

FIRST COVENANT
CHURCH of Omaha
**CONNECTION
CARD**

Please Place in Offering Plate

Date: December, 29, 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

Angels We Have Heard on High #162

WELCOME & GREETING

*What Child is This, Who,
Laid to Rest #171*

The First Noel #167

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING:

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Our Day of Joy Is Here Again #187

SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 2:13-23

Scripture Reader:

Robert and Diane Lynn

SERMON:

A Sad Story of Christmas

Pastor Lyle Person

And Can It Be #306

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



DECEMBER 29, 2019

A SAD STORY OF
christmas

Matthew 2:13-23

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

Congregational - Building Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on January 12 at 11:00 AM to discuss the next steps in our building process. Please contact Pastor Greg at 402-391-2747 or David Hemphill at 402-504-0614 if you have questions.

Insurance Offering

Next week we will be taking an offering after the service for the Burmese and Sudanese churches that meet in our building. We are asking that they carry their own liability insurance coverage. We will be collecting money to help offset these costs for them. Thanks for your generosity and partnership with our sister churches.

Our Church is Beautiful!

Many thanks to the retired men for getting the church ready for Christmas. The helping hands and support crew were Pastor Mary, Kate & Luke Sonsthagen, Pam Norlen, Patti Boyer and Linda Lenser. With heartfelt thanks! Trudy Buckley

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. Online giving is an option too. Visit fccomaha.org/give or call Diane Stoner at 402-391-2747 with questions.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed on January 1.

Retired Men's Group Banquet

The Retired Men's Group will hold their Annual Banquet at Pizza Ranch on Tuesday, January 14 at 11:30 AM. **Pizza Ranch is located at 3010 South 84th St.** Please contact Dave Norlen at dfnorlen@gmail.com with any questions.

OWLS/CCF - SAVE THE DATE January 18

Progressive Dinner on January 18 at FCC. Time and additional information to come. Please sign up at the Information Center or contact Dave Norlen at dfnorlen@gmail.com.

End of Year Giving

If you have an end-of-year financial donation to make, you may drop it off at the church office by December 31, log on to fccomaha.org/give and donate, or mail it to 201 N 90th Street, Omaha NE 68114. (An important reminder - to be considered a 2019 donation, envelope must be postmarked by 12/31/19.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAISE

- Christ the Savior is Born
- Families and loved ones to share the season
- God's faithfulness new every morning
- Continued healing for Chase (Grandson of The Glovers)
- Beautiful Christmas celebrations
- Building plans moving forward

PRAY FOR

- PEACE and JOY in our world of chaos and discord
- Families experiencing grief this Christmas Season
- Folks traveling
- Those struggling with addictions
- Continued unity and vision for "Building On A Faithful Heritage"
- Our nation and its leaders
- Churches in transition and change
- Our sister churches Chin Immanuel and Sudanese Covenant

HOMEBOUND

Naida -	Rudy Horwath	Gladys Vermillion
Aschenbrenner	Donna Langbehm	Bjarne Westhoff
Bill Freeman	Ruth McIntire	Charlotte White
Bill Hammond	Larry Rundlett	Shirley -
Jim Harrel	Bonny Swaggard	Woodward

PRAYERS FOR ONGOING NEEDS

Pat Bivens	Juergen Janzic
Bob Carlson	Alaina Shelsta

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

COVENANT GROUPS
REGISTRATION BEGINS
JANUARY 5TH, 2020 AT:
fccomaha.org/connect/covenant-groups
or at the Welcome Center after
Sunday Service.

WINTER

SPRING

JANUARY 20
THROUGH
MARCH 15, 2020

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