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November 19, 2017

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 31

Now Thank We All Our God

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Ministry Highlight

Bryants to Paraguay

Scripture Reading

Exodus 16:21-30, Angela Briggs

*Song of Response

Like the Dew (Dr. Judith McAlister), Gospel Choir

Scripture Reading

Matthew 12:1-14, Ryan Voth

*Song

Oceans

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Offertory

Still

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

Sabbath Matters? Seriously.

Pastor Anne Vining

Prayer of the People

*Closing Hymn 455

Be Still, My Soul

*Sending Words

Postlude

Praise to the Lord (arr. H. Walecha)

Prayer Time for Health and Wholeness is offered in the Prayer Chapel following Worship.

**You are invited to stand if you are able.*

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 following Worship.

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 closing hymn, Room 104

Resource Table for children and youth: check out this table as you enter Worship for bulletins, crayons & Bibles for children, and Confirmation worship notes.

10:30-11:00am

Fellowship Time, Upper Fellowship Hall

10:40-11:00am

Youth Group Music Lessons, Graffiti Room

11:00am-12:00pm

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)

Confirmation Class, Game Room

Youth, Graffiti Room

Adult Spiritual Growth Hour, Upper Fellowship Hall

All are invited to join us as we discuss the sermon theme of the day:

***Sabbath Matters? Seriously.,* led by Joe Mann.**

If you temporarily leave the sanctuary during a worship service, please return to your seats using the rear Narthex doors. This will minimize disruptions.

Thank you for your understanding.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Bryants looking for dry storage space - Aaron and Becky Bryant, missionaries to Paraguay, are looking for a dry, secure spot to store some of their household items from December 2017-January 2021. Do you have an empty garage stall, basement area, attic, or storage shed that they could use? For more information, please contact Aaron, 651-231-4344 or aaron.bryant@sim.org.

Emergency Pastoral Coverage - Pastor Anne will be out of town November 20-27. In case of an emergency, or if pastoral care is needed, please take note of the following schedule:
November 20,21,22,25 - please call Pastor Ted Nordlund, 763-442-3771
November 23,24 - please call Pastor Roger Mollet, 651-236-0930
November 26,27 - please call Roger Quant, 612-998-6727

The Birth of Hope Advent 2017 FCC Guidebooks are available in the east entry kiosk. This booklet contains our events, dates and times for the Advent season.

New church directory coming soon!, *Tables near the Arcade west windows*
Last day! Please stop by the tables today to verify your directory entry, to indicate any changes, or if you choose to not be in the directory. The directory will be available soon - just in time for your Christmas mailings! Judy Kline and Jan Thoes will be at the tables to answer questions. Thank you for your help!

Man Camp is this weekend at Covenant Pines Bible Camp, and 11 men from First Covenant Church are attending. Please pray for a meaningful weekend and a safe trip home.

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 Spiritual Growth Hour.

What does it mean to follow Jesus? Seriously! Resources are available on the bookshelves to the left of the Welcome Center.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: HOPE THAT SENDS US

Rehearsals on Sundays: November 19, 26 & December 3
Performance on Sunday: December 17, 9:30am Worship

Rehearsals start TODAY! 11:00am - 11:20am, Room 104B

Children 3 years - grade 6

Our children will help us prepare for the Birth of Hope through song, hand bells, and the telling of the Nativity Story, during the worship service on December 17. The children will begin preparing today for the performance and each week following, during the Sunday School hour. Children are invited to stay for Sunday School after the rehearsals. This is a great opportunity for parents and caregivers to attend Adult Spiritual Growth Hour during this time. All are welcome!

If you have any questions please contact Donovan DeGaetano at donovan@first-covenant.org.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, November 22:, no Wednesday afternoon/evening programs (except Jump Start).
Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24: the office and building will be closed.