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KINSHIP

February 4, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Gathering Time

Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Worship

If you are a visitor, have a prayer request or have a change of address, please note this on a Connect Card found in the pew pockets. Place it in the offering plate.

*Opening Hymn 579, vs 1,2,3,5

The Church's One Foundation

*Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:11-22, Katie Flanagan, Sam David

*Song

The New Song We Sing

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Choral Offertory

We Are God's People (B.J. Leech arr. H. Stevenson)

Children in grades pre-k through 2nd grade are invited to continue worshipping in Children's Church. After the offertory, please meet the teachers in the back of the Sanctuary.

Message

KINSHIP: Welcome to our family!
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

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*Closing Hymn 575

Now Let Us from This Table Rise

*Sending Words

Postlude

Marche Triumphant (Walter Sassmannshaysen)

*Stand if you are able

Prayer Time for health and wholeness is offered in the Prayer Chapel following Worship.

If you temporarily leave the sanctuary during a worship service, please return to your seats using the rear sanctuary doors. This will minimize disruptions. Thank you for understanding.

TODAY

Welcome to Worship at First Covenant Church! Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, we are glad you are here! Please join us for a cup of coffee and a treat following Worship.

9:30am

Worship

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

Children's Church, children pre-k through 2nd grade are dismissed with leaders during Worship and will return with leaders for communion, *Room 104*

Resource Table for children and youth: check out this table as you enter Worship for bulletins, crayons & Bibles for children, and Confirmation worship notes.

10:30-11:00am

Fellowship Time, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

11:00am-12:00pm

Nursery Care (birth through age 3), *Room 105*

Children's Sunday School, *(all start in Room 104 together)*

Please pick up your children at 12:00pm in the following rooms:

Pre-K - K, *Room 106*

Grades 3-4, *Room 104B*

Grades 1-2, *Room 104A*

Grades 5-6, *Room 201 (upstairs)*

Youth (grades 7-12 not in musical), please join the Adult Spiritual Growth Hour today

Adult Spiritual Growth Hour, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

Our guest teacher today is Osheta Moore, the author of "Shalom Sistas". She is a podcaster, mother, and wife of Covenant pastor T.C. Moore at Roots Covenant Church in Saint Paul. She's passionate about racial reconciliation, peacemaking, and community development in the urban core. At the top of her bucket list is dancing in a flash mob.

11:00am-1:00pm

Beauty and the Beast Musical Rehearsal (grades 7-12), *Lower Fellowship Hall*

WEATHER ADVISORY INFORMATION

It's the season of ice, snow, and cold! In case Wednesday activities or Sunday Worship needs to be cancelled due to weather, alerts will be posted on the FCC website, the office voicemail, FCC Facebook, TV Channel 4, and TV Channel 9. Cancellations will be made by 3:00pm for Wednesday activities and by 6:00am for Sunday Worship.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Jonathan House: We will be continuing to update you with specific needs for the residents of Jonathan House, a residence for three asylum seekers located in the parsonage on our church property. There are no specific requests this week, but a bin is in place by the Welcome Center if you wish to contribute some household items, especially as they are announced in future Sunday bulletins. For any who are interested in volunteering to work directly with the residents, you will need to complete volunteer training. The next training is scheduled for Saturday, March 10, location to be announced. If you are interested in volunteering, being updated on requests for donations or wishing information on the training, you may sign up at the Welcome Center on the Jonathan House sign-up sheet.

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

THIS WEEK

Easter Choir, Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30pm, Choir Room

We are excited to announce the second year of the Ethnic Mass Concert Series for Good Friday, March 30. Last year, "Gospel Mass" was performed, written by African American composer and educator, Robert Ray, in the style of Gospel music. This year we will be performing the "Misa Criolla", written by Ariel Ramirez, an Argentine composer who used the melodies and rhythms of traditional Hispanic music. It is not too late! All are welcome to join this choir. Questions? Contact Richard Voth, richard@first-covenant.org.

