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A STUDY OF THE MINOR PROPHETS

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July 2, 2017

10:30 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 306

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

*Opening Prayer

Ministry Highlight

Reflections on the Evangelical Covenant Church Annual Meeting

Pastor Tom & Janet Cameron, Jon & Michelle Fure

Scripture Reading

Amos 5:4-15, 18-24, Sandy Norris

Luke 12:29-31 and 34, Doug Nelson

*Song

He Reigns

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Offertory

Amazing Grace, Sandy Whitby, piano

Message

Let Righteousness and Justice Roll Down

Pastor Ted Nordlund

Jorge Martinez

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 727

Where Justice Rolls Down

*Sending Words

Postlude

How Beautiful, Sandy Whitby, piano

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.*

Our prophet of the day is Amos. *The northern kingdom was in its heyday when Amos warned the people of their coming doom. In eight pronouncements of judgement, Amos spirals around the surrounding countries before landing on Israel. He then delivers three sermons to list the sins of the house of Israel and call for repentance. The people reject Amos' warnings and their coming judgment is portrayed in a series of five visions. But Amos closes his book with a brief word of future hope.*

10:30am

Worship, Sanctuary

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

Resource Table for children and youth - please check out this table as you enter Worship, where you will find worship bulletins, crayon and Bibles for children.

11:30am

Fellowship Time, Upper Fellowship Hall

Following Worship, please join us for a cup of coffee and treats.

GLOBAL MISSIONS IN WORSHIP IN JULY

July 9

Tom Verdoorn, board chair for Paul Carlson Partnership (PCP) and Pastor Anne will give highlights and insights from their recent trips to the Democratic Republic of Congo where they saw firsthand how our financial and prayerful support of PCP, Team World Vision and child sponsorship through Covenant Kids Congo is impacting lives and transforming communities.

July 16

Tom Albinson, founder & President of International Association for Refugees (IAFR) will be our guest preacher. Sign up at the Welcome Center to join Tom and his wife, Donna, for a light lunch following worship to learn more about possible next steps for First Covenant as we prayerfully consider our response to the refugee crisis. Gather with others from FCC to attend the Twin Cities World Refugee Day at Loring Park from 1-5pm.

July 23

Dr. Jason & Lisa Como (and hopefully their children!) will be with us to give an update on their work in Haiti and plans going forward.

SUMMER STAFF UPDATES

Kate Makosky, Minister to Youth and Families, is on a sabbatical leave, returning on August 1. Addin Vang, Summer Youth Ministry Intern, will be providing leadership to youth and families in Kate's absence: addin@first-covenant.org, 651-774-0344, #15.

If you are in need of pastoral care this summer, please contact the church office and you will be connected with the on-call pastor. Ministry Team members will be taking time off at various points throughout the summer, and we want to make sure that you receive the support that you need.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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

Annual Meeting: Last weekend the Evangelical Covenant Church held its Annual Meeting in Detroit. FCC sent four delegates to the meeting: Pastor Tom and Janet Cameron, and Jon and Michelle Fure. A detailed summary of the business meeting is available for downloading at covenantcompanion.com on the Gather '17 page. Videos of the meeting are available at gather.covchurch.org. If you view the video of the early part of Friday afternoon's session, you can see Pastor Tom receiving a Lifetime Vocational Service Award along with several other pastors.

Volunteer Servers/New Nametags: The new July, August, September 2017 Server Schedules are available for you to pick up at the Welcome Center. Also please note that new nametags have been created and are in new storage bins behind the Welcome Center. Please pick up and return your nametag as you serve. Contact the church office if you have any questions.

THIS WEEK

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4.

Gospel Choir Rehearsal, Thursday, July 6, 6:00pm, Choir Room

All are welcome to join Gospel Choir as we prepare to sing in Worship on Sunday, July 23.

Farewell Celebration for Alicia Zepeda-Cervantes, Sunday, July 9, 10:30am Worship, Reception following, Sanctuary, Upper Fellowship Hall

Join us as we honor Alicia for her 8 years of service as FCC's Bookkeeper.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Youth Ministry "Donuts and Jesus" (incoming 7th - exiting 12th graders)

July 6,13,27, August 10,17,24, 10:00-11:30am

Hey there, Youth! Are you looking for an awesome Bible Study? Look no further because we have Donuts and Jesus. This will be held at Lake Phalen Pavilion and we will engage our minds and hearts to what the Bible has to say...and we get to eat some delicious donuts. This event will be held, rain or shine!

Questions? Contact Addin Vang, Summer Youth Intern, addin@first-covenant.org.

Messy Game Night (incoming 7th - exiting 12th graders), Wednesday, July 12, 6-8pm

Messy Game Night is back! Join us for a night of fun games, squishy and gooey competitions and incredible mess. Make sure that you bring a towel (or 5!), wear a swim suit and clothes that can get messy. Dinner provided. Questions? Contact Addin Vang, Summer Youth Intern.

SUMMER BOOK CLUBS

Summer book clubs are back! Read a good book and get together with others to discuss it at one of our two book clubs this summer. Copies of both books are available for purchase at the Welcome Center for \$5 each, where you can also sign up.

The first book club is: Wednesday, July 19, 6:30pm

Jon and Michelle Fure's Home, 1752 Nebraska Ave. E., St. Paul

Sponsored by LOVE MERCY DO JUSTICE, we will be reading the book "Disunity In Christ", by Christena Cleveland. See Susan Carlson with any questions.

The second book club is: Wednesday, August 2, 7:00pm

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Sponsored by Adult Spiritual Growth, we will be reading the book "What Is the Bible?" by Rob Bell. See Joe Mann with any questions.

LOOKING AHEAD

Family Values for Life Back-to-School Golf Classic & Banquet, Monday, August 21

Registration: 11:00am, Shotgun Start: 12:00pm, Banquet: 6:00pm

Keller Golf Course, 2166 Maplewood Drive, Maplewood, MN

Golfers of all ages and abilities are invited to participate in the FVFL Golf Classic Scramble. FVFL is a ministry partner, helping local families to become spiritually, mentally, physically and financially empowered. Stay after the scramble for the banquet. Not a golfer? You are welcome to attend the banquet only. Register online before August 11 at: familyvaluesforlife.org. For more information, contact Al Frost, 612-834-9867.

Save the date for our First Covenant Church Whole Church Retreat, August 25-27

Covenant Pines Bible Camp, McGregor, MN

Registration brochures for the Whole-Church Retreat are available at the Welcome Center. Enjoy one of the last weekends of summer at Covenant Pines Bible Camp! Questions? Ask Jim Hinrichs (hinrichsjd@gmail.com), Christine Tharseo (ctharseo@gmail.com), or Benny Gilmore (brendengilmore86@gmail.com).