

# SUMMER 2018



## First Covenant Church of Saint Paul

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# UNITE

**June 17, 2018**

**10:30 a.m.**

Gathering Time

Call to Worship

*If you are a visitor, have a prayer request or have a change of address, please note this on a Connect Card found in the pew pockets. Place it in the offering plate.*

\*Opening Hymn 590

*We Are a New Creation*

\*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

*Acts 10:9-28, Jill Weiss, Jim Hinrichs*

\*Song

*Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)*

"Future Faith" Challenge

*Rejecting the Heresy of Individualism*

*Michelle Fure*

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Offertory

*Pour Out Your Spirit (Jason Nelson)*

*Gospel Choir*

Message

*Putting on Our Spiritual Goggles*

*Pastor Anne Vining*

\*Closing Hymn 684

*We All Are One in Mission*

\*Sending Words

Postlude

*Cantata 100:1 (J.S. Bach)*

*Brad Norris, organ, Bryan Norris, trumpet*

*Today we thank Brad Norris for being our guest organist during Pat Kohlen's absence. Brad is Dick and Jan Norris' son, and brother to Jeff and Bryan. Thanks also to Jeff for covering for Richard Voth, and to Bryan for playing the trumpet.*

*If you temporarily leave the sanctuary during a Worship service, please return to your seats using the rear sanctuary doors. This will minimize disruptions. Thank you for understanding.*

## TODAY

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

### **10:30am, Worship**

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

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

**Hero Training Camp (HTC) was a huge success this past week!** Our children and youth who attended HTC this week, along with their families are joining us for Worship this morning. During The Call to Worship, the children and youth are leading us in singing the Gospel Choir song they've learned at camp, "I Know Who I Am". 52 campers and 30 leaders attended HTC. Thank you to all those who volunteered in any way this past week, including the Youth "A" Team who worked extra hard.

**"Future Faith" Challenge:** Each summer we try to add different pieces to our worship experience that offer week-to-week reflection and hopefully inspiration from laypeople in our congregation. This summer we are looking at a different weekly challenge for the church, from the book, "Future Faith: Ten Challenges Reshaping Christianity in the 21st Century", by Wesley Granberg-Michaelson (and Foreword by North Park Theological Seminary professor, Soong-Chan Rah). There are still a few chapters and weeks available. If you are interested in being one of the presenters, please contact Pastor Anne.

### **11:45am-12:30pm, Congregational Forum**

We hope you plan to join us to learn and participate in the following:

- update on significant Building and Grounds projects for this summer
- initial dreams, ideas and challenges related to 2018-19 budget
- information pertaining to upcoming denominational annual meeting
- prayer

### **The Annual Meeting of our Evangelical Covenant Church denomination (ECC)**

**"Gather 2018"**, will be held this year in Minneapolis. It will be a 3-day gathering, June 21-23, at the Marriott City Center. The Annual Meeting is the highest legislative session of the ECC, with every congregation entitled to send delegates that will have full voice and vote. The number of delegates representing a congregation is based on the number of members. First Covenant will be sending four delegates: Keith Turnquist, Louise Wilson, Sharla Scullen, and Pastor Anne. This is a special year of voting – for a new President of the ECC denomination, President of North Park University, and Executive Minister for Developing Leaders. Please be in prayer for the Meeting as all gather for worship and celebration, as well as for discernment for future direction, consecration of missionaries, ordination of clergy, and discipleship.

**Worship at First Covenant Church next Sunday, June 24:** We have the privilege of hearing from one of the ministers attending the Annual Meeting, Rev. Doug Bixby, Senior Pastor of the Evangelical Covenant Church in Attleboro, Massachusetts. He is the author of three books, "Challenging the Church Monster", Pilgrim 2002, "The Honest to God Church", Alban 2007, and "Navigating the Nonsense", Cascade 2016. He has been married to Carolyn for 29 years, and has two grown daughters Katie and Kiersten. He also works as a church consultant and has recently developed the four corners approach to talking about the church and human sexuality.

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

**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. If you call after hours, please leave a message on the office voice mail. 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.

**Richard Voth, Minister of Worship and Creative Arts**, is out of the office until Tuesday, June 26. Thank you to all who are covering in Richard's absence. If you have questions, please call the church office.

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

**Jonathan House:** Thank you all for the wonderful response to our request for items for Jonathan House! To all who have volunteered to donate, please bring your items to the blue bin next to the Welcome Center. Kindness and caring are abundant in this church family!

**Adopt-A-Cop:** It is time to send a note of encouragement to our Adopt-A-Cop officers. Please remember to pray for your Officer and place your note in the Adopt-A-Cop Mailbox in the church office by TODAY. Thanks! For more information, contact Jan Mollet, FCC Adopt-A-Cop Coordinator, [rjmollet@gmail.com](mailto:rjmollet@gmail.com).

## EVENTS JUST FOR YOUTH AND CHILDREN

### **Youth Ministry Grill and Chill , Wednesday, June 20, 6:00 - 8:00pm**

#### *Phalen Park Picnic Shelter*

It's time to kick off summer! Youth are invited to join us at Phalen Park Picnic Shelter (it's on the island off of the 4th parking lot) for a night of grilling, chilling and fun. Bring a friend and get ready to start your summer off right!

