prayer Needs

## December 16, 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 the following missionaries supported by FCC:

Ross and Cindy Queener with CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) in New York City

To show support for other area churches, we ask that you pray for the following church: Redwood Christian Center

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 make a genuine commitment to Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of his/her life. Luke 14:25-27*

*God, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would know You and receive the comfort of Your Presence while facing any dark valley. Help him/her to trust You and not be afraid.*

Psalm 23:4

Prayer Request from Sunday, December 9:

- I want to thank our mighty Lord for blessings every day. Because of Him, I've been reunited with my Aunts back in Texas that I haven't seen or spoken to in 40 years. Lord, thank you for bringing me to this beautiful church and all of the wonderful people here. Lord, please keep all of my family and friends in your arms and heart. Thank you, Sarah Licon

From Rebecca Younger (12/10): Please pray concerning ongoing physical pain. It makes it a challenge, as I prepare for Christmas, wedding and wedding company.

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!)

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.