

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.

Thank You to the 2018 Church Council Members

Thank you to the following people for leading our congregation through their servant leadership during this past year!

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| Chairman – Andrew Sathrum | Vice Chairman – George Eitzen |
| Secretary – Terri McNamara | Treasurer – Mike Kellogg |
| Financial Secretary – Laura Morris | |
| Christian Education – Christine Finta | |
| Evangelism and Outreach – Char Kellogg | |
| Fellowship – Cecil Wilson | |
| Member Care – Lawana Martin | |
| Missions – Kesslyn Hansen | |
| Stewardship and Properties – John Morris | |
| Worship & Music – Cory Cook | |

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!

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
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:30 AM Worship Service December 23, 2018

Meditation passage: “So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son.”

John 1:14 (NLT)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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

Lighting the Advent Candles

*Hymn #265

The First Noel

Choir Anthem

Emmanuel Is Born Medley

Worshipping God with His Tithes and our Offerings

“Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”

2 Corinthians 9:6

Hymn #250

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

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 – Do You See What I See?

*Hymn #258

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*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

- 10:30 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

Events of the Week

★ Monday, December 24

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary

★ Tuesday, December 25 – Merry Christmas!

Church Office Closed

★ Wednesday, December 26

Choir Practice will resume on January 2, 2019

First Cov Youth – Senior High will resume on January 9, 2019

Small Group/DVD Book Study will resume on January 9, 2019

6:30 PM Creation Class (Room 2 upstairs in the Peterson House)

★ Thursday, December 27

First Cov Youth – Junior High will resume on January 10, 2019

Small Group Bible Study will resume on January 3, 2019

★ Friday, December 28

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

Next Sunday – December 30

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

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Coming Events

January 10 24 Hours of Prayer

January 27 Annual Meeting (12:15 PM in the Sanctuary)

Childcare for Today – 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 2nd grade will be dismissed from the 9:30 AM Worship Service for Children’s Church.

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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

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.

Thank You for Supporting Covenant World Relief!

As of the end of November, \$307.99 has been contributed for Covenant World Relief (CWR). Thank you for your generosity! To get updates on current projects around the world go to: <http://www.covchurch.org/relief/>.

Financial Update for November 2018

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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.

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

➡ 60's Plus Conference

March 31-April 3, 2019

Theme: *Crescendo* (Living lives of purpose)

Speaker & Worship Leader: Jeff Reed

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FCC Family Prayer Needs

December 23, 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:

David and Judy Payne in Tyler, TX with Modern Day

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

Lord God, let _____ know that every word of Yours is flawless and that You are a shield to those who put their trust in You. Proverbs 30:5

Lord, I ask that You will set _____ free and that he/she will know freedom indeed. John 8:36

From Laura Morris (12/19): Thank you all for your prayers for my family. This has been a devastating, trying and stressful time. Continued prayers are appreciated. Also, pray for safe travels for my parents, Mike and Gail, as they go to Paradise for the first time today since the Camp Fire and also for John, Caleb and I as we will be going over there on Friday. Pray that we all feel God's presence and his comfort as we go through the rubble. Thank you!

Prayer Requests from Sunday, December 16:

- Pray that Nate heals right (Nate tore all the ligaments in his right ankle playing basketball in PE a couple weeks ago – added by Auntie Sharie). Pray for the families that have nothing. Pray for the Paradise fire victims. Hope Cory, Papa, and others get better. – Stormy and Caroline Hartman
- Please continue to pray for Dan. Thank you, Margie Flanagan
- Please pray for our mom Lawana. – Martin family
- My son, Waymond, is with me now. He is doing fine but I know he needs God's help. Thank you, Gary Bergenske

From Margie Flanagan (12/12): Please continue to pray for my husband, Dan. His new medications have stopped working. Please pray for healing and for wisdom for the doctors as they figure out the next steps. Thank you.

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

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