



# First Covenant Church

201 N. 90th Street Omaha, Nebraska 68114 (402) 391-2747

FEBRUARY 5, 2012

8:30 A.M. Service

**Today's Message**  
**"We Need a Savior"**

Romans 7:14-25a  
Pastor Will Howell

**PRELUDE**

*My Redeemer*  
*Love Lifted Me*

James Koerts  
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**PRAISE MUSIC**

*Love the Lord*  
*In Christ Alone*  
*Once Again*  
*Waiting Here for You*  
*How He Loves*

**OFFERTORY**

*Amazing Grace*

James Koerts

**POSTLUDE**

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

Lloyd Larson

11:00 A.M. Service

**PRELUDE**

*Praise and Thanksgiving*  
*This is My Father's World*  
*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Dale Wood  
Dale Wood  
Dale Wood

**WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**

**INTROIT**

*Rejoice, O Pure in Heart*

**\*HYMN NO. 321**

*Praise the Lord, with Joyful Song*

**\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (Sins and Sin against us)**

**ANTHEM**

*Christ Comes to Us*

by Frombach & Pethel

**ALPHA TESTIMONY**

Bill Williamson and Doreen Nordstrom

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Psalm 13 (page 852)  
Romans 7:14-25a (page 1756)

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Offertory Sentence**

"All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to any one who had need." Acts 2:44-45

**Offertory**

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Dale Wood

**\*Offertory Response**

*(Hymn No. 634, v.1)*

*Great Source of all our life, we come with thanks and praise for countless gifts of love with which you bless our days. With joyful hearts we come to you, renewing now our gifts of love*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**SERMON**

"We Need a Savior"  
Romans 7:14-25a

Pastor Will Howell

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Call to Communion  
Invitation  
\*Apostle's Creed  
\*Words of Institution  
Prayer  
Distribution

**\*HYMN NO. 575**

*Now Let Us from This Table Rise*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Prelude in Classic Style*

Gordon Young

\*Congregation standing

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday Mornings at 10:00 a.m.

**Staying Grounded in a Shifting World;** discussion led by Beth Hemphill in the Church Lounge

**Young Adult Sunday School** - attending Andy Stanley in Fellowship Hall 2

**Starting in February:** *Staying in Love* by Andy Stanley (for marrieds), Fellowship Hall 3  
*New Rules for Love, Sex and Dating* (for singles), Fellowship Hall 2  
 Network begins February 12 in the Lounge.

### Wednesdays

**Women's Bible Study;** led by Lorraine Anderson, 1:00 p.m. weekly in the Church Lounge

**Di-Still-Ation Class;** led by Becky Grabner (\$5 per class or \$25 for 6 weeks)  
 6:30 p.m. - Yoga movement class followed by relaxation, scripture and prayer in the Range

**Romans;** led by Dr. James Eckman, 6:30 p.m. in the Church Lounge

**Women's Small Group;** led by Diane Gibson, 6:30 p.m. in Room 100

### Other Weekday Opportunities

**Precepts - James** - Led by Greg Dollen, 6:30 p.m. Mondays in the Church Lounge

**James - Mercy Triumphs** - by Beth Moore; led by Brenda George  
 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays in Room 205

## THROUGH THE WEEK

February 5 - 12

TODAY	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship with Communion
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School & D/C
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship with Communion
	11:00 a.m.	X-Roads Water Education Project
	7:00 p.m.	AA
MONDAY	4:00 p.m.	Tai Chi (FH)
	6:30 p.m.	Precepts (Lounge)
	6:30 p.m.	Mission Team Meeting (Amy's Office)
	6:30 p.m.	BSF (All locations)
TUESDAY	8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi (FH)
	9:30 a.m.	Beth Moore Bible Study (205)
	11:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Hi League (Cave, FH)
	8:00 p.m.	AA (100)
WEDNESDAY	12:00 p.m.	Al-Anon (205)
	12:30 p.m.	AA (201)
	1:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Lounge)
	4:00 p.m.	Tai Chi (205)
	5:45 p.m.	NOW Meal (FH)
	6:20 p.m.	X-Roads (Cave)
	6:30 p.m.	Kid's Club, Adult Classes
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice (Chapel)
	6:30 p.m.	Prayer Team (202)
	7:45 p.m.	Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
THURSDAY	8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi (FH)
	9:30 a.m.	Missionary Knitters (Lounge)
	6:30 p.m.	Alpha Leader Training (Lounge)
FRIDAY	6:15 a.m.	Men's Muster (Kitchen)
	6:30 p.m.	X-Roads Girls' Night
SATURDAY	6:30 a.m.	BSF Leaders' Meeting (Range)
	5:00 p.m.	Parents' Night Out X-Roads Fundraiser
NEXT SUNDAY	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School & D/C
	9:45 a.m.	Blood Pressure Checks (Entryway)
	9:45 a.m.	Explore! Breakfast (202)
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Youth Ministry Team (Will's Office)
	7:00 p.m.	AA

## SUNDAY NOTES

(Items received after noon on Thursday may not appear until next week's bulletin.)

OPPD will be doing **work on our church property** and the driveways off of 90th Street will be torn up (one at a time) for a few days. On Sundays however, both drives will be open.

