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# KINSHIP

January 21, 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 578

*Thank You, God, for Sisters, Brothers*

\*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Luke 10:25-37, Ysabel DeLeon

Ministry Highlight

Jonathan House, Jeannine Nordlund

\*Songs

*Love the Lord  
Mighty to Save*

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Choral Offertory

*Hope of the World (S. Drummond Wolff)*

*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: a costly invitation**  
Pastor Anne Vining

Closing Hymn 622, vs 1,4,5,6

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

\*Sending Words

Postlude

*Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus (arr. J. Bender)*

*Prayer Time for Health and Wholeness is offered in the Prayer Chapel following Worship.*

*\*You are invited to stand if you are able.*

*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.*

**The single rose this morning celebrates the arrival of Tyler Ignatius Muapoe.**  
*Tyler was born on January 15 to Olivia Johnson and Bookman Maupoe.*

**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 during the closing hymn, *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*

**CHIC Fundraising Meeting**, *Lower Fellowship Hall*

CHIC attendees and parents - please plan on joining us in Lower Fellowship Hall after Worship to meet with our CHIC Fundraising Team and go over needs and expectations for our upcoming fundraisers.

**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) Bible Study** with Pastor Anne, *Graffiti Room*

**Adult Spiritual Growth Hour**, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

Please join Pastor Tom as he leads a session titled "Radical Kinship". He will be continuing the Winter theme of "Kinship: Authentic Discipleship in a Fragmented World", by focusing on the book "Barking to the Choir: the Power of Radical Kinship", written by Father Gregory Boyle, Jesuit priest and founder of Homeboy Industries, world renowned ministry to street gang members in Los Angeles.

**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.

## **THIS WEEK**

**Easter Choir, Wednesdays, January 24 - March 28, 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. All are welcome to join this choir! Questions? Contact Richard Voth, richard@first-covenant.org.

**Gospel Choir Rehearsal, Thursday, January 25, 6:00-7:30pm, Choir Room**

All are invited to rehearse with us as we prepare to sing in Worship on Sunday, January 28. Questions? please contact Steve Pittman, Gospel Choir Director: steve@first-covenant.org.

**Guy's Night Out, Friday, January 26, 6:30pm, Upper Fellowship Hall**

The Saturday Morning Men's Bible study invites all men to a pizza and movie night this Friday. We will be watching "The Heart of Man" movie and have a short discussion afterward. The movie is a retelling of the Prodigal Son with true testimonies of personal brokenness and God's redeeming love. A \$5 optional donation for the pizza would be appreciated. If you have questions, please contact Bryan Norris, Jim Hinrichs, or Roger Carlson.

## **NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 28**

**CHIC Fundraiser: Cinnamon Roll Sale and Envelope Wall, 10:30-11:00am, Upper Fellowship Hall**

Help support our 22 senior highers attending CHIC two different ways on one great morning! Purchase a freshly baked cinnamon roll (or a whole plate!). An envelope wall is also available - purchase the envelope for it's face value and see if you've won a free gift inside. Please pay with cash or a check written out to First Covenant Church. CHIC is our 2018 Senior High Summer Trip to our denomination's triennial youth conference. Thank you for making this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity financially possible for our attendees! Questions? Contact Andrea McGee, amlbam@msn.com or Jeff Norris, jeffsandynorris@msn.com

**Congregational Forum, 11:00am-12:00pm, Upper Fellowship Hall**

Pastor Anne, Pastor Ted, and Pastor Tom are attending the Covenant's Midwinter Conference being held in Chicago next week, January 22nd through the 26th. During Spiritual Growth Hour on January 28th, they will host a congregational forum in Upper Fellowship Hall to report on important developments from the Conference, and to give you an opportunity to comment and ask questions. There are some important issues being weighed at this year's Midwinter, so we strongly encourage you to attend this forum.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

**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.

**Adventurous Christians Winter Retreat, March 9-11, Grand Marais, MN**

Join us in the beautiful, snowy northwoods of MN at our Covenant-owned camp! This retreat can be as active or relaxing as you want with skiing, hiking, snowshoeing, sauna, eating and more! Questions? Contact Mandy Griffin, mjcline@gmail.com. Sign up is at the Welcome Center.

## JONATHAN HOUSE UPDATE

Last September First Covenant Church began a partnership with International Association for Refugees (IAFR) to make our church parsonage available as a home for asylum seekers. This is the first asylum house to be established and has been christened Jonathan House. FCC is partnering with Awaken Covenant Church and St. Stephanus Lutheran Church to provide support. With the help of many volunteers from First Covenant the house was completely refurbished and IAFR volunteers gathered furniture and household items to prepare it for occupancy. At the end of November, the first resident moved in and by mid-December two other men had joined him.

### **Ways you can help:**

- A man is needed to help one of the residents learn to drive.
- The men also need boots (size 11 and 13), gloves, mittens, hats, (large or XL) as well as supplies: toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap, Head and Shoulders shampoo, mouthwash, Gillette Mach 3 razors, Gillette Shaving Cream (not gel), blender. Louise Wilson will be at the Welcome Center today with a sign up sheet. Please place these items in the bin at the Welcome Center when you bring them back. Thank you in advance for your generosity.
- An opportunity for connecting with the residents is an ongoing invitation on the third Saturday of the month for a potluck brunch from 10-11:30 at Jonathan House. The next one will be February 17th. We encourage you to attend.

If you have questions, please contact Louise Wilson, Tricia Sargent or Jeannine Nordlund.

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

**We extend our sympathies** to the family of Xiong Lo, who joined the church triumphant this past Thursday. Funeral details are pending. God's peace to those on a journey through loss and grief.

**The Covenant Midwinter 2018** is currently being held in Chicago. This is a time for ministry leaders - pastors, missionaries, chaplains, seminary students, retirees, spouses, and lay leaders - from throughout the world to gather for workshops, forums, training, and conversation for equipping for ministry and mission through the Evangelical Covenant Church denomination. Addin Vang and Donovan DeGaetano are attending Youth Workers Connection through January 22. Pastor Anne will be attending Midwinter January 22-25; Tom Cameron and Ted Nordlund will be attending January 22-26. If you are in need of pastoral care in their absence, please contact Roger Quant (612) 998-6727. Please be in prayer for our leaders, as well as the process of choosing a new president of our denomination.

**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.