

**SPRING 2018**



**First Covenant Church of Saint Paul**

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# OVERFLOW SERIES

**April 8, 2018**

**9:30 a.m.**

Gathering Time

Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Worship

*If you are a visitor, have a prayer request or have a change of address,  
please note this on a Connect Card found in the pew pockets. Place it in the offering plate.*

**\*Opening Hymn 259**

*Christ Is Alive!*

**\*Opening Prayer**

Scripture Reading

II Corinthians 8:1-9, 9:6-8, Sandy Norris

**\*Song**

*Enough*

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Choral Offertory

*Fill Me Up/Overflow Medley (Tasha Cobbs), Gospel Choir*

*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

**Whole-Life Generosity**

**Pastor Anne Vining**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*We invite all who follow Jesus as Lord to receive and celebrate  
the sacrament of Holy Communion with us.*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*The Apostles' Creed*

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

**\*Closing Hymn 222**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

**\*Sending Words**

Postlude

*In Christ There is No east or West (arr. M. Burkhardt)*

*Prayer time for health and wholeness is offered in the Prayer Chapel following Worship.*

*If you temporarily leave the sanctuary during a Worship service, please return to your seats  
using the rear sanctuary doors. This will minimize disruptions. Thank you for understanding.*

## **TODAY**

*Welcome to Worship at First Covenant Church! Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, we are glad you are here! Please join us for a cup of coffee and a treat during the Fellowship Time.*

**9:30am**

**Worship**

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

**Children's Church**, children pre-k through 2nd grade are dismissed with leaders during Worship and will return with leaders during communion, *Room 104*.

**Resource Table for children and youth:** Stop by this table as you enter Worship for bulletins, crayons & Bibles for children, and Confirmation worship notes.

**10:30-11:00am**

**Fellowship Time**, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

**10:40-11:00am**

**Youth Group Music Lessons**, *Graffiti Room* - Questions? See Richard or Addin

**11:00am-12:00pm**

**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)*

**Confirmation**, *Graffiti Room*

**Spiritual Growth Hour options for adults and 9th graders - young adults:**

Two amazing seminars to set you on the right path financially - whether you have "been around the block a few times" or you're "just getting started." Choose one of these seminars to participate in and grow!

**1. Adults: "Financial Wellness: Talking About Money in Light of Faith"** with our own Erik Carlson, Covenant Trust representative. There are many different dimensions to wellness: spiritual, physical, emotional, and financial. To be whole in all areas of our lives, our financial lives need to be well too. Erik will explore taking care of yourself and those you love, investing early, and giving back. *Upper Fellowship Hall*

**2. 9th grade - young adults: "Jump \$tart My Dreams to Reality."** Shalonda Flowers, a Certified Financial Ambassador, will guide you. This is an interactive fun time as you learn about savings, budgeting, managing your allowance or paycheck, and navigating credit cards. *Game Room*

## **NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 15**

**9:30am Worship**

Join us as we hear a live update from the Como family who is serving in Honduras.

**11:00am Spiritual Growth Hour, options for youth and adults:**

**Adults:** "The Gospel, Grace and Giving", led by our Generous Giving and Living Team.

**9th-12th Graders:** "Thinking Theologically About Science". Bethel University is excited to offer the opportunity to have a "Living the Questions" Youth Crew lead a discussion about science & faith. Come with an open mind and heart to learn. *Graffiti Room*

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

**Today we begin our Overflow Series.** If you have not picked up your Spring 2018 Guidebook, they are at the Welcome Center and also the east entry kiosk. Thanks to Nate Stromberg for creating the Overflow Series artwork.

**Congratulations to Audra and Clark Field in the birth of Shaun Andrew Field.** Shaun was born 5 weeks early on March 31 and joins big brother Adam. We praise God for this new life and that Shaun is doing well! Audra, our Director of Administration, will be on maternity leave until June. In her absence, questions can be directed to Tom Cameron, tom@first-covenant.org., or the church office.

**Welcome Micah Robert Makosky!** Micah was born to Kate and Dan Makosky on March 28 and joins his big brother Alex. Kate, our Minister of Youth and Families and Communications will be on maternity leave until July 10. Please direct any Youth and Family Ministry related questions to Addin Vang, Associate Minister of Youth and Families and Worship at addin@first-covenant.org. Questions about communications can be sent to the church office.

**Thank you to all who donated to Covenant World Relief during Lent.** The total came to \$2,631!

**Misa Criolla (our Good Friday Concert) DVD's:** sign up at the Welcome Center to order a DVD of Misa Criolla. Each DVD costs \$10, which will help support FCC future musical events. Please pay with cash or a check written out to First Covenant Church. Please pick up your DVD at the Welcome Center the following Sunday. Thanks for your support!

