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August 20, 2017

10:30 a.m.

Gathering Time

Passing of the Peace

Greeting

*Please complete the Connect Card and place it in the offering plate if you are a visitor,
have a prayer request or have a change of address.*

Invitation to Worship

*Opening Hymn 636

All Things Are Yours!

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Ministry Highlight

Sankofa

*Songs

*God of This City
You Are Holy*

Scripture Reading

Malachi 3: 6-12, Isabel Patrick

Message

Disappointment
Pastor Anne Vining

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Choral Offertory

Offertory (John Ness Beck)

Prayer of the People

*Closing Hymn 625

I Then Shall Live

*Sending Words

Postlude

If Thou But Suffer God (arr. Paul Manz)

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.

This morning we conclude our summer sermon series on the Minor Prophets as we look at Zechariah and Malachi.

10:30am

Worship, Sanctuary

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

11:30am

Fellowship Hour, Upper Fellowship Hall

Please join us for coffee and treats!

12:00pm

Baptism Service at Lake Phalen Beach

Following Worship today, 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. Directions: take Arcade Street north to Wheelock Pkwy east and then turn left into the beach parking lot. If the lot is full, you can park near the corner of Ivy and Earl. Due to construction, you cannot get to the park from Maryland and Johnson Pkwy.

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 10:30am

Join us next Sunday for an exciting worship service! We will hear from Gary and Pauline Carlson, Covenant Missionaries supported by First Covenant Church. The Carlsons have been serving in Japan for over 33 years and are on home assignment this year. Our Gospel Choir will also be singing.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of August 16th, Tithes and Offerings received for August total \$20,291. The current need is \$51,800 to meet our giving commitments for the fiscal year that ends August 31. 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.

Welcome Addin Vang!

We are excited to announce that Addin Vang is our new Associate Minister of Youth and Families and Worship. Addin graduated from Bethel University this spring with a BA in Sociocultural Studies with an emphasis in Global and Urban Missions. Addin has been serving this summer as our Youth and Family Ministries Summer Intern. We are excited for Addin to transition into this new role and continuing to grow in ministry here at FCC.

We need your input! Deadline is tonight! 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. We ask that you only vote one time. Thank you!

THIS WEEK

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

Lower Fellowship Hall

All are invited to join our partner church for this week long revival, including a speaker from Haiti. The last day will start with a meal at 4:30pm.

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, contact Kate Makosky or Donovan DeGaetano.

Last Youth Ministry "Donuts and Jesus" of the summer, (incoming 7th - exiting 12th graders)

Thursday, August 24, 10:00-11:30am

Swenson's Home, 2800 Keller Parkway, Maplewood, MN

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! Bring your swimsuit and towel! Questions? Contact Addin Vang.

Gospel Choir Rehearsal, Thursday, August 24, 6:00-7:00pm, Choir Room

All are invited to join us as we prepare to sing in Worship on August 27. Schedules and CDs are available at the Welcome Center. Questions? Contact Steve Pittman, Gospel Choir Director, steve@first-covenant.org.

Family Newcomb Ball—cancelled. The final Family Newcomb Ball Night is cancelled.

If you have any questions, please contact Donovan DeGaetano.

BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION EVENT

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. 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.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD TO FALL

Sunday, September 3

10:30am, Worship: We look back at the past year and celebrate God's work in and through First Covenant Church in Worship.

11:30am-12:00pm, Annual Reports handed out along with the draft budget.

Sunday, September 10

9:30am, Worship: Kickoff to fall worship: *What Does It Mean To Follow Jesus. Seriously.*

11:00am-12:00pm, Conclusion of our Annual Meeting. Youth gather to get information about CHIC and the MEA Retreat.

12:00pm, Special treats and tours of the newly renovated parsonage!

Wednesday, September 13

9:30am, Adult Bible Study kicks off.

5:45-6:15pm, Free dinner for all from our partner, Loaves and Fishes.

6:15-7:30pm, Open House for children, youth and adults to learn about different opportunities this year. Register and meet your amazing leaders! Sanctuary Choir meets.

Wednesday, September 20, 4:00pm, After-School Program Volunteers Needed!

The After School Program will be kicking off another year of Wednesday programming for our children and youth. We are seeking volunteers in the area of gym activities, one-on-one mentoring, homework help and more. For more information visit the Welcome Center or e-mail Chrissy Thomas, Christian.familyvaluesforlife@gmail.com.