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A STUDY OF THE MINOR PROPHETS

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July 30, 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 58

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Ministry Highlight: Family Values for Life Back to School Celebration Event, Rachel Hanks

*Songs

Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble

In Christ Alone

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Offertory

Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord (arr. Mark Hayes)

Kaari Newman, piano

Message

Select scripture passages from Zephaniah

Pastor Anne Vining

Sam David and Manuela Martinez, readers

*Closing Hymn 748

Someday Soon

*Sending Words

Postlude

For the Beauty of the Earth (arr. Charles Callahan)

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 Zephaniah. In no uncertain terms, Zephaniah develops the theme of the coming day of the Lord as a day of awesome judgement followed by great blessing. Zephaniah begins with the coming judgment of the people of Judah and broadens his scope to include the Gentiles as well. Because Judah refuses to seek the Lord, it stands condemned. But a Remnant of Judah will rejoice when God restores the fortunes of His people.

10:30am

Worship, Sanctuary

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

11:30am

Fellowship Time, Upper Fellowship Hall

We invite everyone to join us for a cup of coffee and treats following Worship.

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

Kate Makosky, Minister to Youth and Families, has been on a sabbatical leave, returning this Tuesday. Next Sunday in Worship, Kate will be sharing reflections of her sabbatical, and we will also be celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion together. We hope you are planning to be with us!

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.

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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Back to School Celebration Event Volunteers Needed, Wednesday, Aug 30, 3:30-7:30 pm
Bruce Vento Elementary School, 409 Case Ave. E. St. Paul, MN

FCC is recruiting 18 to 20 registration volunteers for this free back-to-school supplies event hosted by Family Values For Life. The expectation is to give away 2500 backpacks – that's a lot of people to register! Sign-up at the Welcome Center if you are willing to help with registration. A brief training session will be held before the event. If you have information about interpreters for Karen or Somali languages indicate that, too. Questions? Contact Donovan DeGaetano (donovan@first-covenant.org) or Phil Erickson (philipaxel1662@gmail.com).

School supplies needed for the Back to School Celebration Event!

Lists of needed supplies and the bin to place them in are at the Welcome Center
We need your help to fill all of these backpacks! Financial donations are also welcome. Questions: familyvaluesforlife@gmail.com, 651-774-6663.

Be The Tool, Mission Trip, August 6-12 and/or September 6-20, 2017

Construction/Building Project in Marquette, Michigan

"Be The Tool", a non-profit run by our own Rod Scofield, is sponsoring a "mission trip" to Marquette, MI to work on a home for a low income family affected by medical issues. The house has suffered water damage due to a roof leak and needs multiple repairs. Cost is \$300 for the week and includes everything. Contact Rod at 651-248-8495, or rod@bethetool.org.

PARTNER EVENTS

Urban Roots Free Community Open House, Thursday, August 3, 4:00-7:00pm

463 Maria Avenue, St. Paul, MN

Come and see what Urban Roots is all about, and learn what they do with the food harvested from the Urban Roots garden on our church property. Eat fresh wood fired pizza, talk to interns, play games, see honey bees and win prizes.

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. Stay after the scramble for the banquet. All proceeds will be used to provide backpacks to school age children at the "Back to School" event on August 30th. Register online before August 11 at: familyvaluesforlife.org. For more information, contact Al Frost, 612-834-9867.

THIS WEEK

The last book club of the summer is: Wednesday, August 2, 7:00pm

Home of Gordy, Pastor Anne and Charissa, 1108 E Hyacinth Ave, St. Paul

Sponsored by Adult Spiritual Growth, we will be discussing the book "What Is the Bible?", by Rob Bell. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to attend.

Questions? Contact Joe Mann, jmann.us@gmail.com.

Men's Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, August 5, 8:00am-9:30am, Upper Fellowship Hall

Men of all ages are invited to join us every first Saturday of the month for breakfast, Bible study and prayer.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AUGUST

Baptism Informational Meeting, Tuesday, August 8, 6:30-7:30pm, Upper Fellowship Hall

Is someone in your household interested in being baptized? Join us for a brief time as we explore the meaning and significance of baptism in preparation for our Lake Phalen baptism service on Sunday, August 20. Please let Donovan DeGaetano or Pastor Anne know by next Sunday, August 6 if you plan on attending.

First Covenant Church Whole Church Retreat, August 25-27

Covenant Pines Bible Camp, McGregor, MN

Stop by the Retreat Table in Upper Fellowship Hall today for more information or to register. Enjoy one of the last weekends of summer at Covenant Pines Bible Camp with church friends. Registration deadline: August 6. Questions? Ask Jim Hinrichs (hinrichsjd@gmail.com), Christine Tharseo (ctharseo@gmail.com), or Benny Gilmore (brendengilmore86@gmail.com).

EVENTS JUST FOR YOUTH

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

Thursdays, August 10,17,24, 10:00-11:30am

Phalen Park Pavilion, 1600 Phalen Drive

This event will be held, rain or shine!

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

Confirmation Orientation Meeting, Tuesday, August 8, 5:30-6:30pm, Graffiti Room

Incoming 7th graders, and a parent or guardian, are invited to this important meeting to get all the information you need about The Confirmation Journey for your confirmand this coming year. Dinner provided. For more information, contact Addin Vang or Pastor Anne.

Tacky Prom (incoming 7th - exiting 12th graders), Wednesday, August 16, 5:30pm - 8:00pm

Voth's Home, 3264 Lexington Avenue N., Shoreview, MN

It's time to bust a move! Head on over to the Voth's household for our annual night of fun, festivities and suspenders - it's Tacky Prom! We have wacky tournaments, funny games and a great night to close out the summer with friends and mentors. Dinner provided.

Questions? Contact Addin Vang, Summer Youth Intern.