



MAY INTEGRITY AND UPRIGHTNESS PROTECT ME  
BECAUSE MY HOPE, O LORD, IS IN YOU.

PSALM 25:21

# CHARACTER

**January 22, 2017**

**9:30 a.m.**

Gathering Time

Passing of the Peace

Greeting

*Please complete the connect card and place it in the offering plate.*

Invitation to Worship

\*Opening Hymn 408

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

\*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Ministry Highlight

MLK Partner Service Highlights

Mandy Griffin

Scripture Reading

Psalm 101:1-2, 26:1-3, 25:19-21, 41:11-13

Proverbs 2:6-8, 10:9, 11:3

\*Song

*In Christ Alone*

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Choral Offertory

*The Greatness of God* (arr. Ted Cornell)

*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

CHARACTER: Integrity  
Job 2:1-10, 27:1-5, 31:4-8

Pastor Anne Vining

Hymn of Response 88

*Be Still*

Prayer of the People

\*Closing Song

*Trust in You* (Laura Daigle)

\*Sending Words

Psalm 25:21

Postlude

*Guide Me Thou, Great Jehovah* (arr. Paul Manz)

\* 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 plate.*

**9:30am**

**Worship**

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

**Children's Church**, children pre-k - 2nd grade are dismissed with leaders during Worship and will return with leaders during the final song of Worship, Room 104.

**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.

**The 2017 First Covenant directory is available today.** The ushers will be passing them out as you leave the sanctuary after worship. One per household please.

**Thank you** to Tiffany Kline for putting together the MLK Partner Celebration slide show.

**10:30am**

**Fellowship Time**, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

**10:40am - No Youth Group Music Lessons until further notice.**

**11:00am**

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

**Sunday School**, (Pre-K - K), *Room 106*

**Oliver! Rehearsal**, (Gr. 1-6), *Lower Fellowship Hall*

**Confirmation**, *Game Room*

**Youth Sunday School**, (Gr. 7-12), *Graffiti Room*

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

Today we continue with the second of our four session series sponsored by the Gender and Sexuality Resource Team on, "Following Christ in our Sexually Diverse Community".

Our guest speaker for these sessions is Dr. Gary Strauss.

**Today's topic: Challenges experienced by Christians within the LGBTQ spectrum and Biblical passages often cited as God's judgement of same-sex behavior.**

Podcast recordings and handouts from this series can be found on the FCC website.

If you would like a CD of a particular session, sign up at the Welcome Center.

**12:00pm**

**Children and Family Steering Team Meeting**, *LL Classroom 1*

## 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

**Stay connected:** Stop by the Welcome Center to order a CD of any worship service. Weekly worship bulletins and podcasts can be found on the church website under the Worship and Arts tab. The podcasts are now current up through January 8.

### **We extend our sympathies to:**

- The family of Chia Lo Vang, who joined the church triumphant last week. Her memorial service will be held at Legacy Funeral Home on Saturday, February 4.
- Jada Jones and family, in the death of her mom, Kimberly Jones, on January 10. The service was held at Evangelist Crusaders Church this past Thursday.

**God's peace to all those on a journey through loss and grief.**

### **Warm Winter Wear Collection, Now - February 5, Box by the Welcome Center**

Winter clothing items will be collected and distributed to the two Farnsworth campuses, Johnson High School, and Bruce Vento Elementary. Please consider donating new mittens, hats and scarves to be provided to kids in need. For more information, please contact the FCC office at [office@first-covenant.org](mailto:office@first-covenant.org) or 651-774-0344.

## THIS WEEK

### **Gospel Choir Rehearsal, Thursday, January 26, 6:00-7:30pm, Choir Room**

All are invited to join us as we rehearse in preparation to sing during worship on Sunday, January 29. Please see Steve Pittman, Gospel Choir Director, with any questions.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Easter Choir Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, February 1, 7:30pm, Choir Room**

Everyone is welcome to join us in preparation for singing on Good Friday, April 14. Please see Richard Voth with any questions.

### **Children and Youth Ministries Volunteer Meeting, Saturday, February 4, 9:30-11:30am**

Come together for a morning of training, encouragement and team building for all children and youth volunteers. If you need childcare for this event, please contact Donovan DeGaetano.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### **Adventurous Christians Winter Retreat, March 10-12, 2017**

*Adventurous Christians, Grand Marais, MN*

Join us for a fun winter weekend, reserved just for First Covenant Church, in the beautiful Boundary Waters! This can be as relaxing or active of a weekend as you want at our Covenant owned camp just north of Grand Marais. There will be skiing, snowshoeing, broomball, eating, games, and relaxing. A sign up sheet is at the Welcome Center. Cost: \$115 per person. Please contact Mandy or Peter Griffin with any questions: [mjkline8@gmail.com](mailto:mjkline8@gmail.com), 612-369-0805.