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KINSHIP

January 28, 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 583

Help Us Accept Each Other

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:23-33, Jim Hinrichs

Ministry Highlight

Adventurous Christians Retreat, Mandy Griffin

*Songs

Hallelujah Chant

Amazing Love (You Are My King)

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Choral Offertory

Thou Shalt Love (H. Beebe)

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: Unluckiest. Family. Ever.

Kate Makosky, Minister to Youth & Families, and Communication

*Closing Hymn 585

God, Creator of Your People

*Sending Words

Postlude

Be Thou My Vision (arr. Gordon Young)

* You are invited to 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 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 Fundraiser: Cinnamon Roll Sale and Envelope Wall, *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, held in Knoxville, Tennessee. Thank you for your generosity!

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 Congregational Forum today
Congregational Forum, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

Pastor Anne, Pastor Ted, and Pastor Tom attended the Covenant's Midwinter Conference in Chicago this past week. Today they will host a Congregational Forum to report on important developments from the Conference, and to give you an opportunity to comment and ask questions. There were some important issues discussed at this year's Midwinter, so we strongly encourage you to attend this forum.

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

Bryant Update: Aaron, Becky, and their five boys left for Paraguay this morning! They will arrive in Asunción tomorrow morning, January 29. Please keep them in your prayers as they navigate the airports, the airplanes, and their arrival with all of the kiddos. Stay connected: <https://bryants2paraguay.weebly.com>. There is also information at the Welcome Center for you to take home. If you would like to join their First Covenant prayer team, contact Steve Benson, steve.benson@bluecrossmn.com.

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of Xiong Lo, who passed away on January 18. Xiong's funeral service will be held at First Covenant Church on Monday, February 5 at 10:00am. A luncheon will be served at 12:30pm in Upper Fellowship Hall following the burial. On Saturday, February 3, and Sunday, February 4, funeral gatherings will take place at Koobmoo Spiritual Center, 1259 Gervais Avenue, Maplewood, MN. Please contact the funeral home with questions about the weekend.

Jonathan House supplies: Last week in Worship we requested needed supplies for the Jonathan House residents. If you are bringing in items, please place them in the bin by the Welcome Center. Questions? Contact Louise Wilson, louise-wilson@bethel.edu. We will have an updated list next week to let you know of any additional needs.

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.

Usher's Meeting, Thursday, February 1, 7:00pm, Conference Room

All ushers need to attend this important meeting. We will be discussing possible medical emergencies that could arise, and establish guidelines and protocol. Questions? Contact Gordy Swanson at gvs swanson813@gmail.com.

Men's Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, February 3, 8:00-9:30am, Upper Fellowship Hall

All men are invited to gather for our monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast. This month we will have a special guest, Josh Levine, from the International Association for Refugees. Questions? Contact Roger Carlson, hilljumper2@gmail.com

NEXT WEEKEND

Adult Spiritual Growth Hour, Sunday, February 4, 11:00-12:00am, Upper Fellowship Hall

Our guest teacher will be Osheta Moore, author and wife of Roots Covenant Church Pastor, T.C. Moore. You will not want to miss this engaging time together!

WEEKEND OF 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.

Sunday, February 11:

Worship, 9:30am, FCC Sanctuary

Paul will be our guest speaker in Worship.

Adult Spiritual Growth Hour, 11:00am, Upper Fellowship Hall

Paul will be our teacher in Adult Spiritual Growth Hour.

UPCOMING RETREATS

Confirmation Retreat, Friday, February 2 at 5:30pm - Saturday, February 3 at 2:00pm.

Camp Victory, Zumbro Falls, MN

It's time for our annual retreat! Join us for a fun 24 hour experience of growing in our relationships with one another and Christ as we discover how we were uniquely made.

Cost \$50 (scholarships available). Questions? Contact Kate Makosky, kate@first-covenant.org.

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.

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, mjcline@gmail.com.