### **Youth Bible Study, Thursdays, starting June 21, 7:00-8:00pm**

#### *Graffiti Room*

Let's study the Word of God together as a community. We will be going through the CHIC curriculum for the months of June and July then end with going through Ephesians in August. Snacks and drinks provided.

### **GET ACTIVE Tai Chi: Sunday, June 24, 12:30pm - 1:30pm**

#### *Meet in the Graffiti Room*

We are so blessed with awesome, summer weather in Minnesota. Let's use it to our advantage and do things outside! Youth are invited to our twice a month, Get Active. During Get Active, we will be doing things such as tai chi, kickball, and more! Come and join us right after the service, for an hour of fun and movement. Lunch provided.

\*\* All of these events are for incoming 7th graders - exiting 12th graders. If you have questions about any of these youth events, please contact Addin Vang, Associate Minister for Youth and Families, [addin@first-covenant.org](mailto:addin@first-covenant.org).

### **Toddler Mondays are coming June 25th, 9:00-11:00am**

#### *FCC Nursery, Room 105*

Are you looking for something fun to do this summer with your kids ages 0-4 years? Join us for Toddler Mondays! We will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month here at church. This is geared for the littlest ones in our church family and their parents or guardians. Please note the date correction - the first one starts on Monday June 25. We look forward to seeing you there!! If you have questions or to pre-register, please talk to Lora Murtha or Donovan DeGaetano.

## SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Remember to pray for our campers!** Tomorrow morning, June 18, our first group of campers go to Covenant Pines Bible Camp. Please pick up a yellow camper prayer bookmark at the Welcome Center to remind you to pray for this life-changing time in the lives of these kids. Also remember to pray for our own Kari Norris, who is working at Covenant Pines this summer.

**Every Kid To Camp Fund (EKTC):** Total needed: \$10,881 to send 40 children and youth to Covenant Pines Bible Camp. Amount fundraised/paid already: \$6,492. Amount still needed: \$4,389. If you would like to donate to this fund, envelopes are available by the camp bus poster in Upper Fellowship Hall. Please place the envelope in the offering plate, in the EKTC mailbox in the church office, or mail it. Checks should be payable to First Covenant Church. Questions? Contact Donovan DeGaetano or Addin Vang.

**CHIC Fund:** Total needed: \$26,710 to cover 28 students and 4 adult volunteers. Amount fundraised/paid already: \$18,848. Amount still needed: \$7,862. CHIC is our denomination's tri-annual youth conference held in Knoxville, TN. If you would like to donate or if you have questions, please contact Addin Vang.

**First Covenant Church Scholarship Fund:** Again this year, First Covenant Church is participating with North Park University, North Park Theological Seminary, and Bethel University in their church scholarship matching grant programs to help FCC students attending these institutions with their tuition costs. Contributions are tax deductible, and must be received by June 30th. All checks should be written to "First Covenant Church", and designate in the memo line whether it is for the North Park scholarship fund or the Bethel scholarship fund. Contributions cannot be earmarked for a specific student. If you have any questions ask Executive Pastor Tom Cameron.

**Treehouse Volunteer Training, Monday, June 25, 5:00-7:00pm**

*FCC Upper Fellowship Hall*

This training is for Children and Family Ministry Pre-K—6th Grade Leaders. Join us as we tune up our skills with training from our partners, Treehouse. Dinner provided. Questions? Contact Donovan DeGaetano.

## SUMMER BOOK CLUB

Join us this summer for one or more of our three book clubs! All are welcome, but please read the book before attending the session. A few copies of "Torn" will be available at the Welcome Center for purchase.

**"Rethinking Incarceration: Advocating for Justice That Restores",  
by Dominique D. Gilliard,**

**Wednesday, June 20, 6:30-8:00pm**

*Jon and Michelle Fure's home, 1752 Nebraska Ave E, Saint Paul*

Rev. Gilliard is the Director of Racial Righteousness and Reconciliation for the Evangelical Covenant Church denomination. The U.S. has more people in prisons than any other country in history. Discover how we got here, the church's role, and creative solutions.

**"The Pietist Option", by Christopher Gehrz and Mark Patti**

**Tuesday, July 24, 6:30-8:00pm**

*Pastor Anne and Gordy's home, 1108 Hyacinth Ave E, Saint Paul*

This book was given to all the Covenant pastors attending this year's Midwinter Conference in February. We were privileged in April to hear from Dr. Gehrz about how our pietist roots impact our life together and provide a framework to meet the serious challenges the church faces today. Join us for further discussion of this vitally important spiritual movement.

**"Torn: Rescuing the Gospel from the Gays-vs-Christians Debate", by Justin Lee.**

**Tuesday, August 21, 6:30-8:00pm**

*Dave and Joan Brand's home, 1111 Hyacinth Ave E, Saint Paul*

Facilitated by Dick and Barb Johnson

In this book, Lee makes a thoughtful yet impassioned plea and challenge for the evangelical church. The author uses both episodes from his personal testimony and an intelligent and balanced interpretation of scripture to make a strong case for peace and unity. This is an important book for our times.