

ACT 2: FIRED UP



The Unstoppable Early Church

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August 14, 2016

10:30 a.m.

Gathering Time

Passing of the Peace

Greeting

Please complete the connect card and place in the offering.

Invitation to Worship

*Opening Hymn 600

We are God's People

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Faith Story

Christopher Penwell

*Songs

*Beautiful Things
Mighty to Save*

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Offertory

*We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise (arr. Mark Hays)
Pat Kohnen, Piano*

Scripture Reading

*Acts 23:12-35 (taken from *The Message*)
Marilyn Theesfeld and Doug Nelson*

Message

*"Look for the Helpers." Mr. Rogers
Rev. Jenna Frost*

Prayer of the People

*Closing Song

I Need You to Survive

*Sending Words

Postlude

Praise to the Lord (arr. M. Burkhardt)

***All who are able are invited to stand**

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.*

This morning we welcome our guest preacher, Rev. Jenna Frost. Jenna is a Covenant Pastor along with her husband Brad. They most recently served as interim co-pastors in Wichita, KS. Jenna grew up at FCC as Jenna Brand, and is thrilled to be back. In her spare time, she enjoys Minnesota summers, hiking and Food Network.

10:30am

Worship, Sanctuary

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

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.

11:30am

Fellowship Hour, Upper Fellowship Hall

12:00pm

9th Annual Rick Kline Prayer Walk and Baptism

Meet at the Lake Phalen Picnic Pavilion (northwest side of Lake Phalen)

Following Worship today, everyone is invited to join us for a picnic lunch, time of prayer, and baptism. Please bring a picnic lunch and drinks for yourself and/or your family.

Following lunch and a time of prayer, everyone is invited to walk to the beach for a short baptism celebration. Those who are able may choose to walk around Lake Phalen (about 3 miles) following the baptism. Maps are available at the Welcome Center.

Those being baptized today at Lake Phalen are:

Gabriel Wilson, who has been worshipping with us at FCC since he moved to St. Paul in November from Liberia.

Rosemary Peck, Rosemary's parents are Kate and Joel Peck, and her godparents are Lisa and Ryan Utecht.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Podcasts of Sunday messages can now be found on our church website: www.first-covenant.org/worship and arts/podcasts/launch media player.

CD's are available to order: If you would like a CD recording of a worship service, please sign up at the Welcome Center listing the date that you want. Look for your CD at the Welcome Center the following Sunday. There is no charge for these CD's.

Pantry Shower for the Peterson Family - Karl, Sue, Zachary and Jonathan Peterson, missionaries to Mexico City, are here for their one year home assignment and need our assistance in getting settled. We're throwing them a Pantry Shower to help stock their kitchen and household items. Please stop by the Welcome Center to see the list and check off what you'd like to bring. Just drop off your item(s) at the Welcome Center during the next few weeks! Questions? Contact Beth Norris, beth.norris@comcast.net, or 651-486-7556.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS IN AUGUST

Confirmation Orientation Meeting, Tuesday, August 16, 6:00-7:00pm

Upper Fellowship Hall

Ever thought about joining the Confirmation Journey? In Confirmation you encounter Christ, grow in faith and understanding, and deepen relationships with peers and teachers as we meet weekly. All incoming 7th graders and a parent or guardian who are planning on participating in Confirmation this coming year should plan on attending this informational meeting - dinner and childcare are provided. Please RSVP to Kate, kate@first-covenant.org, by TODAY.

Breakfast Club, Thursday, August 18, 10:30am-1:30pm (incoming 7th - exiting 12th graders)

Lake Phalen Pavilion, and the Swenson's home, 2800 Keller Parkway, Maplewood

This Thursday will be a little different as it is our last Breakfast Club of the summer. We will start out with our usual Bible Study at the Lake Phalen Pavilion, and will end up at the home of Anja and Liam Swenson where we will have lunch and swim in their pool. Questions? Contact Kate, kate@first-covenant.org.

Youth Group Music Lessons Resume, Sunday, August 21, 11:40am.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ALL

Summer Book Club, Wednesday, August 17, 7:00pm

Book: "The Justice Calling", by Bethany Hoang and Kristen Johnson

Home of Kirsten and Rick Bouwens, 921 Cottage Ave. E., St. Paul

Leader: Dick Johnson, barbanddickjohnson@q.com.

If interested in this last Book Club of the summer, please sign up at the Welcome Center. A limited number of the book will be available for purchase today at the Welcome Center.

