

SPRING 2018



First Covenant Church of Saint Paul

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OVERFLOW

May 13, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Gathering Time

Passing of the Peace

Invitation 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 633

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:30-34, Isabel Patrick

*Songs

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Scandal of Grace

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Choral Offertory

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (Virgil Thomson)

Children in grades pre-k through 2nd grade are invited to continue worshipping in Children's Church. After the offertory, please meet the teachers in the back of the Sanctuary.

Message

A Free Faith: Overcoming the Fear of Living Generously

The Story of Tom and Bree Hsieh video clip

Jorge Martinez

Responding in Prayer

*Closing Hymn 636

All Things Are Yours!

*Sending Words

Postlude

Come Down, O Love Divine (arr. J Bemder)

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! Please join us for a cup of coffee and a treat during the Fellowship Time.

Today we welcome our guest speaker, Jorge Martinez. Jorge is a sociologist and educator. He moved with his family in 1995 from Argentina to the States and has worked at Wilson Tool International for the past 23 years as the Manager of International Markets. As of last January he has changed his role to Professional Development Manager. Jorge and his family joined First Covenant Church in 2011 when co-directing the youth musical Les Miserables, which brought them to join the church. Since then Jorge has co-directed the children and youth musicals. At present he is a member of the Leadership Team, the Love Mercy Do Justice Team and the Generous Living and Giving Team

9:30am

Worship

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

Children's Church, children pre-k through 2nd grade are dismissed with leaders during Worship and will return with leaders during the closing hymn, *Room 104*
Resource Table for children, please check out this table as you enter Worship, where you will find worship bulletins, crayons and Bibles for children.

10:30am

Fellowship Time, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

10:40am

Youth Group Music Lessons, *Graffiti Room*

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 20: LET'S CELEBRATE!

9:30am Worship

- celebration of TWV 6K
- giving of Bibles to current 2nd graders
- Financial Commitment Cards received

Following Worship:

All are invited to join us as we have our end-of-the-year Generous Giving and Living Celebration for all ages including special treats and recognitions. We have much to celebrate and be grateful for!

Financial commitment packets for the 2018-2019 fiscal year were distributed in April. If you need a financial packet, please pick one up at the Welcome Center. Your commitment enables our budget and our ministries to move forward. Prayerfully consider your financial support of First Covenant and return your commitment card in it's envelope next Sunday, May 20 during Worship. You may also return it to the drop box at the Welcome Center, in the offering plate, or by mail. Questions? Ask Rachel Hanks, Financial Secretary, rachelhanks11@gmail.com.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Pastor Anne is out of town, celebrating her son Curtis's college graduation, and will be back tomorrow. In her absence, if you have a pastoral care need, please contact Pastor Ted Nordlund, 763-442-3771.

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.

Unite Summer Calendars will be handed out by the ushers following Worship today. Please make sure you have your own copy to keep you informed of all the events happening this summer at First Covenant Church.

SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Graduate's names needed: On Sunday, June 3 during Worship, we will be honoring those within First Covenant who graduated from high school, college, graduate level or other course work during the 2017-2018 school year. Please contact Addin Vang, addin@first-covenant.org with names and other details by May 27.

Every Kid To Camp Fund (EKTC): At First Covenant Church of Saint Paul, we believe every kid, no matter the family's financial situation, should be able to have a summer camp experience at Covenant Pines Bible Camp in McGregor, MN. The Every Kid to Camp (EKTC) fund was created to make that a reality. EKTC is an equitable fund that asks each household to pay a registration fee for each camper and then contribute dollars, time, or both to support the fund. It also allows our FCC community to financially support our kids. Our goal this year is to send 40 campers to Covenant Pines. With the average cost of sending one camper at \$272, we need to raise \$10,881.00. Currently we have raised \$4,297.61 with a need of \$6,583.39. 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. Your gift will make a huge difference in the life of a child or youth. Questions? Please contact Donovan DeGaetano or Addin Vang.

Hero Training Camp Volunteer Needs: Do you desire to serve our community? Do you love to share Christ's love with others? If you answered "YES" to either of these questions, then volunteering for Hero Training Camp (HTC) this summer is for you. HTC is held at Phalen Rec Center, June 11-14, 2PM-5PM, with a celebration here at church on the evening of June 14. We need volunteers ages 6th grade - adult. Volunteer opportunities include grade level leader, helping with the Thursday celebration dinner, check in/out, workshop leaders, tech support, and general support. If you would like to volunteer, please stop by the Welcome Center to fill out the volunteer form and to return it to the yellow smiley-face box. Questions? Please contact Chrissy Thomas at Christian.familyvaluesforlife@gmail.com or Donovan at donovan@first-covenant.org.

CALENDAR UPDATES

WEDNESDAYS:

The last Wednesday program night will be May 16. During dinner (5:45-6:15pm), the After-School Program's Vocal and Theater Coaching Group will be providing free dinner entertainment, showcasing a year of work with their coaches Benni Gilmore and Lionus Lo. All are invited!

SUNDAYS:

10:30am Worship time begins on Sunday, May 27
Spiritual Growth Hour will resume in the fall.

COMMUNITY/PARTNER EVENTS & NEEDS

World Vision 2018 Global 6K for Water! May 19, 9:30am

Begin and end at First Covenant Church of Saint Paul

Have you registered yet for the World Vision 2018 Global 6K for Water? On May 19th, FCC will join thousands of other churches around the globe to walk for clean water for global communities in need. We will gather in the church parking lot at 9:30am. Starting at 10:00am, we will walk six kilometers or 3.2 miles. Your registration fee of \$50 for adults and \$25 for children under 18 will provide life changing water for one person for life. No fundraising or sponsorship is necessary. Register by tomorrow, May 14 to receive your kit including a t-shirt and a picture of one child who will be forever impacted by this event. You can register after May 14 and even the morning of the event, but you will not receive a registration kit.

Every step you take on May 19th is a step a child won't have to take to get clean water!

For more info: <http://www.teamworldvision.org/team/fccstpaul6k>, or stop by the table.

Jonathan House Gathering, May 19, 10-11:30am, 876 Hyacinth Avenue E. St. Paul

There will not be a brunch this month, but you are welcome to get together with the residents and other church volunteers. This is a great way to get to know Baha, Nasser and Gabriel. Please come and join us!

Jonathan House Update: Today through June 30 we will be collecting supplies for our friends in Jonathan House. Stop by the Welcome Center to indicate on the list what you are able to donate. Please drop off your donations in the blue tub next to the Welcome Center. Thank you for your help with this great outreach effort! If you have questions, contact Louise Wilson, louise-wilson@bethel.edu.

House needed: Are you or someone you know planning to sell a home in the near future? Jen and Josh Levin, who oversee Jonathan House, are looking to buy. Because the market is so tight, it would be helpful to get connected before the house goes up for sale. Please contact Jeannine Nordland for more details, jeanninenordlund@gmail.com.

A request from Karl and Sue Peterson, missionaries to Mexico:

"We are getting ready for our return to Mexico City, aiming to leave the last week of August. We are looking for people, businesses or churches that have storage space for our Minnesota belongings: some furniture, boxes, and plastic tubs of housewares, clothes, etc. We estimate that all the stuff would fit in half of a bedroom, or an area of 8X10. While we would prefer an indoor climate-controlled space, like a basement or attic, our stuff has survived an unheated garage. We are anticipating being in Mexico for at least two years, most likely three. If you know of someone, please help us make the connection with them. They can email us at karl-sue.peterson@covchurch.org, or call Karl at 952-658-9423. Gracias!"