



# United Covenant Church

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December 28, 2025

## Songs of Praise

*For Unto Us A Child Is Born  
Jesus Messiah  
Christmas Offering*

## Scripture Reading

Psalm 15  
Luke 2:25-32

Pam VanHeuklom (8:30 am)

Dawn Harper (10:45 am)

## Prayer

## Message

*Holy Encounter*

Pastor Dan Pearson

(Read "The Story" Chapter 14 by Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>)

## Featured Announcements:

- **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY** Sunday School will resume on Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am! There is a pancake breakfast fundraiser today at 9:45 am, to help Carter Wallberg raise funds for a mission trip in March.
- **WEEK OF PRAYER** The first week of January we will have a Week of Prayer. Monday, Jan. 5th we will meet at church at 6:30 pm; Tuesday, Jan. 6th & Thursday, Jan. 8th we are looking for volunteers to host in their home. Please sign up if you're willing to host at your house one of those two nights.
- **ALL CHURCH ROLLERSKATING NIGHT** is Wednesday, January 7th from 6:00-8:00 pm at Skate City in Rice Lake, WI! Cost is \$8.00 each (ages 4+) and \$6.00 (ages 2-4), which includes rental of roller-skates or rollerblades. Skate City will play Christian Music and have the snack bar open. Hope to see you there! (*No supper or classes at church- everyone is invited to skating!*)

## Sermon Notes:

Scripture for today's sermon (NLT):  
Luke 2:21-40; Romans 3:23-25a; Colossians 3:1-17;

## Prayer Requests:

### Don't feel well?

Please view our services live streamed at [www.facebook.com/unitedcov](http://www.facebook.com/unitedcov)

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**BULLETIN & NEWSLETTER:** Please submit any additions for the bulletin by Wednesday each week via e-mail, phone or drop off in bin outside of office. Newsletter info? Please have that to the church office by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month.



## ONLINE GIVING!!!

A simple and convenient way to give!

Consider automating your regular donations with our new electronic giving program. United Covenant Church relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Visit the church office for more information or visit our web page at [www.unitedcovchurch.org](http://www.unitedcovchurch.org)

## United Covenant Church Mission Statement

Helping each other take the next step in Christ through  
Evangelism, Discipleship and Missions.

## THIS WEEK...

### Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

7:50 a.m. Worship Team Practice  
8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Mission Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast at church  
\*\*No Sunday School\*\*  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service

### Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at church

### Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Prayer Time at church

### Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Day

1:00 p.m. Rebuilders: Moving Forward from Loss at church  
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study at church

### Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:30 a.m. Homeschool Club at church

### Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Jason Sigsworth's garage

### Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> – Communion Sunday

7:55 a.m. Worship Team Practice  
8:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

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### UPCOMING DATES TO KNOW:

January 7 <sup>th</sup>	All Church Roller-skating at Skate City, Rice Lake, 6 pm
January 14 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Wednesday Night supper & classes begin
January 21 <sup>st</sup>	Budget Review Meeting, 7:30 pm
January 25 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Meeting, 12:00 pm & Cinnamon Roll Sunday
January 27 <sup>th</sup>	Movie: Letter to the American Church, 6:30 pm
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	Super Subs Youth Fundraiser
February 13 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	Marriage Retreat at Lake Beauty Bible Camp
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday

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Our sanctuary has a "Hearing Loop" installed! (Contacta 15a) Some hearing aids will connect with this system, or there are headphones available for use - pick up at the "Connections Table".

**Welcome!** If you are a visitor, or new to United Covenant Church, please fill out a visitor card and bring to the Connections Table in the foyer to receive a welcome gift!

There is a box below the sound booth for tithes/offerings and prayer requests.

After the Worship Service if you would like prayer, prayer teams will remain at the front of the sanctuary to meet with you.

**Nursery:** Our nursery team provides a safe and fun environment for your child to be while you enjoy the service. The nursery can accommodate babies through 4 years of age. Busy Bags are in the west foyer and are available for all children.

*A nursing room is available in the classroom next to the nursery during the Worship Service*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS...

**MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER TODAY** Carter Wallberg will be going to Guatemala in March 2026. He will be installing safe, fuel-efficient stoves in family homes. This is a mission trip through HELPS International. To help raise funds for Carter's trip, please join us on Sunday, December 28 from 9:45-10:30am in the Church Fellowship Hall for a delicious, free-will donation pancake breakfast supporting Carter Wallberg and his upcoming March mission trip to Guatemala!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BREAK** Our regular Wednesday night schedule will resume on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Adults, there are three class options on Wednesday evenings, starting Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>: "The Bait of Satan" will be meeting in the upstairs east classroom, "The Story" will be meeting in the fellowship hall, and Men's "Life Together" group will be meeting in the downstairs classroom across from the youth room.

**MISSION STITCHERS** will be meeting in January on the 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>- this is a different schedule than normal!

**ANNUAL MEETING TIMELINE** Annual Meeting Reports are due to the church office by Sunday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>. The Budget Review meeting will be Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. The annual meeting will be on Sunday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> after the 10:45 am worship service.

**WEDDING SHOWER** There will be a wedding shower for Jordan Anderson & Addison Thayer on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at the church. Family and friends (men, women & children) please come shower Jordan & Addison with love as they prepare to get married in early February.

**MOVIE: LETTER TO THE AMERICAN CHURCH** We will be holding a special event January 27th at 6:30 pm, built around a screening of Letter To The American Church (book published September 2022, movie produced in February 2024). Please attend for education, awareness, and inspiration.

**CALENDARS** There are calendars available for purchase in the foyer. Calendars are for sale for \$6 each!!