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August 13, 2017

10:30 a.m.

Gathering Time

Passing of the Peace

Greeting

There are no Connect Cards this Sunday.

Invitation to Worship

*Opening Hymn

Come, All Christians, Be Committed

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Psalm 47: 1-9, Lionus Lo

Haggai 1: 1-14, Carolyn Oliver

*Songs

*Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord
Hungry*

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Offertory

I Can Only Imagine (Bart Millard)

Anja Swenson, guitar and vocals

Message

Distracted Living

Dr. Dean Erickson

*Closing Song

I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

*Sending Words
Postlude

Please find Pastor Tom Cameron following Worship if you need prayer for wholeness or healing.

TODAY

Welcome to Worship at First Covenant Church! Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, we are glad you are here.

Today we welcome back our guest teacher Dr. Dean Erickson, who was also our speaker this past June. Dr. Erickson is professor of Biblical Studies and Chair of Biblical, Theological and Ministry Studies at Crown College. He has been attending our church since this past fall along with his family, and he happens to be Richard Voth's cousin.

Our Prophet of the day is Haggai. After the Babylonian exile, the Jews began to rebuild the temple but allowed the work to stop while they rebuilt their own houses instead. Because of their failure to put God first, they were not enjoying His blessing in the land. Haggai urges the people to finish the temple because of God's promise that it would be filled with glory. After chastening the people for their contamination, Haggai closes with a promise of future blessing.

10:30am

Worship, *Outside on the south lawn, (weather permitting)*
Nursery Care, (birth through age 3), *Rooms 105 & 106*

11:30am

Potluck, *the serving lines are in Upper Fellowship Hall*

All are welcome to join us for lunch, whether or not you were able to bring food today. Please follow the lines and get your food in Upper Fellowship Hall, and find a place to sit here on the south lawn or in the Game Room.

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

Sunday, August 20, NOON, Baptism Service at Lake Phalen Beach

Following Worship at FCC next Sunday, join with your church family at the lake as we celebrate the sacrament of baptism of 6th grader, Samuel Bryant. Angela Briggs will be reaffirming her baptism vows.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

July's Tithes and Offerings ended at 97% with a -\$17,312 gap for the fiscal year to date. Our August giving budget of \$54,778 is added to that amount. As of August 8th, \$10,928 has been received, so the need is now \$61,162 to meet our giving commitments for this fiscal year that ends August 31st. We are grateful for your continued generosity.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Stay connected: Stop by the Welcome Center to order a CD of any worship service. Weekly worship bulletins and podcasts of each week's message can be found on the church website under the Worship and Arts tab.

We need your input! For the first time in eleven years, Christmas Eve is on a Sunday. First Covenant Church will be having a single service that day, but we would like your input to help us decide if this will be a 10:30am or a 4:00pm Christmas Eve Worship Service. Please either use the poll that was e-mailed out as an all church email earlier this week or cast your vote in writing at the Welcome Center this morning. Please only vote one time. Thank you!

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of Julie Thell, who passed away on August 3. Julie was a previous custodian here at FCC. Her memorial service will be held at First Covenant Church on Wednesday, August 16 at noon, with a visitation at 11:00am. God's peace to those on a journey through loss and grief.

Sankofa is an intergenerational, immersive, and intentional road trip of reconciliation. Our First Covenant Church Summer 2017 Sankofa Team is traveling through Minneapolis, Milwaukee and Chicago this weekend through Tuesday, August 15. Please keep them in your prayers as they build relationships and grow in understanding of reconciliation. Participants: Addin Vang, Galen Carlson, Jim Hinrichs, Jon Fure, Kate Makosky, Marilyn Theesfeld, Michelle Fure, Rebecca Robinson, Susan Carlson, Tanya Garcia, Allianna Garcia-Barros, Elijah Lokensgard-Wallace, Jasmine Davison, Sam David, and Sylvester Garcia-Barros. For trip updates and resources, go to the First Covenant Church Facebook page.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Children & Youth Volunteer Training , Wednesday, August 23, 6:00-8:00pm
Upper Fellowship Hall

