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# KINSHIP

January 7, 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 684

*We All Are One in Mission*

\*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:18-23, Dick Johnson

\*Song

*God Is Able*

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Choral Offertory

*Let the Word of Christ Dwell In You* (Douglas E. Wagner)

*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

Discipleship Dreams

Rev. Michelle Sanchez, guest speaker

Commissioning the Bryant Family

\*Responding with Song of Blessing

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

\*Sending Words

Postlude

*As With Gladness, Men of Old* (arr. Flor Peeters)

*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.***

***This morning we are pleased to welcome special guests participating in Worship:***

- ***Rev. Michelle Sanchez, Executive Minister of Make and Deepen Disciples for the Evangelical Covenant Church.***
- ***Jeff and Jolene Baker, representing the Bryant family's sending organization, SIM, as Aaron, Becky and the boys are commissioned to plant churches in Paraguay.***

**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 at the end of Worship, *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** who are not in the musical are invited to join the adults today.

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

Please join us as Rev. Sanchez leads our time together.

**11:00am-1:00pm**

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

Rehearsals begin again on Sundays and Wednesdays. Please note: due to the Partner Worship and Potluck, there will be no musical rehearsal next Sunday, January 14.

**5:00pm**

Volunteers are needed to help take down the Christmas decorations in the Sanctuary. Contact Michelle Fure if you have any questions, [mkib73@hotmail.com](mailto:mkib73@hotmail.com).

## **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

**Giving to First Covenant Church:** For the new year, you may find e-Giving a most welcome way to make contributions from either your checking account or credit card. Visit the church website <http://www.first-covenant.org> and select GIVING from the upper-right corner Menu. Or pick up the Giving Options instructions today at the envelope table. Thank you for your generosity!

**Giving Envelopes:** Offering envelopes will be available today at the designated table. If you currently use envelopes for your weekly or monthly giving, they will be ready for you to pick up. Also, if you need envelopes, stop by the table where Rachel Hanks will be able to help you. Questions? Contact Rachel Hanks, Financial Secretary, [rachelhanks11@gmail.com](mailto:rachelhanks11@gmail.com).

**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.

**FCC Winter 2018 Guidebook:** Pick up your guidebook from an usher as you leave Worship today.

**Special thanks to Nate Stromberg** for the bulletin cover artwork for our new series.

## MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WEEKEND

### **Thursday, January 12:**

**6:00-7:30pm, Gospel Choir rehearsal, *First Covenant Church Choir Room***

All are welcome to join this special rehearsal with our partner churches in preparation to sing in our Partner Worship Service on Sunday, January 14. CD's are available at the Welcome Center.

### **Sunday, January 14:**

**9:30am, Worship with our partner churches, *First Covenant Church Sanctuary***

Followers of Christ Hmong Baptist Church, Haitian Christian Fellowship, LaViña, and Roots Covenant Church will join with First Covenant Church as we all worship together.

**11:00am, Potluck Brunch with our partner churches, *Lower Fellowship Hall***

Our lunch reflects our partnership also, as every church has food assignments. FCC folks are asked to bring the following for the potluck (bring food by 9:20am).

- **Last names beginning with A-N:** salads put together and ready to be served.
  - **Last names beginning with O-Z:** desserts cut up and ready to be served.
- (There will be no Beauty and the Beast rehearsal or Spiritual Growth Hour on this day).

### **Monday, January 15:**

**7:00am, MLK Jr. Community Breakfast, *St. Casmir Church, (917 Jessamine Ave. E., St. Paul)***

Join in the celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., featuring keynote speaker David Oyelowo (lead actor in the 2014 movie "Selma") via satellite, at this East Side location. Tickets are \$5.00. Register at [www.mlkbreakfast.com](http://www.mlkbreakfast.com).

## LOOKING AHEAD TO WEDNESDAYS

### Wednesday, January 10:

**9:30am**, Adult Bible Study, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

This weekly gathering resumes as we enjoy coffee, fellowship, singing, and a study of the New Testament book of Romans led by Don Pelto. All are welcome!

**4:00pm and following**, our regular Wednesday evening activities start up again this week following Christmas break. (Please see the Winter 2018 Guidebook for more details about the weekly Wednesday schedule).

**5:45pm**, Afrizo Choir from Daystar University in Kenya, Africa, will sing during dinner and will also share stories and vibrant African music with our children, youth and adult group.

### Wednesdays, January 17, 24, 31, February 7:

**6:15-7:30pm**, Discovery Class, *Room 201*

If you are considering making First Covenant your church home, you are invited to attend four sessions of our Discovery Class. Together, we will discuss the unique vision and mission of First Covenant, the meaning of membership, our church history and organization, and the Evangelical Covenant Church denomination. Attending Discovery Class is required to become a member of First Covenant, however, attending does not commit you to membership. Come to ask questions, meet church leaders and volunteers, make new friends, and learn about this community of faith. Come early each week at 5:45pm to enjoy a free dinner provided by Loaves & Fishes. Childcare and children's activities for all ages are available during Discovery Class as part of First Covenant's Wednesday programs. RSVP by Sunday, January 14 by signing up at the Welcome Center, or call or email the church office.

### Wednesdays, January 24 - March 28:

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

We are excited to announce the second year of the Ethnic Mass Concert Series for Good Friday, March 30. As we live in this journey of becoming an intercultural church we continue experiencing the various cultures through their own music styles. Last year, Gospel Mass was preformed, written by African American composer and educator, Robert Ray, in the style of Gospel music. This year we will be preforming 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.

## FAMILY VALUES FOR LIFE POST HOLIDAY TEA

**Saturday, January 20, 10:00am-1:00pm**, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

Join other women and take part in this key opportunity to lean into our intercultural and intergenerational values through this annual event. Hear from keynote speaker Dr. Mary Jo Winston, experience a meaningful performance from Beyond the Dance Network, and have a chance to shop and laugh with other women. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. There is no cost, but a free will offering will be taken. Sign up at the Welcome Center. Questions? Contact Dee, d.balentine.fvfl@gmail.com.