

# life in EXILE

---



## A STUDY OF THE MINOR PROPHETS

first covenant church of saint paul ~ 1280 arcade street ~ saint paul, mn 55106  
(651)774-0344 ~ [www.first-covenant.org](http://www.first-covenant.org)  
[office@first-covenant.org](mailto:office@first-covenant.org)

# LIFE IN EXILE: A STUDY OF THE MINOR PROPHETS

**August 27, 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 693

*Fill the Earth with Music*

\*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Ministry Highlight

The Bryants

Scripture Reading

Psalm 24: 1-6, 10, Deb Berger  
Philippians 1: 3-8, Josh Holm

\*Songs

*God of Wonders*  
*He Who Began A Good Work (Jon Mohr)*

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Offertory

*Traditional Gospel Medley, Gospel Choir*

Message

God's Good Work

Gary and Pauline Carlson, guest speakers

Prayer of the People

\*Closing Hymn 685

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

\*Sending Words

Postlude

*March (Johann Josef Fux)*

*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.***

### **Sending the Bryants to Paraguay**

Aaron and Becky Bryant have been members of First Covenant Church since 2012. Convinced that no one should live and die without hearing God's good news, Aaron and Becky, along with their five boys, are in the process of raising support to work as missionaries in the unreached areas of rural Paraguay. They will go through SIM, an interdenominational mission organization that serves in over 70 countries. We are thrilled to be the Bryants' sending church and look forward to partnering together to bring the gospel to Paraguay. For more information, contact either Aaron or Becky Bryant, [aaron.bryant@sim.org](mailto:aaron.bryant@sim.org) [becky.bryant@sim.org](mailto:becky.bryant@sim.org). Sign up for the Bryant's newsletter: <http://eepurl.com/cVUJNv>.

### **Supporting the Carlsons in Japan**

Today we welcome Gary and Pauline Carlson as our guest speakers. The Carlsons have been Covenant long term missionaries in Japan for over 33 years, and First Covenant Church is one of their supporting churches. Their ministry includes church planting, theological education, evangelism and outreach. Currently Gary and Pauline are on home assignment.

**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!

## LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NEXT TWO SUNDAYS

### **Sunday, September 3/ Looking Back**

**10:30am, Worship:** We celebrate God's work in and through our life together.

**11:30am-12:00pm, Congregational Forum:** Annual Reports handed out. Proposed 2017-2018 budget is introduced.

### **Sunday, September 10/Looking Ahead**

**9:30am, Worship:** Kickoff to fall worship theme:

*What Does It Mean To Follow Jesus. Seriously.*

**11:00am-12:00pm, Annual Meeting.** Youth gather to get information about fall.

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

## 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.

**Whole Church Retreat:** This weekend over 50 folks from our church family are at the First Covenant Church's Whole Church Retreat, held at Covenant Pines Bible Camp, our Covenant Denomination-owned camp in McGregor, MN. Please keep them in your prayers as they are returning later today.

**Whereabouts of our Ministry Team:** Today Kate Makosky is preaching at Roots Covenant Church in St. Paul. Addin Vang, Donovan DeGaetano, Juan Perez and Judy Kline are at the Whole Church Retreat.

**2017 September/October Calendars:** Make sure that you receive a First Covenant Church Fall Calendar as you leave Worship today, so that you can keep up on all of the exciting things that will be happening this fall.

**Extra Yellow Fall Kick-Off Schedules** are available at the Welcome Center. Pick them up and share with others!

**The church office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 3.**

**Alley Shoppe Update:** Because of major sewer damage in May, the Alley Shoppe will not be ready to re-open in September. They will let us know when they are ready to re-open and we will let you know. In the meantime, please donate your household and clothing items elsewhere. The Alley Shoppe is a neighborhood partner organization, held in Arlington Hills Lutheran Church that provides free clothing and household items to eligible families in Ramsey County.

## SPECIAL INVITATION

**Haitian Christian Fellowship Church Revival, Tonight, 6:00-9:00pm**

*Lower Fellowship Hall*

All are welcome to join our partner church tonight for the conclusion of the revival, including a speaker from Haiti. Tonight's revival will start with a large meal at 4:30pm, to which we are all invited.

# 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, games and free food. More information: Family Values for Life, [familyvaluesforlife@gmail.com](mailto: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 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.

Questions? Contact Donovan DeGaetano ([donovan@first-covenant.org](mailto:donovan@first-covenant.org)) or Phil Erickson ([philipaxel1662@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:familyvaluesforlife@gmail.com), 651-774-6663.

## WEDNESDAYS THIS FALL

### **Wednesday, September 6**

**6:15-8:00pm**, Children and Youth Volunteer Training, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

This session is for all those who will be volunteering in the nursery or with children or youth.

**5:45-6:15pm**, Make up session for those who have missed any of the training in August.

Dinner will be served for all. Please RSVP with your ministry leader.

### **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**, Regular Wednesday evening programming begins.

## **After-School Program Volunteers Needed!**

Our After School Program will be kicking off another year of Wednesday programming for our children and youth starting on September 20. 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](mailto:Christian.familyvaluesforlife@gmail.com).

## **Dinner Volunteers Needed!**

Would you be able to help prep, serve and/or clean up on one Wednesday night a month with our partner Loaves and Fishes? Times needed are between 4:30-6:45pm, or whatever time you can give. We have a great time and it is a wonderful way to give of your time without it being a large commitment. We also need someone to consistently run the dishwasher, now that our past dishwasher has gone off to college. For more information, contact Judy Kline, Wednesday Dinner Coordinator, [judy@first-covenant.org](mailto:judy@first-covenant.org).