

# ACT 2: FIRED UP



The Unstoppable Early Church

ACTS 15-28

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**August 7, 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 608

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

\*Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

*Acts 22:30 - 23:11(From The Message)  
Sam David and Rachel Hanks*

\*Song

*Because He Lives (Amen)*

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

*Backpack Event, Judie Ramsey*

Offertory

*Intermezzo in A Major (J. Brahms)  
Greta Norris, Piano*

Message

**Take Courage!**  
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 Apostle's Creed*

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

\*Hymn 455

*Be Still My Soul*

\*Sending Words

Postlude

*O Jesus, Grant Us Hope and Comfort (arr. J.W. Franck)*

**\*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.*

**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, and worship notes for Confirmation students.

**11:30am**

**Fellowship Hour, Upper Fellowship Hall**

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

**During Richard's absence following his neck surgery**, we are grateful to the following people who led worship the past 2 Sundays: Jeff Norris, Kay Jacobson, Rod Scofield and Ted Ryden. Richard plans to be back to work this Tuesday, August 9.

**Youth Group Music Lessons will resume on Sunday, August 21, at 11:40am.**

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

**FCC Summer calendars** can be found at the Welcome Center and on our church website: [www.first-covenant.org/calendar](http://www.first-covenant.org/calendar).

**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.

**We are grateful to be able to be a host site** for First Baptist Church, Cambridge, MN, as they volunteer with our partner, the Union Gospel Mission this week. The group will be staying overnight here at FCC, Thursday-Saturday.

## NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

**Worship, 10:30am**, with Jenna Brand as our guest preacher.

**9th Annual Rick Kline Prayer Walk and Baptism, 12:00pm**

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

The 9th Annual Rick Kline Prayer Walk and Baptism will be held following worship.

The Prayer Walk is held annually for all to attend, to fellowship, eat lunch together, and have group prayer. One focus of our prayers will be on cancer, as it has affected each of us in some way or another. Please bring a picnic lunch and drinks for yourself and/or your family. Everyone is invited to walk to the beach for a short baptism celebration for Gabriel Wilson and Rosemary Peck. Those who are able may choose to walk around Lake Phalen (about 3 miles) following the baptism. Please join us, all are welcome!

## UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS IN AUGUST

**Tacky Prom, Wednesday, August 10, 6:00-8:00pm** (incoming 7th - exiting 12th graders)  
*Home of Richard, Victoria, Francine and Ryan Voth, 3264 Lexington Ave. N, Shoreview, MN*  
You're invited to an evening of dinner, dancing, and tacky stylings. A fun and great way to close out our summer! Sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board by Sunday, August 7. Meet at First Covenant at 5:45 if you need a ride. Cost is \$5. Questions? Contact Kate, [kate@first-covenant.org](mailto:kate@first-covenant.org).

**Breakfast Club, Thursdays, August 11 and 18 , 10:30am** (incoming 7th - exiting 12th graders)  
*Lake Phalen Pavilion*  
Doughnuts and Jesus. Join us on Thursdays as we study the Bible together, learning and growing in our faith in Jesus together. See you there! Questions? Contact Kate, [kate@first-covenant.org](mailto:kate@first-covenant.org).

**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](mailto:kate@first-covenant.org), by Sunday, August 14.

## 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](mailto: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 at the Welcome Center.

**Whole Church Retreat, August 19-21**

*Covenant Pines Bible Camp, McGregor, MN*

**Time is running out! Reservations are due August 14.** Pick up 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](mailto:roger@first-covenant.org), or DD Peterson, [ddpeterson07@comast.net](mailto:ddpeterson07@comast.net).

## EVERY KID TO CAMP UPDATE

Our total need to be able to send everyone to camp is \$25,234.00. **We are close to meeting our goal, as we only need \$712.48!** 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!

## PARTNER EVENTS

### **Urban Roots Open House, Wednesday, August 10, 4:00-6:30pm**

*463 Maria Avenue, St. Paul*

Come and see what Urban Roots, our "garden partner", is all about. Eat fresh wood fired pizza, talk to interns, play games and win prizes. This is a free community event, with free food, and everyone is invited.

### **Family Values for Life Golf Classic, Thursday, August 11, 8:00am**

*Phalen Golf Course, 1615 Phalen Drive, St. Paul*

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](http://www.familyvaluesforlife.org).

### **Haitian Christian Fellowship Revival, August 11-14, 5:30-8:30pm**

*First Covenant Church, Lower Fellowship Hall*

Pastor Lidovik Pierre invites us all to participate in a revival, planned by our building partner Haitian Christian Fellowship, which will be held at FCC for 4 nights in a row. The text for this year is John 14:1-6, and the theme is: *Do you have your reservation yet?*

### **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](mailto: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.** The donation bin is by the Welcome Center where you can donate new school supplies. You will also have to opportunity to sign up to volunteer with registration.

For more information, contact Judie Ramsey, [judrams@yahoo.com](mailto:judrams@yahoo.com).