Today there will be a retiring offering taken after both services for the **benevolence fund**.

**Blood pressure checks** will be available next Sunday in the entryway between services.

All new attenders and visitors at First Covenant Church are invited to attend **"EXPLORE!" a brunch and fellowship on Sunday, February 12 at 9:45 am**, during the Sunday School hour between worship services. Explore! will meet in Room 202, down the hall from the church office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The Ministry Staff would like to meet you, share briefly about our church and ministries and see if you have any questions. If you would like to attend, please write "Explore" on the back of your Welcome card or contact the church office by calling (402) 391-2747.

There will be a baby shower for **Lacey (Lennard) Markt and baby Reese** on Saturday, February 18 at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Lounge. If anyone wants to contribute to a group gift, hostesses are Brenda George, Debbie Kalina, Beth Hemphill, Mary Torgersen and Cathy Hanson.

**2012 Annual Reports** are available at the Welcome Center. One copy per family please.

**Do you need a night out**, but have no one to watch your children? We are here to help! From 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 11, the First Covenant Church X-Roads students and their parents are offering child care for children, ages 2 to 12 years old, so that you may enjoy a night out. The children will enjoy a pizza dinner, movie, crafts, and age-appropriate games and activities in a safe, adult-supervised environment at First Covenant Church for just \$10 per child. This event is a fundraiser for the X-Roads June mission trip to Washington, D.C. Space is limited, so register by February 8. Forms are available at the Welcome Center.

There will be a wedding shower for **Lena Van Putten** on Sunday, February 19 at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Lounge. If you would like to contribute to a group gift, please see Linda Stanek, Kris Swanson, Pam Williams or Janet or Kelsey Denman.

**Covenant Christian Fellowship (CCF)** will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a catered lasagna dinner (salad, breadsticks & dessert) and fellowship at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, February 17. Mr. Timothy White, professional photographer and musician, will present, "From Maine to the Plains" at 7:00 p.m. Please make reservations (\$6.00) at the Welcome Center today or Sunday, February 12. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend!

X-Roads will be hosting an **online auction** to raise funds for their mission trip to Washington D.C. this summer. Do you have a service or an item that you could donate? Instructions for listing your item will be coming out soon! Contact Rachel Howell or Kay Horwath with questions.

**Welcome to First Covenant Church. We are blessed that you have chosen to worship with us this Sunday.**

### **About Us**

The Evangelical Covenant Church is a multi-ethnic denomination of more than 700 churches in the United States and Canada. It was founded by Swedish immigrants in 1885 as a voluntary covenant of churches committed to working together to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Covenant churches emphasize the Bible's witness to new life in Jesus Christ expressed in a day-to-day walk with the Lord.

### **Mission Statement**

To prepare people for Christian Discipleship as we minister to individuals, families, the community and the world. We will accomplish the Mission Statement as we commit ourselves to Christ, Each Other and the World.

### **Sunday Child Care**

Care is available for infants through 5 years old. The Nursery (6 weeks - 24 months) is on the lower level at the north end of the hallway. The Extended Care room (ages 2-5) is on the east side of the lower level in Room 103.

### **Sunday School for All Ages**

Sunday School is available September to May for all children, age 2 through grade 12 at 9:45 a.m. Please stop at the Welcome Center if you need assistance in locating a class. Adult classes are held in various locations. See the bulletin for more information on current offerings.

### **Sunday Worship Schedule**

Contemporary Worship	8:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship	11:00 a.m.

CDs and DVDs of all worship services are available. To order, please fill out a request card at the Welcome Center. You may also call the church office to request a copy.

### **Holy Communion**

Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of every month at both services.

### **Children's Bags**

These are available on a stand in the back of the sanctuary and are filled with a children's bulletin and other items. Please return the bags to the basket near the rear doors after the service.

### **Restrooms**

Located on both floors near the main staircase. Signs will direct you to the nearest location.

### **Welcome Center**

Available to current members as well as visitors and includes sign-ups for current ministry opportunities sponsored by First Covenant Church. It is located in the area just north of the sanctuary. If you are a visitor with us today, please stop by for a welcome bag and direct any questions you have to the individual at the Center.

### **Coffee**

Coffee is served in the Fellowship Hall (lower level) following the 8:30 a.m. service and in the Church Lounge (west side of the hallway on the upper floor) following the 11:00 a.m. service.

### **Prayer**

Volunteers are available following each service in the choir loft to assist anyone with prayer needs.

### **Church Office and Building Hours**

The office is located on the upper floor on the west side of the hallway. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you come to the church and the door is locked, simply press the intercom buzzer on the north side of the doors and someone will let you in.

### **Pastors**

If you are in need of pastoral ministry or a visit, please call the church office to set an appointment or ask to have a pastor call you.

### **Congregational Care**

First Covenant employs a part-time Coordinator of Congregational Care who can assist with various physical and spiritual needs of the congregation.

### **Youth Programs**

Hi League (<http://hileague.com>) is our High School ministry (grades 9-12) and meets on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

X-Roads (<http://xroadsfcc.com>) is our Junior High ministry (grades 7-8) and meets on Wednesdays from 6:20-7:30 p.m.

### **Looking for a Church Home?**

If you would like to know more about joining First Covenant, please contact the church office.

### Church Contact Information

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