Whole Church Retreat, August 19-21

Covenant Pines Bible Camp, McGregor, MN

Time is running out! Reservations are due TODAY! Fill out a brochure at the Welcome Center, or see someone at the Retreat Table after Worship. Still have questions? Contact Roger Quant, roger@first-covenant.org, or DD Peterson, ddpeterson07@comast.net.

First Covenant Church Annual Meeting, Sunday, September 4, 11:35am-12:15pm

Upper Fellowship Hall

Our Annual Meeting will be held directly after Worship. Plan to join us for this unique and informative Sunday, where we will look back with gratefulness, look forward with excitement and anticipation, and affirm our new members.

EVERY KID TO CAMP UPDATE

Our total need to be able to send everyone to camp is \$25,234.00. **We are so close to meeting our goal, as we only need \$512.48!** Please stop by the Camp Display in Upper Fellowship Hall to check our progress, or to pick up a giving envelope. The envelope with your gift can be placed in the offering, or in the Every Kid to Camp mailbox in the church office. Thank you for your generosity in ensuring that all kids who want to go to camp are able to attend!

FCC PARTNERING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

Adopt-a-Cop Prayer Ministry

Recently we were very encouraged to receive a letter of thanks from one of our officers. Our prayer volunteers pray and send a note of encouragement quarterly to 46 St. Paul police officers. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, or if you have questions, please contact Jan Mollet, Adopt a Cop Coordinator, rjmollet@gmail.com. For those already praying, our next note needs to be in the Adopt-a-Cop mailbox in the church office by September 11. Thank you for supporting our officers in this way!

First Covenant Church used as Ramsey County voting site

This past Tuesday, FCC was used as a voting site for the Minnesota Primary Elections. We are grateful to be able to use our building for community needs.

Family Values for Life Golf Classic, Monday, August 22, 8:00am

Phalen Golf Course, 1615 Phalen Drive, St. Paul

(This event was rescheduled due to rain)

Consider playing golf, or being a sponsor in this fundraising event for our partner, Family Values for Life. Proceeds from this event will go directly toward the Clyde Turner Basketball Camps held each summer. Lunch and awards will be held at First Covenant Church at 1:30pm, following the event. For more information or to sign up, pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center or register online: www.familyvaluesforlife.org.

Team World Vision's 6K for Water, Saturday, August 27, 9:00am

White Bear Lake

We now have an official First Covenant Church of St. Paul team for Team World Vision's 6K for Water! Young and old, fast and slow, walkers, runners, and those with strollers are all invited to journey 3.5+ miles in support of World Vision's work to provide clean water to parts of Africa.

To sign up: <http://www.teamworldvision.org>, look for 6K for Water - Twin Cities.

Our team name is: First Cov St Paul, team captain is Kara Stromberg. Questions?

Contact karastromberg@gmail.com, or pick up a postcard at the Welcome Center.

Family Values Back-to-School Celebration Event, Wednesday, August 31, 4:30-7:30pm

Bruce Vento Elementary School, 409 Case Avenue, St. Paul

This event includes free school supplies, community resources, haircuts, games, food and more. **Children must be present to receive school supplies.** A donation bin is by the Welcome Center where you can donate new school supplies. Today at the table in Upper Fellowship Hall, you will have the opportunity to sign up to help on August 31 with registration. For more information, contact Judie Ramsey, judrams@yahoo.com.

Summer Worship on the Lawn August 28 at 10:30 am

Sunday, August 28th, is our outdoor worship, starting at 10:30 am. We will meet on the south lawn, under the trees. Please bring a blanket or lawn chairs (some chairs will be provided) and a dish to share for the potluck that follows. Sharing in a meal provides us with a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new ones as we celebrate our life in Christ together.

Please bring a dish to share for the potluck:
last names starting with...

A-M bring a main dish

N-Z bring a side dish of either a salad or fruit or veggie tray

Dessert, chips and bread items will be provided.

Beverages will be provided as well as plates, cups, napkins and silverware.

In case of rain we will be meeting in Upper Fellowship Hall for worship and the potluck.

Volunteers are needed to help in the following ways:

set-up chairs and sound equipment, set-up/food prep, preparing beverages, servers, set-up/take-down of tables and chairs and clean-up. This is the perfect opportunity to offer hospitality and lend a hand in a practical way. If you are available and can assist us with any of these needs, we'd love for you to sign up at the Welcome Center!

Any questions please contact: Richard Voth, richard@first-covenant.org or Deb Carlson, dbcarlson07@gmail.com, 651-260-4053.