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A STUDY OF THE MINOR PROPHETS

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July 9, 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 677

Christ for the World We Sing

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Giovanni Anthony Taylor

*The Blessing

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Scripture Reading

Habakkuk 1:2-4, 3:17-19

Nate Stromberg

Overview of the Democratic Republic of Congo

Tom Verdoorn, board chair of the Paul Carlson Partnership

*Song

All the Nations

Our Partnership with the Paul Carlson Partnership

Tom Verdoorn

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Offertory

Fly-Over Country (Rich Woolworth), Jazz Band

Our Partnership with Covenant Kids Congo & Team World Vision

Pastor Anne

Prayer of the People

*Closing Song

Beautiful Things

*Sending Words

Postlude

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (arr. Dale Wood)

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.*

This morning Bailey Wienke brings her son, Giovanni Anthony Taylor, to the Lord in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. The Godparents for Giovanni are Francine Voth, Ryan Voth, Pastor Leslie Sanders and Brandi Sanders.

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

Farewell Celebration for Alicia Zepeda-Cervantes

Upper Fellowship Hall

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

GLOBAL MISSIONS IN WORSHIP IN JULY

Today

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 will be our guest preacher. Tom has been serving refugees full-time since 1981, and serves as founder and President of International Association for Refugees (IAFR) - a Christian mission dedicated to helping people survive and recover from forced displacement. IAFR has active ministry locations in the Twin Cities, Atlanta, Ft. Morgan (CO), France, Malta, Italy, Austria, Kenya and Malawi. In 2013, Tom was appointed by World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) to serve as Ambassador for Refugees, Displaced and Stateless People. Among other things, this role gives him access to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Tom is an active founding member of the Refugee Highway Partnership - a growing international network of churches and Christian agencies serving refugees and forcibly displaced people. Tom and his wife Donna attend Awaken Community Church, a Covenant church plant in St. Paul. Sign up at the Welcome Center to join Tom and 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. Then later, 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.

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.

First Covenant practices both infant baptism and infant dedication. If you would like to know more about the biblical and theological basis for these practices, there is a resource sheet available at the Welcome Center.

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.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

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

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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.

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

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

Phalen Park Pavilion, 1600 Phalen Drive

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.

INVITATION FOR ALL

Roger and Kay Quant's 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration, Saturday, August 5, 1-4 pm

First Covenant Church, Upper Fellowship Hall

Please join us at an open house to celebrate this special anniversary. No gifts please.

RSVP is appreciated, but not required, call 651-771-4153, or e-mail: kay.quant@hotmail.com.

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 to attend the book club.

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

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

Sponsored by LOVE MERCY DO JUSTICE, we will be reading the book "Disunity In Christ", by Christena Cleveland. Questions? Contact Susan, susancarlson@northcountryautobody.com.

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

LOOKING AHEAD

In It Together Prayer Walk and Ice Cream Social, Thursday, July 27, 6:00-7:30pm

Contender for the Faith Church, 580 Case Avenue E., St. Paul, MN

Join us for a night to pray for our neighborhood and community. We will divide into groups and pray as we walk through the neighborhood. Groups will return to Contender for the Faith for an ice cream social as we continue building relationships between our two churches. Questions? Contact Susan, susancarlson@northcountryautobody.com.

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.

First Covenant Church Whole Church Retreat, August 25-27

Covenant Pines Bible Camp, McGregor, MN

Enjoy one of the last weekends of summer at Covenant Pines Bible Camp!

Registration brochures for the Whole-Church Retreat are available at the Welcome Center.

Registration deadline: August 6. Questions? Ask Jim Hinrichs (hinrichsjd@gmail.com),

Christine Tharseo (ctharseo@gmail.com), or Benny Gilmore (brendengilmore86@gmail.com).