



First Covenant Church

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

FEBRUARY 19, 2012

8:30 A.M. Service

Today's Message
"Wise Commitments - Committed Follow Through"
Pastor Wes Gibson

PRELUDE

More Love to Thee
I Surrender All

Lloyd Larson
Lloyd Larson

PRAISE MUSIC

God of Wonders
I Will Run
The Stand
He Reigns

OFFERTORY

Jesus is All the World to Me

James Koerts

POSTLUDE

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

Carolyn Hamlin

11:00 A.M. Service

PRELUDE

After an Old French Air
Rejoice, the Lord is King

Percy Whitlock
Percy Whitlock

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

INTROIT

I Need Thee Every Hour

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Teach us your way, O Lord, that we may walk in your truth;
People: **give us undivided hearts to honor your name.**
Leader: We give thanks to you, O God, with our whole heart, and we glorify your name forever.
People: **For you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**

***HYMN NO. 10**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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

ANTHEM

Sanctus (Holy is the Lord)
Charles Harmon, Violin

Arr. by Tom Fettke

PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence

"Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share." 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Offertory

Elegiac Prelude

Gerald Bales

***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**

***HYMN NO. 625**

I Then Shall Live

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Joshua 9:1-15 (page 343)
Matthew 5:33-37 (page 1503)

SERMON

"Wise Commitments - Committed Follow Through"
Pastor Wes Gibson

***HYMN NO. 402**

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Healey Willian

*Congregation standing

CHRISTIAN FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Network in the Church Lounge at **9:45 a.m.** (note earlier start time)

The Kingdom Way of Life, five sessions featuring Scot McKnight, Mike Metzger, Tim Keller and Jon Tyson, held in Amy's Office

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

Staying in Love by Andy Stanley (if you're married), Fellowship Hall 3

New Rules for Love, Sex and Dating (if you're single), Fellowship Hall 2

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
(no class this Wednesday, February 22)

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. Sessions begin February 23 at 6:30 p.m.

THROUGH THE WEEK

February 19-26

TODAY	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Properties Team Meeting (Office)
	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 (FH)
MONDAY	4:00 p.m.	Tai Chi (FH)
	6:30 p.m.	Fellowship & Hospitality Team (Amy's Office)
	6:30 p.m.	Precepts (Lounge)
	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 (201)
	5:30 p.m.	ECC Board Meeting (201)
	6:30 p.m.	Congregational Care Team (205)
	6:30 p.m.	Women Ministries Leadership Team (Offsite)
	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)
	6:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
	7:00 p.m.	Kid's Club, Adult Classes, Choir Practice
	7:45 p.m.	Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
THURSDAY	8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi (FH)
	9:30 a.m.	Missionary Knitters (Lounge)
	6:30 p.m.	Alpha (FH)
	6:30 p.m.	BSF Seminar (205)
FRIDAY	6:15 a.m.	Men's Muster (Kitchen)
SATURDAY	6:30 a.m.	BSF Leaders' Meeting (Range)
	8:30 a.m.	Lead Team (201)
	9:30 a.m.	Women Ministries Event (Lounge)
NEXT SUNDAY	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School & D/C
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship
	7:00 p.m.	AA (FH)

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

SUNDAY NOTES

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

Items for the **Oakkin** are due today, February 19.

X-Roads is serving lunch today 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!

The Lead Team is pleased to let you know that Tim and Kristy Callahan, Andrew and Brandi Kejr, Ted and Katherine Miller, and Kristen Van Putten have all applied for membership at First Covenant. If you have any thoughts or comments about their joining, please contact one of the Lead Team members, Travis Nordstrom, Kyle Lennard, Pat Dunlap, Lana LeGrand, or Renee Berger.

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.

Hi League will be baking **treats for Sunday coffee hour** and setting them out after the 8:30 a.m. service on Sundays with a donation basket on the table as a fundraiser for CHIC.

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.

There will be a wedding shower for **Lena Van Putten** today 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.

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

201 N 90th Street, Omaha, NE 68114

(402) 391-2747 • office@firstcovenantomaha.org • <http://www.firstcovenantomaha.org>
Early Childhood Center • (402) 391-2748 • <http://www.earlychildhoodcenter.org>