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A STUDY OF THE MINOR PROPHETS

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June 18, 2017

10:30 a.m.

Gathering Time

Passing of the Peace

Celebration and Invitation to Worship: Hero Training Camp Gospel Choir and Handbells

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 87

Children of the Heavenly Father

Holy Sacrament of Baptism

Nathaniel Bengtson

*The Blessing

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Scripture Reading

Joel 2:12-18, Chris Penwell

Romans 8:31-39, Jill Weiss

*Song

You Are God Alone

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Offertory

It's Gonna Rain (Rev. Milton Brunson)

Gospel Choir

Message

Joel - Troubadour of Troubled Times

Pastor Tom Cameron

*Closing Song

Change My Heart, O God

*Sending Words

Postlude

March - From the Occasional Oratorio (G.F. Handel)

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 Steve and Kirstin Bengtson bring their son, Nathaniel James Bengtson, to the Lord in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Our prophet of the day is Joel. This book of the Bible looks back to a recent locust plague that decimated the land of Judah to illustrate the far more terrifying day of the Lord. The land will be invaded by a fearsome army that will make the locusts seem mild in comparison. Nevertheless, God appeals to the people to repent in order to divert the coming disaster. Because the people will not change, judgement will come, but it will be followed by great blessing.

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

Fellowship Hour, Upper Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 25

Congregational Forum, Sunday, June 25, 11:30am-12:00pm

Upper Fellowship Hall

Following Worship, you are all invited to join us for this important time together. During this forum, an update will be provided on where we are in terms of our projected giving for the next fiscal year and the missional budgeting process. We will also share updates from the Leadership Team on projects, and planned activities going on this summer as we look forward to this wonderful season and the year ahead. Hope to see you there!

SUMMER STAFF UPDATES

Richard Voth, Minister of Worship and Creative Arts, is out of the office until Tuesday, June 27. Thank you to all those who are covering for Richard in his absence. If you have questions, please call the church office.

Kate Makosky, Minister to Youth and Families, will be on a sabbatical leave during June and July, returning on August 1. 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.

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.

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.

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.

Summer 2017 Camp Table: Stop by this table in Upper Fellowship Hall to get information on summer camp opportunities for children and youth including Covenant Pines Bible Camp, Clyde Turner Basketball Camp, Junior Police Academy, and Sanneh Soccer Camp. For more information, contact Chrissy Thomas, christian.familyvaluesforlife@gmail.com.

Thank you to all who helped at Hero Training Camp! Comments have been heard that this year we were blessed with the best volunteers ever. Thank you to all who served with your time and talents to make this past week so successful!

Adopt-A-Cop: All 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 TODAY. 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.

Pray for our delegates: The Annual Meeting of our Evangelical Covenant Church denomination will be held June 22-24 in Detroit, Michigan. The Annual Meeting is the highest legislative session of our denomination, with every congregation entitled to representation. First Covenant's representatives are Michelle and Jon Fure, and Janet and Tom Cameron. For more information, visit: covchurch.org.

THIS WEEK

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

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.

Youth Ministry "Donuts and Jesus" (incoming 7th - exiting 12th graders)
June 22,29, July 6,13,27, August 10,17,24, 10:00-11:30am

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

Minnesota Sinfonia Free Concert, Thursday, June 22, 7:00pm

Lake Phalen Amphitheater (1600 Phalen Drive, Saint Paul).

Come hear *Beethoven to Brahms* in an outdoor setting. In case of rain, First Covenant Church will host the concert. The Minnesota Sinfonia is a 20 year old professional orchestra, dedicated to ensuring that the underserved and low-income residents of Minnesota experience top-quality live classical music. Children are encouraged to attend.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Men's Prayer Breakfast scheduled for Saturday, July 1 will not take place.

Plan to attend the August Breakfast on Saturday, August 5, 8:00-9:30am.

Family Values For Life/ First Covenant Church Twins Game, Thursday, July 6, 7:10pm

It is first-come, first-served! Because only 50 tickets are available for First Covenant, please claim tickets for your immediate family only. Come join the fun, and watch the Twins play the Baltimore Orioles. Sign up today at the Welcome Center! Have any questions? Contact Addin Vang, Summer Youth Intern, addin@first-covenant.org.

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

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

Our LOVE MERCY DO JUSTICE team is sponsoring the first book club of the Summer. This 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, susancarlson@northcountryauto.com.