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OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

June 11, 2017

10:30 a.m.

Gathering Time

Passing of the Peace

Greeting

Invitation to Worship

*Opening Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Ministry Highlight

Celebrating Our Littlest Ones

Introduction to our summer sermon series

Dr. Dean Erickson

Scripture Reading

Psalm 46, Donyae Graham, Sherilyn Howes

Prayer

Pastor Lidovick Pierre

*Song

God of This City

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Choral Offertory

Cry Out and Shout (Knut Nystedt), Summer Choir

Message

Obadiah

Dr. Dean Erickson

*Closing Hymn

Come, O Sinners, Poor and Needy

*Sending Words

Postlude

Please see Pastor Ted following Worship if you are in need of prayer today.

TODAY

Welcome to Worship at First Covenant Church! Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, we are glad you are here.

Celebrating Our Little Ones: Today we celebrate the little ones that have been born this past year. The families will be recognized during the worship service and presented with a gift from First Covenant Church. The Saturday Morning Men's Prayer Group is providing and serving cake during the potluck. Please make sure to introduce yourself to the families of our little ones, if you have not had a chance to meet them.

Today we welcome our guest preacher, Dr. Dean Erickson, professor of Biblical Studies, and Chair of Biblical, Theological & Ministry Studies at Crown College. Dr. Erickson has been attending our church since this past fall along with his family, and he happens to be Richard Voth's cousin.

10:30am

Worship, outdoors on the south lawn

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

11:30am

Potluck - All are welcome to join us for lunch! Even if you were not able to bring food today, you are invited! Please get your food in the Grafitti Room and find a place to sit in the Game Room next door or outside on the south lawn.

Summer 2017 Camper Bookmarks: If you did not receive a blue camper bookmark last week, make sure that you pick one up at the Summer Camp Table in Upper Fellowship Hall. Please use this as a guide this summer as you pray for our campers and counselors while they are at Covenant Pines Bible Camp.

SUMMER STAFF UPDATES

Pastor Anne Vining: Through a series of miracles provided by God, Pastor Anne's visa was finally approved! She is on a Covenant Kids Congo Vision Trip, June 7-16 with 6 other pastors and leaders from within the Evangelical Covenant Church. For information, visit the church's website, and then join us on Sunday, July 9 as Pastor Anne and Tom Verdoorn (who was previously in the DRC), share about their recent experiences in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Thank you to everyone for your prayers surrounding her visa approval, and we ask for continued prayers for this trip. Please refrain from contacting Pastor Anne while she is away. If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact the church office and you will be connected with the on-call pastor.

Kate Makosky: Kate is beginning an 8-week sabbatical leave during June and July, returning on Tuesday, August 1. This is a time for her to unplug from the daily demands of ministry, and provide an opportunity for rest, reflection, and a refocusing of the inner life with God. Kate's sabbatical will find her, and her family, both in-town and out-of-town. You will be hearing more about her time away on Sunday, August 6. Please refrain from contacting Kate during this time. 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.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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

More graduates! Two graduates were omitted from last Sunday's bulletin: **Jonathan Fehr** graduated from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. with a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree.

Mitch Feske graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College with a degree in Exercise Physiology.

Adopt-A-Cop: June is already here, so for those who are praying for St. Paul Eastside police officers, please have an encouraging card or greeting in the Adopt-A-Cop mailbox in the church office by June 18. This is a great opportunity to encourage your officer with the message of hope. There are three police officers who are in need of a prayer partner to send a note of encouragement each quarter and commit to pray. Any questions, please contact Jan Mollet, Adopt-A-Cop Coordinator, 651-329-1221, rjmollet@gmail.com.

HERO TRAINING CAMP (HTC)

Visit our Hero Training Camp Table TODAY! *Outside*

Here you will be able to sign up to volunteer at the camp or dinner, register your children, and win free prizes. You can also register on the church website: www.first-covenant.org.

Hero Training Camp (HTC), Monday, June 12 - Thursday June 15, 2:00-5:00pm
(Children entering grades K - 6th grade), Phalen Rec Center

HTC Celebration Dinner, Thursday, June 15, 5:15pm, Lower Fellowship Hall

All are invited to join us as we showcase the activities of the week and enjoy a delicious dinner made by Loaves and Fishes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gospel Choir Rehearsal, Thursday, June 15, 6:30pm, Choir Room

Following our Hero Training Camp Celebration Dinner, we will gather to rehearse in preparation to sing in Worship on Sunday, June 18. All are welcome!

Youth Ministry "Grill and Chill" (incoming 7th-exiting 12th graders), Wed. June 21, 6-8pm

It's time to kick off summer! Youth are invited to join us at Phalen Park Picnic Shelter for a night of grilling, chilling and fun. Bring a friend and get ready to start your summer off right. Questions? Contact Addin Vang, Summer Youth Intern, addin@first-covenant.org.

Partner Prayer Gathering, Saturday, June 24, 8:00am-4:00pm, Lower Fellowship Hall

Hosted by Haitian Christian Fellowship, all are invited to join in prayer with our partner churches, Haitian Christian Fellowship, Followers of Christ Hmong Baptist and All Nations Family of Churches. Come to be together as a community of faith as we seize this opportunity to come before the Lord in prayer.

Summer book clubs are back! The first one is: Wednesday, July 19, 6:30pm

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

Our LOVE MERCY DO JUSTICE team is sponsoring two book clubs this Summer. The first book is "Disunity In Christ", by Christena Cleveland. Copies of the book are available for purchase at the Welcome Center for \$5, where you can also sign up so we know how many to plan for. If you have questions, contact Susan Carlson at susan.carlson8@gmail.com