



What does  
it mean to  
follow  
**JESUS?**

**SERIOUSLY.**

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# CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

**November 26, 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 265

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

\*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23, Oscar Lund

\*Songs

*King of My Heart  
Our God*

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Choral Offertory

*With A Voice Of Singing (Martin Shaw)*

*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

Jesus Christ is Lord of all? Seriously.  
Tom Cameron, Executive Pastor

\*Closing Hymn 271

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*

\*Sending Words

Postlude

*Darwell's 148th Rejoice, the Lord is King! (arr. C. Callahan)*

*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 Rehearsal**, *all start in Room 104 together*

**(Children's Sunday School starts at 11:20am)**

**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*

Led by Jim Hinrichs and Marilyn Theesfeld, all are invited to join us as we discuss the topic "Christ The King (of the kingdom of God)".

**Next Sunday, December 3 is the first Sunday of Advent.**

Visit the Advent Resource Table today as you are leaving Worship. Here you will find an Advent devotional from Christianity Today, a devotional called "Oh Holy Night" for children and families, and our own Advent guidebook "The Birth of Hope, Advent 2017", along with other resources for you to use during the Christmas season.

*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

**Financial Update:** We are grateful for your continued generosity. As of November 21st, \$31,779 has been received this month, so we need \$16,243 by the end of November to stay on budget for the first three months of the fiscal year.

**Emergency Pastoral Coverage:** Pastor Anne will be out of town until Tuesday. In case of an emergency, or if pastoral care is needed, please call Roger Quant, 612-998-6727.

**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.

## SUPPORTING OUR PARTNERS

**Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf:** A few weeks ago, La Viña Iglesia of Saint Paul (a church plant for La Viña Church in Burnsville), began worshipping on Saturday evenings in the Youth Wing of our church. La Viña chose First Covenant, not only for worship, but also as a new Eastside site for their food shelf ministry, Fruit of the Vine. Fruit of the Vine is an official partner with Second Harvest Heartland food bank, and is one of the largest food shelf ministries in the Metro area. The previous Heritage Room in Lower Fellowship Hall has been modified to accommodate Fruit of the Vine, which had a trial run yesterday. More information will be available soon as to how we can help and donate to this vital ministry to our community.

**Jonathan House:** Our parsonage across the parking lot will soon be housing for asylum-seeking refugees. There is a need at the house for sturdy shelving for basement storage. If you can help with this, please contact Jeannine Nordlund, [jeanninenordlund@gmail.com](mailto:jeanninenordlund@gmail.com). Thank you!

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: HOPE THAT SENDS US

**Rehearsals on Sundays: November, 26 & December 3, 11:00-11:20am, and December 10, 11:00am-12:00pm, all in Room 104**

**Dress Rehearsal: Sunday, December 17, 8:15am, Game Room**

**Performance: Sunday, December 17, 9:30am Worship, Sanctuary**

**Children 3 years - grade 6**

During the Worship service on Sunday, December 17, our children will help us prepare for the Birth of Hope through song, hand bells, and the telling of the Nativity Story. The children will begin rehearsing during the first half of the Sunday School hour and are invited to stay for the remainder of Sunday School. 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](mailto:donovan@first-covenant.org).

## THIS WEEK

**Wednesday, November 29 will have two changes for youth:**

1. Confirmation will begin meeting on Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00pm, in Room #201, instead of Sunday mornings.
2. Beauty and the Beast Rehearsals start for youth 7th-12th grade in Lower Fellowship Hall, 6:00pm-7:30pm.

**Gospel Choir Rehearsal, Thursday, November 30, 6:00-7:30pm, Choir Room**

All are welcome as we rehearse to lead the congregation in singing on Sunday, December 3. Questions? Contact Steve Pittman, Gospel Choir Director, [steve@first-covenant.org](mailto:steve@first-covenant.org).

**Free Concert: Minnesota Sinfonia 2017 "Happy Holidays" Concert, Friday, December 1, 7pm**  
*First Covenant Sanctuary*

Begin the holiday season with the Minnesota Sinfonia! Featured will be a variety of lighter fare including carols, waltzes, familiar classics, and show tunes. The Minnesota Sinfonia is a 20 year old professional orchestra, dedicated to ensuring that the residents of Minnesota experience top-quality live classical music. All are welcome - children are encouraged to attend. After the concert, a reception will be held in Upper Fellowship Hall.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, December 2, 8:00-9:30am, Upper Fellowship Hall**

All men, young and old are invited to gather with us for our monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast. We will share a meal, study a text from the Bible, and pray.

**Sanctuary Christmas Decorating, Saturday, December 2, 1:00-4:00pm, Sanctuary**

Volunteers are needed as we prepare our sanctuary for the Advent season. Snacks will be served. All are welcome to join in the fun! For more information, contact Michelle Fure, 651-707-7699, [mkib73@hotmail.com](mailto:mkib73@hotmail.com).

## LOOKING AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS

**Giving Christmas Away 2.0 (GCA) recipient deadline is TODAY.** You will find the form for your family at the Welcome Center. Once it is filled out, place it in the Giving Christmas Away mailbox in the church office.

**Would you like to help with GCA?** Details will be available next Sunday, December 3. For more information about GCA, please see your "The Birth of Hope, Advent 2017 Guidebook".

**Adopt-A-Cop Christmas Greetings:** We want to send a special Christmas greeting to our officers to remind them we are praying for each of them. Please have your Christmas note/card at church by December 3, and place it in the Adopt-A-Cop mailbox in the church office. There are a few officers who no longer have a person praying for them. If you would like to send a Christmas card and pray for a St. Paul police officer, please contact the church office or Jan Mollet (Adopt-A-Cop Coordinator), [rjmollet@gmail.com](mailto:rjmollet@gmail.com), 651-329-1221.