

ACT 2: FIRED UP



The Unstoppable Early Church

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July 31, 2016

10:30 a.m.

Gathering Time

Passing of the Peace

Greeting

Please complete the connect card and place in the offering.

Invitation to Worship

*Opening Hymn 58

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*Opening Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Ministry Highlight

Haitian Christian Fellowship Revival Meetings
Pastor Lidovick Pierre

Scripture Reading

Acts 21:37-22,29 (*From The Message*)
Isabel Patrick and Jeff Norris

*Songs

How Can I Keep From Singing
Everything Glorious

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Every Kid to Camp

Offertory

Rock of Ages (arr. Ted Ryden)
Ted Ryden, Piano

Message

The Power of Story
Pastor Anne Vining

*Closing Hymn 681

I Love to Tell the Story

*Sending Words

Postlude

Blessed Assurance (Phoebe P. Knapp)

*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.

10:30am

Worship, Sanctuary

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

Children's Church, will not be meeting during the summer.

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.

11:30am

Fellowship Hour, Upper Fellowship Hall

11:45am

Baptism Informational Meeting, Room 201

Interested in being baptized on August 14? Join us for a brief time where we explore the meaning and significance of baptism and it's role in the Prayer Walk.

Questions? Contact Pastor Anne, Donovan DeGaetano or Kate Makosky.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Due to Richard Voth's neck surgery this past Wednesday, he will be gone until at least August 9. We are grateful for Ted Ryden and others covering for him while he is gone. In Richard's absence, if you have questions about the Worship Services, please call the church office. Remember to keep Richard in your prayers as he heals.

Youth Group Music Lessons will resume on Sunday, August 21, at 11:40am.

Podcasts of Sunday messages can now be found on our church website: www.first-covenant.org/worship and [arts/podcasts/launch](http://www.first-covenant.org/arts/podcasts/launch) media player.

FCC Summer calendars can be found at the Welcome Center and on our church website: www.first-covenant.org/calendar.

CD's are available to order: If you would like a CD recording of a worship service, please sign up at the Welcome Center listing the date that you want. Look for your CD at the Welcome Center the following Sunday. There is no charge for these CD's.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AUGUST

Breakfast Club, Thursdays, Aug. 4 - Aug. 18, 10:30am (incoming 7th - exiting 12th graders)

Lake Phalen Pavilion

Doughnuts and Jesus. Join us on Thursdays as we study the Bible together, learning and growing in our faith in Jesus together. See you there! Questions? Contact Kate, kate@first-covenant.org.

Men's Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, August 6, 8:00-9:30am

Upper Fellowship Hall

Men of all ages are invited to gather with us monthly for our Men's Prayer Breakfast. During this time we will share a meal, study a text from the Bible, and pray for each other. For more information, contact Aaron Bryant at aaronpbryant@me.com.

Tacky Prom, Wednesday, August 10, 6:00-8:00pm (incoming 7th - exiting 12th graders)

Home of Richard, Victoria, Francine and Ryan Voth, 3264 Lexington Ave. N, Shoreview, MN

You're invited to an evening of dinner, dancing and tacky stylings. A fun and great way to close out our summer! Sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board by Sunday, August 7. Meet at First Covenant at 5:45 if you need a ride. Cost is \$5. Questions? Contact Kate Makosky.

9th Annual Rick Kline Prayer Walk and Baptism, Sunday, August 14, 12:00pm

Meet at the Lake Phalen Picnic Pavilion (northwest side of Lake Phalen)

The 9th Annual Rick Kline Prayer Walk and Baptism will be held following worship. Rick, a longtime member of FCC, died of brain cancer in 2010. The Prayer Walk is held annually for all to attend, to offer prayers of healing and strength for loved ones, eat lunch together and have group prayer. Please bring a picnic lunch and drinks for yourself and/or your family. Everyone is invited to walk to the beach for a short baptism celebration. Those who are able may choose to walk around Lake Phalen (about 3 miles) following the baptism. Please join us, all are welcome!

