

FIRST COVENANT Church

December 22, 2024

10:15 am

PRELUDE

*"Mary Consoles Eve" &
"Child of Love"*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING SONG

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (Blue 439)

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Isaiah 7:10-14 / *"Emmanuel"* with Ky and Jenny

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Joy to the World"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORSHIP IN SONG

"O Come O Come Emmanuel" (Blue 120) & *"Come
Lord Jesus Come"*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:39-45

MESSAGE

"The Mystery of the Incarnation"
Pastor Peter Dibley

SONG OF RESPONSE

"King of Kings"

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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WEEK OF DECEMBER 15th

- Today 9:00am: RENEW Bible Study/Adult Lifetime Hour
10:15am: Sunday Morning Worship Service
- Tues 4:00pm: Christmas Eve Service
- Sun 9:00am: RENEW Bible Study/Adult Lifetime Hour
10:15am: Sunday Morning Worship Service

There is a drop box in the narthex to leave your offering. Another option is to give online at firstcovrockford.org, click on the Give Online button.

December 24th: Christmas Eve Service at 4:00pm. Join us here at church for our candlelight Christmas Eve Service and carols!

The Coffee Bar for the month of December will be hosted by youth! Donations are welcome with proceeds going toward Winter Camp.

Pantry needs for December: Cereal, rice, saltine crackers, canned soup, and fruit. Thank you!

January 5th: Epiphany Party Join us from 4-7pm here at church! There will be a dinner theater, star gazing, a pie walk, and more! Volunteers are needed. A [sign up](#) sheet can be found at the Welcome Center.

January 8th: Wednesday Night Programming begins again!

Men's Ministries Retreat: Contact Gary Johnson or go to cpbc.com/men retreat for more information and to register to attend. There is an early bird discount if registered by **Feb. 7th**.

February 8th: Spaghetti Supper This is our annual fundraiser for our summer campers! It will be from 4:30-6:30pm.

RENEW Bible Study will be meeting every Sunday at 9am. This is for youth and young adults. Scan the QR code at the Welcome Center to join the GroupMe!

Zumba Classes will be starting on January 8th! Every Wednesday night at 6:45pm! Any fitness level is acceptable. The class will be one hour long. We will meet in room III in the lower level of the church. Don't forget your water bottle and get ready to have lots of fun!

Devotional Prayer and Worship will resume **January 12th!**

The Church Office will be open only on Thursday, **December 26th**. Have a Merry Christmas!

Deacons please start thinking of doing your Annual Report. Please have them in a Word Document and emailed to the church email by **January 16th**.

*Thanks to you, our faithful First Covenant Church family, you have contributed \$114,813 toward meeting our goal of \$92,329 in November and December! This has allowed us to exceed our budgeted giving through 12-31-24. Thank you, once again for your faithfulness in supporting the ministry of First Covenant Church! God is good... all the time. *