All Children(pre-k-6th) & Youth volunteers need to attend our next training, "Creating Safety." Please watch the "Creating Safety" module and come ready to debrief. Please eat dinner before you come. If you have any questions, please contact Kate Makosky or Donovan DeGaetano

Back to School Celebration Volunteers Needed, Wednesday, Aug 30, 3:30-7:30pm
Bruce Vento Elementary School, 409 Case Ave. E. St. Paul, MN

FCC is recruiting 18 to 20 registration volunteers for this free back-to-school supplies event hosted by Family Values For Life. The expectation is to give away 2500 backpacks! Sign-up at the Welcome Center if you are willing to help with registration. If you have information about interpreters for Karen or Somali languages indicate that, too. Questions? Contact Donovan DeGaetano (donovan@first-covenant.org) or Phil Erickson (philipaxel1662@gmail.com).

School supplies needed for the Back to School Celebration Event!

Lists of needed supplies and the donation bin to place them in are at the Welcome Center. We need your help to fill all of these backpacks! Financial donations are also welcome. Questions: familyvaluesforlife@gmail.com, 651-774-6663.

OPPORTUNITIES JUST FOR YOUTH - THIS WEEK

Tacky Prom (incoming 7th - exiting 12th graders), Wednesday, August 16, 5:30-8:00pm
Voth's Home, 3264 Lexington Avenue N., Shoreview, MN

It's time to bust a move! Head on over to the Voth's household for our annual night of fun, festivities and suspenders - it's Tacky Prom! We will have wacky tournaments, funny games and a great night to close out the summer with friends and mentors. Dinner provided. Questions? Contact Addin Vang, Summer Youth Intern.

Youth Ministry "Donuts and Jesus" (incoming 7th - exiting 12th graders)

Thursdays, August 17 and 24, 10:00-11:30am, Phalen Park Pavilion, 1600 Phalen Drive
Bring your Bible and join us as we learn what Jesus has to say about the big questions of our faith and how that impacts our life. Donuts included. This event will be held, rain or shine! Questions? Contact Addin Vang.

PARTNER EVENTS

OVC (Overcomer's Victory Church) Praise & Worship Team Concert

Thursday, August 17, 7:00pm

Overcomer's Victory Church, 663 Como Ave. St. Paul, MN, 55103

You are invited to come share in this awesome musical worship experience of promoting the anticipated release of this new album project! Admission is free, so come ready, with an open heart and mind to praise and worship the Lord with us! Steve Pittman, our FCC Gospel Choir Director, is the producer and director of this project, and Chrissy Thomas, our After-School Program Director and accompanist with the FCC Gospel Choir, is a producer. Both of these friends will be performing live with the team.

Haitian Christian Fellowship Revival, Sunday, August 20-Sunday, August 27, 6-9pm

Lower Fellowship Hall

From Pastor Lidovik, Pastor of our partner church, Haitian Christian Fellowship: "Several years ago to this present date, each year Haitian Christian Fellowship has had an event to reach out the people in the community of Eastside Saint Paul. This year, we are planning to do it again as it pleases the Lord. HCF cordially invites you to join us! The theme of the Revival is: Man, where are you? Genesis 3:7-9. We strongly believe the Lord is desperately seeking for the hearts of the ones that He loves unconditionally. We will have a Speaker from Haiti. Every night we will have snacks and the last day will end with a big and delicious meal which will be at 4:30 pm. Please help us extend the invitation. Many thanks! We look forward to seeing you there. Enjoy the Summer. "

Back to School Celebration Event, Wednesday, August 30, 4:30-7:00pm

Bruce Vento Elementary School, 409 Case Ave. E. St. Paul, MN

Do you need school supplies for your children? Every student (pre-K through 12th grade), is guaranteed a backpack and school supplies. No pre-registration is required, but you need to have each child present with you when you register and pick up your backpack (s). This annual event also includes community resources/East Side businesses, family fun-filled activities, games and free food. For more information: contact Family Values for Life, familyvaluesforlife@gmail.com, 651-774-6663.