Confirmation Orientation Meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 6:00-7:00pm, Upper Fellowship Hall

Ever thought about joining the Confirmation Journey? In Confirmation you encounter Christ, grow in faith and understanding, and deepen relationships with peers and teachers as we meet weekly. All incoming 7th graders and a parent or guardian who are planning on participating in Confirmation this coming year should plan on attending this informational meeting - dinner and childcare are provided. Please RSVP to Kate, kate@first-covenant.org, by Sunday, August 14.

Summer Book Club, Wednesday, August 17, 7:00pm, Book: "The Justice Calling" by Bethany Hoang and Kristen Johnson

Home of Kirsten and Rick Bouwens, 921 Cottage Ave. E., St. Paul

Leader: Dick Johnson, barbanddickjohnson@q.com.

If interested in this last Book Club of the summer, please sign up at the Welcome Center. A limited number of the book will be available for purchase at the Welcome Center.

Whole Church Retreat, August 19-21, Covenant Pines Bible Camp, McGregor, MN

Join us for the Whole Church Summer Retreat! This is a special time to relax, have fun, and renew your soul. Questions? Contact Roger Quant, roger@first-covenant.org, or DD Peterson, ddpeterson07@comcast.net. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center.

CAMP UPDATES

Covenant Pines Bible Camp's Senior High Camp is this week, August 1-6, and we have 25 youth from First Covenant Church signed up to attend. We had a total of 10 camp experiences for children and youth this summer, and this is our last one.

Every Kid to Camp (EKTC) - Our total need to be able to send everyone to camp is \$25,264.00. We are close to meeting our goal, as we only need \$2312.48! Please stop by the Camp Display in Upper Fellowship Hall to check our progress, to pick up a Camper Bookmark as a reminder to pray, and to pick up a giving envelope. The envelope with your gift can be placed in the offering or in the Every Kid to Camp mailbox in the church office. Thank you for your generosity in ensuring that all kids who want to go to camp are able to attend!

PARTNER EVENTS

Family Values for Life Golf Classic, Thursday, August 11, 8:00am

Phalen Golf Course, 1615 Phalen Drive, St. Paul

Consider playing golf, or being a sponsor in this fundraising event for our partner, Family Values for Life. Proceeds from this event will go directly toward the Clyde Turner Basketball Camps held each summer. Lunch and awards will be held at First Covenant Church, following the event, at 1:30pm. For more information or to sign up, pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center or register online: www.familyvaluesforlife.org.

Haitian Christian Fellowship Revival, August 11-14, 5:30-8:30pm

First Covenant Church, Lower Fellowship Hall

Pastor Lidovik Pierre invites us to participate in a revival, planned by our building partner Haitian Christian Fellowship, which will be held at FCC for 4 nights in a row. The text for this year is John 14:1-6.

Team World Vision's 6K for Water, Saturday, August 27, 9:00am

White Bear Lake

We now have an official First Covenant Church of St. Paul team for Team World Vision's 6K for Water! Young and old, fast and slow, walkers, runners, and those with strollers are all invited to journey 3.5+ miles in support of World Vision's work to provide clean water to parts of Africa.

To sign up: <http://www.teamworldvision.org>, look for 6K for Water - Twin Cities.

Our team name is: First Cov St Paul, team captain is Kara Stromberg. Questions?

Contact karastromberg@gmail.com, or pick up a postcard at the Welcome Center.

Family Values Back to School Celebration Event, Wednesday, August 31, 4:30-7:30pm

Bruce Vento Elementary School, 409 Case Avenue, St. Paul

This event includes free school supplies, community resources, haircuts, games, food and more. Children must be present to receive school supplies. Coming soon—watch for the donation bin to be placed by the Welcome Center where you can donate new school supplies. Soon you will also have to opportunity to sign up to volunteer with registration.