

SPRING WORSHIP SERIES

IN GOD WE TRUST

HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?

You will be enriched in every way
to be generous in every way,
which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.
- II Corinthians 9:11 (ESV)

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HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?

April 23, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Gathering Time

Passing of the Peace

Greeting

Please complete the connect card and place it in the offering plate.

Invitation to Worship

*Opening Hymn 494

O Let Your Soul Now Be Filled with Gladness

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Holy Sacrament of Baptism

Penelope Ave Maria Pajnutshiab Lo

*The Blessing

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:27-31, 3:1-7, Gordy Swanson

Philippians 4:10-13, Jill Weiss

Faith Story

Keith Turnquist

*Song

Enough

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Choral Offertory

Jesus, My Lord, My Life, My All (B. Burroughs)

Children in grades Pre-K through 2nd grade are invited to continue worshipping in Children's Church after the Offertory. Please meet the teachers in the back of the Sanctuary.

Message

How Much Is Enough?

Pastor Anne Vining

Prayer of the People

*Responding in Song

Grateful

*Sending Words

II Corinthians 9:11

Postlude

Blessed Assurance (arr. Lari Goss)

Prayer Time for Health and Wholeness is offered in the Prayer Chapel following Worship.

TODAY

Welcome to Worship at First Covenant Church! Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, we are glad you are here. The connect card in your bulletin provides a way to give or receive information, or to ask for prayer. Many are already part of our e-mail communication. If you would like to receive periodic church updates electronically, please indicate this on your connect card. Place your completed connect card in the offering plate.

This morning William and Eve Lo bring their daughter, Penelope Ave Maria Pajnutshiab Lo, to the Lord in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Penelope's name means "our lady weaves a new day". The Godmother for Penelope is Kia Lo.

Thank you to Nate Stromberg for our Spring series artwork, Sandy Norris for covering for Pat Kohnen on the piano, and to Tiffany Kline for preparing the Holy Week slide presentation during the Gathering Time.

9:30am

Worship

Nursery Care, (birth through age 3), *Rooms 105 & 106*

Children's Church, children pre-k - 2nd grade are dismissed with leaders during Worship and will return with leaders during the final song in Worship, *Room 104*

Resource Table for children and youth, please check out this table as you enter Worship, where you will find worship bulletins, crayons and Bibles for children, and worship notes for Confirmation students.

10:30am

Fellowship Time, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

Join us for cake as we celebrate First Covenant Church's 143rd Anniversary!

10:40am

Youth Group Music Lessons, *Graffiti Room*

11:00am

Nursery Care (birth through age 3), *Room 105*

Children's Sunday School, *(all start in Room 104 together)*

Please pick up your children at 12:00pm in the following rooms:

Pre-K - K, *Room 106*

Grades 3-4, *Room 104B*

Grades 1-2, *Room 104A*

Grades 5-6, *Room 201 (upstairs)*

Grades 7 - Adult, Spiritual Growth Hour, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

Your Story + My Story = Our Story (part 1—looking back) No matter your age or how long you have been at First Covenant - you matter. Celebrate and rediscover our shared story.

12:00-2:00pm

Confirmation, *(note time change), Lower Fellowship Hall*

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 30

11:00am, Spiritual Growth Hour for grades 7 - adult, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

Your Story + My Story = Our Story continues with part 2 - building our future together.

You will not want to miss it!

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Stay connected: Stop by the Welcome Center to order a CD of any worship service. Weekly worship bulletins and podcasts can be found on the church website under the Worship and Arts tab. Podcasts of our recent Spiritual Growth Hours can also be found on our website under Life Together - Spiritual Growth Hour.

Gospel Mass Good Friday Concert CD's can be ordered. Stop by the Welcome Center to sign up. Cost: \$10 which will help cover the cost of our music programs here at FCC.

First Covenant practices both infant baptism and infant dedication. If you would like to know more about the biblical and theological basis for these practices, there is a resource sheet available at the Welcome Center.

Spring 2017 "How Much is Enough?" guidebooks are available at the Welcome Center if you did not receive one last Sunday.

Visit the summer camp table in Upper Fellowship Hall! Here you will find all you need to know about 2017 summer camp opportunities for children and youth. There are also envelopes available if you would like to donate to our Every Kid To Camp fund (EKTC). At First Covenant, we believe that every kid, no matter the family's financial situation, should be able to have a camp experience at Covenant Pines Bible Camp each summer. Questions? See Kate or Donovan.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FCC

Confirmation Trek, Wednesday, April 26, 6:15pm

Trek starts in Upper Fellowship Hall

Join us for dinner at 5:45pm, and then "journey" with our Confirmands as they present their projects at our annual Confirmation Trek. This is your opportunity to support our 7th and 8th graders as they communicate what they have learned this past year in their studies through the Old Testament.

Confirmation Sunday, May 7, 9:30am Worship

Join us as we celebrate God's Spirit alive in the life of our congregation as our 8th grade Confirmation students confirm their faith during Worship. A reception will be held in Upper Fellowship Hall following Worship, in their honor.

All Church Cleaning Day, Saturday, May 20, 8:30am-12:00pm

Would you like to lend a hand in a Spring cleaning of our church building and grounds? The Building and Grounds Team and the Men's Saturday Morning Prayer Meeting are jointly sponsoring an all church cleaning day. Cleaning supplies will be provided. All are invited! Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Questions? Contact Bob Johnson, johnsrp24@gmail.com.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Casting Our Nets, Saving our Community, Wednesday, April 26, 7:00-8:30am

Keller Golf Course, 2166 Maplewood Drive, Maplewood

As the fishing season begins soon, our partner Family Values for Life (FVFL) is ready to cast it's nets and raise funds to continue supporting families on the East Side of St. Paul. Please join FVFL's efforts at their Spring Breakfast fundraiser. For more information or to sign up: www.familyvaluesforlife.org, 651-774-6663.

Phalen Heights Park Community Event, Monday May 1 or Thursday May 4, 7:00pm

First Covenant Church, Upper Fellowship Hall

Learn how you can protect and improve the water in Phalen Lake and the Mississippi River by participating in neighborhood projects. Experts will be here to show you how you can make a difference. Sponsored by Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District & Freshwater Society. Questions? Contact Bill Cranford, (billcranfordjr@gmail.com) or Rachel Hanks (rachelhanks11@gmail.com)

In It Together Prayer Gathering, Thursday, May 4, 6:00pm

Contender for the Faith Church, 580 Case Avenue East

On the National Day of Prayer, gather with friends from Contender for the Faith, Family Values for Life and First Covenant Church to pray for our nation, community, leaders and people. Meet at First Covenant Church at 5:30pm to carpool as parking is limited. Gospel Choir and Worship Team will meet on Tuesday night that week, so all are available to attend this prayer gathering.

Fifth Annual Mother/Daughter Tea, Saturday, May 13, 3:00-6:00pm

First Covenant Church, Upper Fellowship Hall

All women are invited to this partner event, presented by Family Values for Life Jump Start Program and women of First Covenant Church. Cost: \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door, (girls under 12 are free). This event includes guest speaker Donna Pratt, entertainment, door prices and dinner. For more information or to register: familyvaluesforlife.org, or 651-774-6663.