

FIRST COVENANT
CHURCH of Omaha
**CONNECTION
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Please Place in Offering Plate

Date: December, 08, 2019

Name(s), Email, Phone:

- First Time Guest
 Return Guest
 Regular Attender
 Member(s)

**What is Your Next
Step today?**

- I am making a first-time
commitment to trust and
follow Jesus
 I am taking steps back to God
(I've been away)
 I am taking a step to give God
this area of my life:

- I am taking a step to:

- I would like a pastor to contact
me about my next-step decision

 **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

PRELUDE

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING -
PEACE**

Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates #126

Go Tell It On The Mountain

Reckless Love

SCRIPTURE READING:

Genesis 28:10-22

Scripture Reader: Derek Bonin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON: Climbing Up
Pastor Greg Applequist

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING:

On Christmas Night The Angels Sing

CHOIR:

Brightest and Best of the Stars!

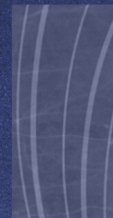
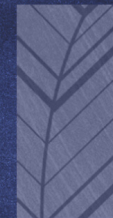
Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)

Waiting Here For You

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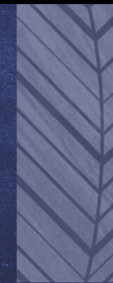
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PEACE

— Season of Advent —



OUR VISION:

LOVE GOD AND OUR NEIGHBORS

LUKE 10:27

We're glad you've chosen to join us this morning! Childcare is available during the service for infants and toddlers in Room 204. During Advent, children are welcome to remain in worship. Please visit the activity table for colors, books and other things to help kids engage. We'd also love for you to join us for coffee and refreshments after the service in the Fellowship Hall. Just ask an usher to point you in the right direction.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Members

The following individuals have applied for membership at First Covenant Church: Carlos and Debbie Maspons. They have finished our membership class and had a positive interview with our Lead Team. The Lead Team is honored to present these folks to our church for membership approval. Should you have any concerns, please contact our church chair David Hemphill at dchemphill1@gmail.com.

Staff Christmas Offering

As a church family, Christmas is the time of year we set aside to express our deep appreciation to our staff and their families. A special offering will be taken next Sunday, or you can pay online at fccomaha.org/give or mail a check to the church by December 15.

Christmas Open House

The Owls, CCF, and Crescendo groups are invited to Dave and Pam Norlen's home (3516 S. 184th Ave.) for a Christmas Open House, fellowship and food on Saturday, Dec. 14th anytime from 4 PM to 7 PM. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Offering Envelopes

Envelopes are available at the Information Center if you currently use them. There are a few extras if you would like to start using them.

Blood Pressure Screening

Stop by the Welcome Desk after service today to get your free blood pressure screening.

Christmas Caroling & Chili

Come and share Christmas joy with our senior church family. This afternoon we will go out caroling and deliver poinsettias, then return to church for chili, cinnamon rolls, and fellowship. Meet at church at 2:30 for assignments.

Family Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 11, 6:30-8 PM. Hot chocolate, crafts, dancing, photo & a visit from Santa. Please bring friends and family! Contact Pastor Mary at pastormary@firstcovenantomaha.org with questions.

Angel Tree

There is still an opportunity to provide Christmas gifts to two residents at Maple Crest Health Center. Please see the tree at the information center. All gifts should be brought back to church by next Sunday, December 15.

Tree of Books

Through the month of December we will hold our annual fundraiser, the one time during the year that we call upon you for support of our library. Please find one of the librarians standing near the door of the library, waiting to receive your gifts. Remember to fill out a receipt so it will be applied to your church giving. Thank you for your generous giving which allows us to fulfill our mission statement, to provide a balance of literature for varied ages and interests and to promote individual spiritual growth and wholesome reading.

Choir Concert & Tea

Celebrate the joyful season of Christmas with our Choir Christmas Concert, Children Singers and Tea on Sunday, December 15, at 5 PM.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAISE

- God's PEACE that passes all understanding
- God's faithfulness new every morning
- Joy of the advent season
- Building plans moving forward
- Covenant groups and leaders

PRAY FOR

- PEACE in our world of chaos and discord
- Continued unity and vision for "Building On A Faithful Heritage"
- Our nation and it's leaders
- Churches in transition and change
- Shirley Woodward move to Montclair
- Donna Langbehn move to Wakefield, NE
- Finals for college and high school students
- Our sister churches Chin Immanuel and Sudanese Covenant

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILIES

BEVIS - Randy & Cheryl
 CLAUSON - Erika, Nils, Matias, Lucas & Maya
 HOSKINS - Jenny, Chris, Breck & Elsa
 WIEBE - Diane, Christopher, Jonah, Eliza & Myla

OUR LOCAL MISSIONS

Open Door Mission Covenant Cedars Camp
 Heartland Hope Mission

OUR SISTER CHURCH

Iglesia del Pacto El Mana Amor y Paz in Pedernales, Ecuador

Prayer/Comments/Updates

Please use this space for any of your prayer requests. We pray for these every week at staff meeting. You may also use this space for helpful comments or other information for the office such as address changes. If you are a guest, welcome!

Please let us know how you found First Covenant or who you came with this morning.

- Please keep this confidential
- Add this to bulletin prayer sheet
- Add this to email prayer chain
- I would like a pastor to call

I would like more information:

- Receive "The Loop" (weekly emails)
- Receive Prayer Chain email updates
- Beginning a relationship with Jesus
- Explore FCC (what are we about?)
- Joining FCC on Mission (Membership)
- Small Groups / Bible Studies
- Children's / Youth Ministry
- FCC Database/Directory
- FCC Facebook Group



Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on December 15th at noon to vote on the conceptual plans for the new building.

PASTORAL STAFF

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