

# SUMMER 2018



## First Covenant Church of Saint Paul

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# MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

**May 27, 2018**

**10:30 a.m.**

Gathering Time

Passing of the Peace

Greeting and 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 Song

*10,000 Reasons*

\*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Luke 18:9-17, Ephesians 4:3-6, Victoria Voth

Holy Sacrament of Baptism

Hymn 87

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

\*The Blessing

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Offertory

*City of Stars* (arr. Ron Mallory), Handbell Choir

Message

*Like a Child*

Joe Mann

Pastor Anne Vining

\*Closing Song

*Grace Like Rain*

\*Sending Words

Postlude

*Today we thank Janet McClellan for being our guest accompanist  
during Pat Kohnen's absence.*

## 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 cake during the Fellowship Hour, provided by the families of the babies baptized today.***

This morning we are privileged to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism with 3 families:

- Anna Teresa Mann. Parents: Joe & Paige Mann  
Godparents: Garrett & Kylee Sandquist
- Annika Grace Carlson. Parents: Erik & Kristen Carlson, big brother: Soren  
Godparent: Rebecca Ruud
- Micah Robert Makosky. Parents: Dan & Kate Makosky, big brother: Alex  
Godparents: Josh & Kara VerHage

**First Covenant Church 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.

**10:30am**

**Worship**

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

**Children's Church**, Children's Church will resume in the fall.

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

**10:40am**

**Youth Music Lessons**, *Graffiti Room*

## UPCOMING SUNDAYS

**Sunday, June 3: Graduation Sunday, Sacrament of Holy Communion**

• **Honoring graduates** - we will be celebrating with those from our congregation who graduated from High School, college, graduate or other course work during the 2017-2018 school year. Please contact Addin Vang, [addin@first-covenant.org](mailto:addin@first-covenant.org), by today with the names of graduates.

• **Graduate Bibles** - each of our high school graduate receives an NIV Study Bible as their graduation gift from FCC. Help them celebrate their milestone by highlighting or underlining meaningful verses for each graduate. The Bibles are on tables in Upper Fellowship Hall. The deadline to have this completed is TODAY.

**Sunday, June 10: First Outdoor Worship Service with Potluck following.** (See insert).

- We will also celebrate the babies born within our church in the past year.

*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.*

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

**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.

**The church building and office will be closed tomorrow, May 28, for Memorial Day.**

**First Covenant Church *Unite* Summer Calendars** are available in the east entry kiosk.

**FCC Décor Team:** Did you know a new committee called the Décor Team has been formed to ensure that the overall look of our church building reflects our congregation, our vision statement, our community and the ministry partners who share our facility? Decisions about putting up new artwork, changing colors of décor, seasonal decorating, placement of furniture, bulletin boards, etc., will go through this group to ensure the cohesiveness of how our church building presents itself. You may find items in our building have been moved around or placed in different areas. There may be some new items, pictures or artwork. Please leave them this way as it is all part of the work of this new team, which walks alongside the Building and Grounds Committee, ministry staff and volunteer leaders. If you have any questions or comments they may be directed to Mauri Erickson, Jeannine Nordlund and Cheryl Schak.

## THANK YOU!

**Financial generosity:** Thank you so very much to all that have returned their commitment cards for the 2018-19 fiscal year. As of last Sunday, we have received 65 cards. If you have not returned your card you can still do so. It is so important to know the commitment of our congregation as we develop a faith driven and wisely crafted ministry plan for the next year. FCC is a generous church and we are having a kingdom impact both locally and globally. We are also very grateful for all who continue to support this year's budget. We currently need \$9324 to meet our budget goals thus far for this year. We have been blessed to stay so close to budget this year because of the generosity of so many.

**6K For Water participation:** Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the 2018 World Vision 6K for Water on May 19! It was a wonderful event with balloons, a photo booth, music, and snacks. There were 68 walkers present and we raised over \$4600 for clean water for communities in need. We were so amazed to have such a large and varied group of walkers/runners with our youngest participant at 2 months and our oldest at 90! We were all gathered for a common goal - clean water for developing nations - and as a bonus, new relationships were forged on the trek!

