



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 6
9:30am

First Covenant Church of Saint Paul

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Gathering Time

Passing of the Peace

Ishmeal David

Invitation to Worship

Savior Angel Johnson

*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 412

Be Thou My Vision, Janet Hagfors, violin

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Bianca Levy

Scripture Reading

Colossians 2:6-7, Josiah DeLeon

Faith Statements

Josiah DeLeon, Bianca Levy, Samuel Lokensgard-Wallace

Prayer of the People

Samuel Lokensgard-Wallace

Giving & Living Out of Our Abundance Madison DeGaetano, Gracia Lokensgard-Wallace

Offertory

I Know Who I Am (Sinach), Gospel Choir

Faith Statements

Ishmeal David and Madison DeGaetano

*Song

Build Your Kingdom Here

Faith Statements

Gracia Lokensgard-Wallace and Savior Angel Johnson

Rite of Confirmation

The Confirmation Journey

Giving of Salt

Hand Tying Ceremony

Prayers of Consecration

Charge

Pastor Anne

Giving of Light

*The Blessing

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

*Sending Words

Postlude

Be Thou My Vision (arr: Gordon Young)

TODAY

Welcome to Worship at First Covenant Church! Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, we are glad you are here to celebrate our young people's faith journeys during Worship, with a reception following.

9:30am

Worship

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

Children's Church, children are invited to stay in Worship today.

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

10:30-11:30am

Confirmation Reception/Fellowship Time, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

Today there will be no Spiritual Growth Hour or Youth Group Music Lessons as we celebrate our Confirmands during this time.

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 or our current Adult Spiritual Growth Hour.

Financial commitment cards for the 2018-2019 fiscal year were distributed on April 22. Your commitment enables our budget and our ministries to move forward. If you need a financial packet, please pick one up at the Welcome Center. Prayerfully consider your financial support of First Covenant and return your commitment card/envelope during Worship on Sunday, May 20. If you are unable to be here that day, return it to the dropbox at the Welcome Center, in the offering plate, or by mail. Questions? Ask Rachel Hanks.

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. NPU will match FCC scholarships up to \$500 per year, NPTS will match up to \$500 per semester or \$1000 per year, and Bethel will match up to \$1000 per semester or \$2000 per year. Contributions are tax deductible, and must be received by June 30th in order to be used for the 2018-19 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. Contributions cannot be earmarked for a specific student. If you have any questions ask Executive Pastor Tom Cameron.

CALENDAR UPDATES

SUNDAYS:

- Last Sunday was our last Spiritual Growth Hour for this program year. Please make sure you join us following Worship on Sunday, May 20, as we have our end of the year Generous Giving and Living Celebration for all ages!
- 10:30am Worship time begins on Sunday, May 27.

WEDNESDAYS:

- The last Wednesday Morning Bible Study will be May 9.
- 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 dinner entertainment, showcasing a year of work with their coaches Benni Gilmore and Lionus Lo. All are invited!

COMMUNITY/PARTNER EVENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

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 at the 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 complete the Hero Training Camp volunteer bulletin insert and return it to the yellow happy face box at the Welcome Center. Questions? Please contact Chrissy Thomas at Christian.familyvaluesforlife@gmail.com or Donovan at donovan@first-covenant.org.

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.

Rethinking Incarceration, Monday, May 14, 7:00pm

Crosstown Covenant Church, 5540 30th Ave. S., Minneapolis

The United States has more people locked up in jails, prisons, and detention centers than any other country in the history of the world. And the church has unwittingly contributed to the problem. Dominique DuBois Gilliard explores the history and foundation of mass incarceration, examining Christianity's role in its evolution and offering creative solutions and innovative interventions. Rev. Dominique Gilliard is the director of racial righteousness and reconciliation for the Love Mercy Do Justice (LMDJ) initiative of the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC). All are invited! Sponsored by the Covenant Northwest Conference, Transform MN, and Crosstown Covenant Church.

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

Begin and end at First Covenant Church of Saint Paul

There is still time to register! Registration is \$50 for adults and \$25 for children (under 18). With your registration fee, comes a World Vision t-shirt and the name and picture of a child who will be forever impacted by receiving clean water. No fundraising or sponsorship is necessary, but there is a contest among FCC for the participant who registers the most family or friends! For more information or assistance with registering, see the World Vision table in Upper Fellowship Hall following Worship today, or check out this link: <http://www.teamworldvision.org/team/fccstpaul6k>