



First Covenant Church

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

FEBRUARY 12, 2012

8:30 A.M. Service

Today's Message
"Remembering and Renewing"
Joshua 8:30-35

Pastor Wes Gibson

PRELUDE

*How Can I Keep from Singing
Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

John Carter
John Carter

PRAISE MUSIC

*Let Everything
Today is the Day
Jesus Messiah
My Savior My God
Our God*

OFFERTORY

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

John Carter

POSTLUDE

How Majestic is Your Name

John Carter

11:00 A.M. Service

PRELUDE

Partita on Give Praise to the Lord

Charles Callahan

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

INTROIT

I Need Thee Every Hour

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 67:1-3, 6-7)

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us,
People: **that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People: **let all the peoples praise you.**

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase;

People: **God, our God, has blessed us.**

Leader: May God continue to bless us;

People: **let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

*HYMN NO. 515

We Come to Our Eternal God

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (Debts and Debtors)

ANTHEM

Then Sings My Soul

Arr. by Mary McDonald

ALPHA TESTIMONY

PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence

"With the measure you use, it will be measured to you..."
Mark 4:24

Offertory

Prelude in A Major

Eugene Thayer

*Offertory Response

(Hymn No.639, v.1)

We give thee but thy own, what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

*Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 8:30-35 (page 343)

HYMN NO. 523

O Word of God Incarnate

SERMON

"Remembering and Renewing"
Joshua 8:30-35

Pastor Wes Gibson

*HYMN NO. 376

When We Walk with Lord

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Jon Spong

*Congregation standing

CHRISTIAN FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Staying Grounded in a Shifting World; discussion led by Beth Hemphill in Amy's Office

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

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 today in the Lounge at 9:45 a.m.

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

Alpha - Thursday evenings at FCC. Introductory dinner is February 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sessions begin February 23. See the brochure in today's bulletin for more information.

THROUGH THE WEEK

February 12-19

TODAY	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
MONDAY	4:00 p.m.	Tai Chi (FH)
	6:00 p.m.	Financial Stewardship Team (Office)
	6:30 p.m.	Precepts (Lounge)
	6:30 p.m.	BSF (All locations)
	7:00 p.m.	Lead Team Meeting (Amy's Office)
TUESDAY	8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi (FH)
	9:30 a.m.	Beth Moore Bible Study (205)
	11:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting (201)
	6:30 p.m.	Hi League (Cave, FH)
	8:00 p.m.	AA (100)
WEDNESDAY	12:00 p.m.	AI-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)
	7:45 p.m.	Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:45 p.m.	Worship and Music Team (201)
THURSDAY	8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi (FH)
	9:30 a.m.	Missionary Knitters (Lounge)
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Winter Jam Event
	6:30 p.m.	Alpha Introduction Dinner (FH)
	6:30 p.m.	BSF Seminar (Lounge)
FRIDAY	6:15 a.m.	Men's Muster (Kitchen)
	5:30 p.m.	CCF Event (FH)
SATURDAY	6:30 a.m.	BSF Leaders' Meeting (Range)
	1:00 p.m.	Baby Shower (Lounge)
	1:00 p.m.	X-Roads Video Scavenger Hunt
NEXT SUNDAY	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School & D/C
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Children's Christian Formation (Amy's Office)
	11:00 a.m.	X-Roads Lunch Fundraiser (FH)
	1:00 p.m.	Wedding Shower (Lounge)
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Camp Pizza Night (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	AA

SUNDAY NOTES

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

Blood pressure checks will be available today in the entryway between services.

Items for the **Oakkin** are due next Sunday, February 19.

Thank you for your generous contributions to the **Benevolence Fund**. A total of \$3,389 was donated last Sunday.

Tyler David Shelsta was born Thursday, February 2 to Matthew and Mandy Shelsta. He joins sister and brother Samantha and Mitchell. Grandparents are Terry and Kathy Shelsta.

X-Roads is serving lunch on Sunday, February 19 starting at 11:00 a.m. and ending at 1:00 p.m. Cost for soup and sandwich combos will be \$5 and all proceeds will help our Jr. High students raise money for their mission trip to Washington D.C. this summer. Please stay for a yummy lunch!

Blankets of Love: Saturday, February 25th at 9:30 a.m. Women Ministries invites you to gather in the Church Lounge to make fleece blankets for women and children living at the Lydia House. Bring scissors if you can and join us for a morning of fun, food, and fellowship.

First Covenant will have a brief **Ash Wednesday Service** on February 22 at 6:30 p.m. NOW supper will be served at 5:45 p.m. and NOW programming will be from 7:00-7:30 p.m.

The Retired Men's work group will meet on Tuesday, February 21 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss their work for this year. They will meet weekly on Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. starting on February 28.

All new attenders and visitors at First Covenant Church are invited to attend "**EXPLORE!**" a **brunch and fellowship today at 9:45 a.m.**, during the Sunday School hour between worship services. Explore! will meet in Room 202, down the hall from the church office on the 2nd floor.

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 you would like to contribute to a group gift, hostesses are Brenda George, Debbie Kalina, Beth Hemphill, Mary Torgersen and Cathy Hanson.

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.

Today is the last day to make reservations for the **Covenant Christian Fellowship (CCF)** event on Friday, February 17 at 5:30 p.m. Please make reservations (\$6.00) at the Welcome Center today. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend!

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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