

SPRING WORSHIP SERIES

IN GOD WE TRUST

HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?

You will be enriched in every way
to be generous in every way,
which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.
- II Corinthians 9:11 (ESV)

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May 14, 2017

9:30 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 17

Let All the World

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Holy Sacrament of Baptism

Sylas Keith Krejce

*The Blessing

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Scripture Reading

Psalm 24:1-6, Benni Gilmore

Mark 12:41-44, Sharla Scullen

Ministry Highlight

STUFF drama

*Song

More to See

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Choral Offertory

Born Anew to Share (Robert Wetzler)

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

Enough to Share
Pastor Anne Vining

*Closing Hymn 31

Now Thank We All Our God

*Sending Words

II Corinthians 9:11

Postlude

Jesus, Lead Thou On (arr. Paul Manz)

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 Corey and Amanda Krejce bring their son Sylas Keith Krejce, to the Lord in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Godparents for Sylas are Meghan Delgado and Brent Johnson.

Thank you to our STUFF drama participants: Doug Nelson, Jason Huso, Judy Kline, Kay Jacobson, Paige Mann, Tom Cameron. Director: Jeannine Nordlund.

9:30am

Worship

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

Children's Church, children pre-k - 2nd grade are dismissed with leaders during Worship and will return with leaders during the final song in Worship, *Room 104*

Resource Table for children and youth, 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*

11:00am

Nursery Care (birth through age 3), *Room 105*

Children's Sunday School, *(all start in Room 104 together)*

Please pick up your children at 12:00pm in the following rooms:

Pre-K - K, *Room 106*

Grades 3-4, *Room 104B*

Grades 1-2, *Room 104A*

Grades 5-6, *Room 201 (upstairs)*

Grades 7 - 12, *Game and Graffiti Rooms*

Adult Spiritual Growth Hour, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

Topic: **Generational Generosity: How does your family understand "Enough"?**

Janet Peterson will lead us in exploring practical ways to transmit the value of generous living to the young people in our lives.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY, MAY 21

Next Sunday we'll have the opportunity to indicate how we intend to financially support the proposed plans and priorities for this next fiscal year (Sept 2017-Aug 2018). Please prayerfully consider how and at what level you will support our ministry plan, and return your commitment card next Sunday during Worship. If you are in need of a "commitment packet", the ushers will have them available after Worship. At 10:30am the celebration will continue in UFH with festive music, food and inspiring words.

Parent Talk Back Session - Part 2, Sunday, May 21, 11:15am-12:00pm, *Graffiti Room*

Parents and caregivers of all infants, children and youth are invited for an informative session as we prepare for fall planning. Join us to hear updates from our last session and give your input as we continue to shape our priorities for our children, youth and family ministries for the coming year. Your story matters, your voice matters, your presence matters. Childcare provided for birth-12th graders.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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.

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. Podcasts of our recent Spiritual Growth Hours can also be found on our website under Life Together - Spiritual Growth Hour.

Appreciation shown to Farnsworth Lower Campus staff and faculty Family Values for Life and First Covenant Church of Saint Paul partnered on Thursday, May 11 to show our appreciation to our local school. Volunteers from the After School Program, FCC, and FVFL provided the staff with a continental breakfast as they arrived to school.

BookShare News

Free Books! This morning there will be a table of free books in front of the bookshelves in Upper Fellowship Hall. We are downsizing our book loaning collection, so please help yourselves! The remaining books on the shelves can be borrowed and returned.

New addition to BookShare! The 2016-2017 Johnson Mirror is available at BookShare. A collection of writing and art from current Johnson High School Students, this was co-edited by Isabel Patrick, and contains work from other FCC youth including Kardia Coulibaly, Jasmine Davison, Isabel Patrick and Martha Wallace.

Seeking Associate Minister of Youth, Families and Worship

Please help spread the word about this new position. First Covenant is now actively seeking a full time associate minister to serve in leadership with the church's youth, families, music and worship team ministries. In addition to participating in the leadership of the youth ministry of the church, for 7th through 12th grade youth, the associate minister will also coordinate and lead worship teams for our worship ministry. More information can be found on the FCC website, <http://first-covenant.org/welcome/employment/>. To apply, send cover letter and resume to office@first-covenant.org. Questions can be directed to Kate Makosky, Richard Voth or Paul Lokensgard-Wallace.