**Stay connected:** Weekly worship bulletins and podcasts of each week's message can be found on the church website under the Worship and Arts tab. Stop by the Welcome Center to order a CD of any Worship Service. The current Adult Spiritual Growth Hour series is not being recorded due to the format of the discussion groups.

## THIS WEEK

**Wednesday, April 11 - programs resume!** After a two week break, all of our usual Wednesday afternoon and evening programs start up again. Please join us for the next 6 weeks until we conclude on May 16.

**Glad Tidings Choir Concert "Journey to the Light", Friday, April 13, 7:00pm, FCC Sanctuary**  
Come and enjoy this 12th Annual Spring Concert. Sharon Carlson, (former FCC choir director), is the director, and two of our members, Don Pelto and Dale Pearson, sing in this choir. The concert is free, however, a goodwill offering will be received at the close of the concert. A reception will follow. Questions? Contact Richard Voth.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Pastor Anne's 15th Anniversary of ministry at FCC, Sunday, April 22, 10:45-11:00am**  
*Upper Fellowship Hall*

Everyone is invited to join us for a brief celebration as we celebrate Pastor Anne during Fellowship Time and directly before the enlightening Congregational Forum.

**All Church Cleaning Day, Saturday, April 28, 8:00am-12:00pm, First Covenant Church**  
If you're interested in helping our church building look its best, we invite you to join us for this fun and productive day. Weather permitting, there will be indoor and outdoor tasks suitable for adults and youth. Coffee, treats, and cleaning supplies will be provided. Please sign up at the Welcome Center desk.

## SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH GOING TO CHIC

**26 senior high students** will be attending CHIC the week of July 14-20, 2018. CHIC is the Covenant Denomination's triennial youth conference in Knoxville, TN. Thank you for the ways you have been, and will continue to show your support!

**CHIC Dessert and Auction - Saturday, April 21, 6:30pm, First Covenant Church**  
Save the date for our CHIC Dessert and Auction! Tickets will be on sale today, following worship. Do you have something that is auction-worthy? We are on the lookout for events, services, and goods (new or very gently used) that can help support our auction. If you have something that you would like to donate, contact Bill or Janel Haider or fill out the online form here: <https://goo.gl/forms/IBvFW2tWCSFdaXdE2>.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

**A Faith-Filled Response to Mental Illness and Recovery, Thursday, April 19, 7:00--9:00pm**  
*Hope Community Church, 707 10th Ave S, Minneapolis*  
All are welcome to attend a forum addressing the calling of the Church to care for people and their families who are struggling with common mental health concerns. Experts will discuss the role of medical intervention alongside prayer and scripture, and ways to diminish the stigma of mental illness. The event is free and open to the public. To register: [info@transformmn.org](mailto:info@transformmn.org). Contact Rachel Hanks about carpool options.

**Casting Our Nets; Saving Our Community Breakfast, Thursday, April 26, 7:00am**  
*Saint Paul Federal Credit Union (1330 Conway Street).*  
Our partner, Family Values for Life is hosting their annual fundraising breakfast with guest speaker, Melvin Carter, Mayor of Saint Paul. All are invited - there is no cost. Please RSVP by April 20 to Rhonda Graham at (651) 774-6663 or [Rhonda.fvfl@gmail.com](mailto:Rhonda.fvfl@gmail.com).

## TEAM WORLD VISION OPPORTUNITIES

Have you wanted to participate in a World Vision Marathon for Clean Water but were daunted by the thought of running a marathon or seeking sponsors? Then, World Vision's 2018 Global 6K for Water event is for you!

6 kilometers is the average distance that people in the developing world walk for water. **On Saturday, May 19th**, First Covenant Church of Saint Paul will join thousands of participants around the globe to run OR walk 6K (3.2 miles) to bring life-changing clean water to communities in need. Each participant's registration fee of \$50 provides life-changing clean water for one person for **LIFE**. (Fund raising is not required, but won't be turned down.) We will begin and end at First Covenant, with the route winding through the neighborhood. Check-in is at 9:30am with the 6K beginning at 10am. For more information contact Christine Tharseo [ctharseo@gmail.com](mailto:ctharseo@gmail.com) 651-325-1861, or visit the TWV table following Worship. <https://www.teamworldvision.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=9611>

Plan ahead: For those who want to go farther with Team World Vision: **Half Marathon is August 4; the Full Marathon (Twin Cities Marathon) is October 7.** Group training begins April 14th (starting from "couch" fitness level and gradually building from there), but you can sign up at any time throughout the season. For more information, contact Sarah Carpenter, [carpenter.tfl@gmail.com](mailto:carpenter.tfl@gmail.com), 540-454-9557 or visit: [www.teamworldvision.org](http://www.teamworldvision.org)