



# CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 7  
9:30am

First Covenant Church of Saint Paul

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**9:30 a.m.**

Gathering Time

Passing of the Peace

Alianna Garcia

Greeting

Anja Swenson

*Please complete the connect card and place in the offering plate.*

Call to Worship

Ian Sandau

\*Opening Hymn 511

*Gather Us In*

\*Opening Prayer

Brita Hagfors

Scripture Reading

Colossians 2:6-10, Solomon Como

Faith Statements

Ian Sandau, Alianna Garcia, Anja Swenson

\*Song

*Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

Faith Statements

Rachel Luchsinger, Katie Flanagan, Sylvia Zupfer

Prayer of the People

Rachel Luchsinger, Katie Flanagan

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Sylvia Zupfer

Offertory

*I Am What You See* (Bishop Paul Morton), Gospel Choir

Faith Statements

Brita Hagfors, Solomon Como

Rite of Confirmation

The Confirmation Journey

Giving of Salt

Hand Tying Ceremony

Prayers of Consecration

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*We invite all who follow Jesus as Lord to receive  
and celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion with us.*

\*Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles Creed*

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Charge

Giving of Light

\*The Blessing

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

\*Sending Words

Postlude

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* (Arr. M. Burkhardt)

\*All who are able are invited to stand

*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.*

**The single rose this morning** celebrates the birth of Theodore Loren Johnson. Theodore was born May 3 to Matt and Jenny Johnson and joins big sister Audrey.

**9:30am**

**Worship, Sanctuary**

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

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

**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**

**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.

**11:30am**

**Children and Family Steering Team Meeting**, *Room 104B*

**Your commitment matters!** Last Sunday we distributed "commitment packets" to ensure each of us plays a role in determining plans and priorities for the 2017-18 fiscal year budget, which begins on September 1. We ask that you prayerfully consider how and at what level you will support our ministry plan, and return your commitment card on Sunday, May 21 as part of our Celebration Sunday. Additional commitment packets are available at the Welcome Center. We're so glad you are part of "Our Story"!

## NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 14

**9:30am - Worship**

**10:40am - Youth Group Music Lessons**

**11:00am - Spiritual Growth Hour for all ages**

**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.

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

**Stay connected** and 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.

**Gospel Mass Good Friday Concert CD's** can be ordered. Stop by the Welcome Center to sign up. Cost: \$10 which will help cover the cost of our music programs here at FCC.

**Visit the Summer Camp Table in Upper Fellowship Hall** where you will find all you need to know about 2017 summer camp opportunities for children and youth. There are also envelopes available if you would like to donate to our Every Kid To Camp fund (EKTC). Questions? See Kate Makosky or Donovan DeGaetano.

**Take the Gratitude Challenge!** For one month, all are encouraged to daily log 3 things that they are thankful for. It is not too late to join. Gratitude Journals are free and available at the Welcome Center. It is not too late to join!

### **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](mailto: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 Tehsaijoi 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

### **Friday, May 12, Alley Shoppe closes for the summer**

Thank you for your generous donations of items to the Alley Shoppe this past year, collected in the bin in our east entry. We have a longstanding partnership with the Alley Shoppe, which is housed in Arlington Hills Lutheran Church, and provides free clothing and household items to eligible families in Ramsey County. The last day you can place items in the bin is Friday, May 12, as the Alley Shoppe closes for the summer. Thank you to Roger Valois for coordinating the weekly delivery of the items from FCC to the Alley Shoppe.

### **Fifth Annual Mother/Daughter Tea, Saturday, May 13, 3:00-6:00pm**

*First Covenant Church, Upper Fellowship Hall*

All women are invited to this partner event, presented by Family Values for Life Jump Start Program and women of First Covenant Church. Cost: \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door, (girls under 12 are free). This event includes guest speaker Donna Pratt, entertainment, door prizes and dinner. For more information or to register: [familyvaluesforlife.org](http://familyvaluesforlife.org), or 651-774-6663.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### **Wednesday, May 17, Last regular Wednesday afternoon and evening programs.**

Exception: Handbells and Sanctuary Choir will continue through May 31.

### **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](mailto:johnsrp24@gmail.com).

### **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. Questions? Contact Donovan DeGaetano or Kate Makosky.

### **Camp Physicals, Wednesday, May 24, 5:00-7:30pm**

*First Covenant Church*

Each 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.

**Sunday, May 28: 10:30am Summer Worship begins.**