Gospel Choir Rehearsal, Thursday, February 8, 6:00-7:30pm, Choir Room

All are invited to rehearse with us as we prepare to sing in Worship on Sunday, February 11. Questions? please contact Steve Pittman, Gospel Choir Director: steve@first-covenant.org.

NEXT WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 10-11

We welcome Pastor Paul Robinson who will join us this weekend during Black History Month to lead, preach, and teach on our theme of Kinship - Authentic Discipleship in a Fragmented World. If you have any questions about this weekend, please contact Sharla Scullen, sharlascullen7@gmail.com.

Saturday, February 10:

Leadership Retreat, 8:45am-1:00pm, Upper Fellowship Hall

Paul will work with church leadership - the leadership team and the ministry team, along with lay ministry team leaders and members - at the annual leadership retreat. **RSVP is due today.**

Sunday, February 11:

Worship, 9:30am, FCC Sanctuary

Pastor Paul Robinson will be our guest speaker in Worship and in Adult Spiritual Growth Hour. Next Sunday we also have the privilege to be introduced to, and FCC members will have the opportunity to affirm, those who desire to become members of this congregation. These individuals will have completed our Discovery Class and will have met with members of the Leadership Team. New members will then be officially welcomed into the life of FCC during Worship on Sunday, February 18. We encourage your engagement in affirming and welcoming our new members during the next two Sundays.

LENT BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 14

First Covenant Church Lent Guidebooks will be handed out by the ushers as you leave Worship today.

Stop by the Lent Resource Table in Upper Fellowship Hall to pick up devotionals and other resources to use as we enter the season of Lent.

Ash Wednesday Worship, February 14, 6:15-7:30pm, FCC Sanctuary

Join us for this intergenerational and intercultural worship service with the imposition of ashes. Childcare is available for ages birth through kindergarten.

Adult Lent Discussion Groups, Sundays, February 18, March 4, 11, 18

Join us as we discuss Walter Brueggemann's "Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now" in small group discussions. Existing Life Groups which have met at church on Sundays will serve as discussion groups for our Lenten study. Those who are not a part of a Life Group that meets on Sunday can sign up to join a Lent Discussion at the Lent Resource Table. Questions? Contact Pastor Tom Cameron at tom@first-covenant.org.

UPCOMING WEEKEND - LONG EVENTS

Trailblazer Retreat, February 16-18, (for kids in grades 5&6)

Covenant Pines Bible Camp - McGregor, MN

Come learn about God and have some winter fun at camp! The weekend will include fun in the snow, broomball, warm fires, great Chapel services, new friends, and delicious food. Registration is \$105/camper. Scholarships are available, if needed. You can register online at <https://covenantpines.org/trailblazer-retreat/>. If you would like to go as a counselor for the camp, or have questions regarding the retreat, please contact Donovan DeGaetano, donovan@first-covenant.org. **Deadline to sign up is today!**

First Covenant Church Adventurous Christians Winter Retreat, March 9-11,

Adventurous Christians Camp, Grand Marais, MN

Join us in the beautiful, snowy north woods of MN at our Covenant-owned camp! This retreat can be as active or relaxing as you want with skiing, hiking, snowshoeing, sauna, eating, reading, fellowship and worship. There is a sign up sheet and more information at the Welcome Center. Questions? Contact Mandy Griffin, mjkline@gmail.com.

Sankofa Registration is open!

Sankofa Dates: May 17-20, 2018

Departs from Chicago and tours historic Civil Rights sites of the South

If you would like to learn more about our history surrounding the Civil Rights movement do not delay! This popular and high-impact bus tour is a one-of-a-kind experience that will help you gain new insights. The Love Mercy Do Justice team at FCC would love to help you with a scholarship, find a partner, or answer any questions you may have.

Contact Susan Carlson, 651-247-8082. For more information or to register: covchurch.org/justice/racial-righteousness/Sankofa.