First Covenant Church Scholarship Fund

Again this year, First Covenant Church is participating with North Park University (NPU), North Park Theological Seminary (NPTS), and Bethel University (BU), in their church scholarship matching grant programs to help FCC students attending these institutions with their tuition costs. NPU, our denomination's university in Chicago, will match FCC scholarships up to \$500 per year, NPTS, our denomination's seminary in Chicago, will match up to \$500 per semester, and BU will match up to \$1000 per semester or \$2000 per year. The funds benefit Francine Voth, Ryan Voth (BU), Curtis Pederson, Jonathan Madera and Tehsajoi Nyenpen (NPU), and Kate Makosky (NPTS). Contributions are tax deductible, and must be received by June 30th in order to be used for the 2017-18 academic year. 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, however, funds cannot be designated to a specific student. If you have any questions see Executive Pastor Tom Cameron.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, May 17, Last regular Wednesday afternoon and evening programs.
Exception: Handbells and Sanctuary Choir will continue through May 31.

Thursday, May 18, 6:00-7:30pm, Gospel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
All are welcome to join us as we prepare to sing in Worship on May 21.
Questions? Contact Steve Pittman, Gospel Choir Director, steve@first-covenant.org.

All Church Cleaning Day, Saturday, May 20, 8:30am-12:00pm, First Covenant Church
Would you like to lend a hand in a Spring cleaning of our church building and grounds? The Building and Grounds Team and the Men's Saturday Morning Prayer Meeting are jointly sponsoring an all church cleaning day. Cleaning supplies will be provided. There will be tasks for all abilities and ages. Please sign up at the Welcome Center so we can plan. Questions? Contact Bob Johnson, johnsrp24@gmail.com.

COVENANT PINES BIBLE CAMP

Every Kid To Camp (EKTC) Update: At First Covenant, we believe that every kid, no matter the family's financial situation, should be able to have a camp experience at Covenant Pines Bible Camp each summer, and our EKTC fund helps to make that possible. So far we have over \$5,000 in our fund to help us meet our goal of sending over 40 kids to camp. You can help close the \$7,000 gap to meet that need. Give your tax-deductible gift, or pay your camper's balance, by using an EKTC envelope available at the camp table in Upper Fellowship Hall. Make the check out to First Covenant Church with EKTC in the memo line.
Questions? See Donovan DeGaetano or Kate Makosky.

Camp Physicals, Wednesday, May 24, 5:00-7:30pm, First Covenant Church
Every camper needs a completed physical to attend Covenant Pines Bible Camp each summer. Schedule a 15 minute free appointment with local physicians and nurses at First Covenant Church, by signing up on Wednesdays at the check in table, or Sundays at the Camp Table in Upper Fellowship Hall.
For more information see Donovan DeGaetano or Kate Makosky.

SUMMER 2017

The Alley Shoppe is now closed for the summer, and our donation bin has been removed. Please save your donations for the fall, or donate them elsewhere. Thank you for your support of our neighborhood partner this past year!

Sunday, May 28: 10:30am Summer Worship begins. Spiritual Growth Hour will resume in the fall.

Sunday, June 4: Graduation Sunday

- **Honoring graduates:** We will be honoring those who graduated from high school, college, graduate-level or other course work during the 2016-2017 school year. Please call the church office, or e-mail Kate Makosky, kate@first-covenant.org. by May 28 with names of graduates.
- **Graduate Bibles:** Each of our high school graduates receives an NIV Study Bible as their graduation gift from FCC. Help them celebrate this milestone by highlighting or underlining verses for each graduate, at the tables in Upper Fellowship Hall.

Summer "Soup Groups" are back! Last summer, many enjoyed fun-filled evenings sharing a simple meal in homes. Three "Soup Group" events will be held this summer, and you won't want to miss them! If you would like to take part, please fill out a sign-up form at the Welcome Center and return it to Tom Cameron's office mailbox before June 4. Dates are pending, but will be decided soon. Attend one, two, or all three! Contact Barb Johnson with questions: barbanddickjohnson@q.com.

Visitation Appreciation Tea, Wednesday, June 7, 10:00am-12:30pm, UFH

This annual event hosted by the Congregational Life Commission is a way of saying "thank you" to 27 caring individuals who visit 21 homebound from our church once a month. In addition, our homebound visitation Pastor Ted Nordlund provides communion, song and scripture on his visits. Thank you to Betty Eddy for making the assignments each month and distributing the visitation cards. If you would like to know more about homebound visitation, please contact Betty Eddy at 651.484.8830.

Sanfoka Trip Update!

Our intergenerational Sankofa trip is August 11-15 and is now coming your way with a reduced cost. This trip is now available for your life-changing experience at the low cost of \$250! This incredible price gets you a 5 day trip with hotel stays, tours of historically significant civil rights sites and awesome food in the Twin Cities, Milwaukee, and Chicago. Sign up by Sunday, May 28 to take advantage of this new price. We can accommodate an additional 5 people. Make sure that you are one of them! Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center. When completed, put it in Susan Carlson's mailbox in the church office.

Questions? Contact Susan Carlson, susancarlson@northcountryautobody.com.