## PARTNER UPDATES

**Alateen new group at First Covenant Church, Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00pm, Game Room**

Alateen is a program for teens whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. If you are interested in learning more about Alateen, or in being an adult who presides at Alateen meetings, you are welcome. Please contact Mike O'Neil if you have questions: [mjloneil@gmail.com](mailto:mjloneil@gmail.com), 651-698-0375.

**A request from Karl and Sue Peterson, missionaries to Mexico:** Would you, or someone you know, be able to store their Minnesota belongings while they return to Mexico for two or three years? Contact: [karl-sue.peterson@covchurch.org](mailto:karl-sue.peterson@covchurch.org), or call Karl at 952-658-9423.

**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!

## SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Summer 2018 Camper Bookmarks:** If you did not get a yellow Camper Bookmark last Sunday, please pick one up from the east entry kiosk. The bookmark lists the children and youth who are going away to camps this summer and serves as a reminder to pray for them.

**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. If you would like to donate or if you have questions, please contact Addin Vang.

**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: \$4,593. Amount still needed: \$6,288. 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.

**Let's Pray! Praying for our children, youth, and families, Monday, June 4, 6:00-7:00pm**  
All are invited to come and pray for the children, youth and families in our church and community. Each month our prayer will focus on a specific group. June's focus is *children*. You can come into the sanctuary at any time during the hour and stay as long as you are able. Questions? Contact Addin Vang or Donovan DeGaetano.

**Hero Training Camp Presents: *Amped - Live Fully Alive*, June 11-14, 2:00pm-5:00pm**  
*Phalen Rec Center, 1000 E. Wheelock Parkway*

Our summer kicks off with our 10th year of Hero Training Camp (HTC)! At HTC, children discover the hero within and learn more about the Greatest Hero of All - Jesus Christ. Each day campers will participate in fun clinics like cooking, drumming, urban gardening, dodgeball and other amazing options. Campers also get into the Bible with age-level groups and learn to live fully alive lives. More information for campers and volunteers is at the Welcome Center. Cost: \$5 per child, or \$20 per family. Scholarship funds are available. You can register online at [www.first-covenant.org](http://www.first-covenant.org). Questions? Please contact Chrissy Thomas at [Christian.familyvaluesforlife@gmail.com](mailto:Christian.familyvaluesforlife@gmail.com) or Donovan at [donovan@first-covenant.org](mailto:donovan@first-covenant.org).

**Hero Training Camp Volunteer Training, Wednesday, May 30, 5:45-7pm, Upper Fellowship Hall**  
Are you volunteering with HTC? Make sure that you attend this training session where we cover safety, run through our schedule, plan for clinics and pray for our camp! Dinner provided.

## LOOKING AHEAD

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

*Jon and Michelle Fure's Home, 1752 Nebraska Avenue E, St. Paul*

We look forward to a meaningful discussion inspired by Rev. Dominique Gilliard's new book, *Rethinking Incarceration: Advocating for Justice That Restores*. Explore how the U. S. came to have more people incarcerated than any other country in history, Christianity's role, creative solutions, and innovative interventions. Sign-up; a limited number of books are available at the Welcome Center for \$13 each. Contact [susan.carlson8@gmail.com](mailto:susan.carlson8@gmail.com) or 651-247-8082.

**SAVE THE DATE! FCC's Whole Church Retreat is coming soon! August 17-19**

*Covenant Pines Bible Camp, McGregor, MN*

More information to come, but please put the dates on your calendar now so you won't miss it! Cost: adult \$112, child \$56, family max. \$392 includes 2 nights lodging and 5 meals. Contact: Jim Hinrichs 858-349-3867, Christine Tharseo 651-325-1861, Benni Gilmore 763-807-2459.