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**October 1, 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 514

*Come, Spirit, Come*

\*Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:17-23, Karl & Sue Peterson

\*Song

*Anchor*

*Children in grades Pre-K through 2nd Grade are invited to continue worshipping in Children's Church. Please meet the teachers in the back of the sanctuary.*

Message

**You want me to give up that?! Seriously?**  
Tom Cameron, Executive Pastor

\*Song of Response

*I Surrender All*

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Choral Offertory

*Remember Me (Deborah Govenor)*

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

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

\*Closing Hymn 91

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

\*Sending Words

Postlude

*Fughette (Johann Pachelbel)*

*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. 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.*

**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 final song in Worship, *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*

**The Twin Cities Marathon is today!** There is no **Spiritual Growth Hour, Confirmation, Sunday School or Youth Group Music Lessons**, as you are encouraged to show your support by going to the race site to cheer for our runners. Maps of the course and our FCC cheering location are available at the Welcome Center.

## THIS WEEK

**Gospel Choir Rehearsal, Thursday, October 5, 6:00pm-7:30pm, Sanctuary**

Join us for as we practice to lead the congregation in singing on Sunday, October 8. Questions? Contact Steve Pittman, [steve@first-covenant.org](mailto:steve@first-covenant.org).

**Confirmation Get Together (7-8th graders) - Pumpkin Palooza!**

**Friday, October 6, 7:00-8:30pm**

*Pastor Anne and Gordy's Home (1108 Hyacinth Ave. E., St. Paul)*

Join us for our annual fall get together! This is a fun night to get to know one another outside of Confirmation class, eat good food, and have some pumpkin-themed fun. RSVP, and let us know if you need a ride by Wednesday, October 4 with Addin Vang or Kate Makosky.

**Building and Grounds Fall Clean Up Day, Saturday, October 7, 7:00am-1:00pm**

*First Covenant Church*

All youth and adults are invited to join the FCC Building and Grounds Committee and Men's Bible Study Group for a fun day at FCC that includes a "pot-luck" breakfast, painting, cleaning and general fix-up. We have jobs for everyone, no matter what your skill level. Breakfast will begin at 7:00am; bring a favorite dish to share. Coffee and juice will be provided. Work projects begin around 8:00am. All supplies will be provided. For more information contact Bob Johnson, [johnsrp24@gmail.com](mailto:johnsrp24@gmail.com).

## 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 Spiritual Growth Hour. September 24 Spiritual Growth Hour topic: Human Trafficking and Slavery.

**New Volunteer Server Schedules** for October, November and December are available at the Welcome Center.

**Free Books!** This morning there will be a table of free books in front of the bookshelves in Upper Fellowship Hall; please help yourselves. Other books on the shelves can be borrowed on the honor system, through our Bookshare Library.

**Adopt-A-Cop:** For all those praying for a Saint Paul East Side police officer, please have your fall note card in the Adopt-A-Cop mailbox in the church office. There is such a need to pray for our officers. If you would like to be part of this ministry, by committing to pray for an officer and writing an occasional note, please contact Jan Mollet, [rjmollet@gmail.com](mailto:rjmollet@gmail.com), or the church office.

## PRAY FOR AND SUPPORT OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN NEED

**Team World Vision (TWV):** Today a group from First Covenant is running in the Twin Cities Marathon to raise money for TWV and clean water in the Gemena region of the Congo. Our runners are: Diane Carlson, Jill DeGaetano, Madison DeGaetano and Kevin Flanagan. Help our team reach their goal of \$10,000 by using these steps: [teamworldvision.org](http://teamworldvision.org) > donate > First Covenant Church

**Covenant World Relief (CWR):** CWR is the Evangelical Covenant Church's arm of responding to human suffering and injustice in the world through disaster relief and community development. CWR has been on the ground working with partners in Texas and Florida to provide funds for recovery efforts following Harvey and Irma, and partnerships are in development in Puerto Rico in response to Hurricane Maria. For more information or to donate to CWR: [covchurch.org/relief/give](http://covchurch.org/relief/give)

**Minnehaha Academy (MA) Upper Campus, Minneapolis:** A gas explosion on August 2nd changed many lives and families, but also deepened a greater dependence on the Lord within Minnehaha's community. Founded in 1913, MA is owned by the Northwest Conference of the Covenant Denomination. The Upper Campus has relocated to Mendota Heights, and there is a campaign to help with the rebuilding of the school at their original location. To donate, visit [minnehahaacademy.net/giving/funddonation](http://minnehahaacademy.net/giving/funddonation)

**Freedom Sunday:** Last Sunday during Worship and Spiritual Growth Hour, the issues of human slavery and trafficking were highlighted. Don and Bev Oren (owners of Dart Transit Company), and two of their drivers, Mike and Beverly, presented how we all need to become aware of those held against their will. This has local implications as it happens in local malls, streets, and communities as well as globally. Handouts are available at the

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Wednesday, October 18:** Due to the long MEA weekend, there will be no After School Program, dinner or regular programs for children, youth and adults. There WILL BE Handbell Choir, Sanctuary Choir and Jump Start.

### ***Same Kind of Different as Me* Movie Opportunity, Wednesday, October 18**

Many of us have read the book of this true story, now being released as a movie: *Same Kind of Different As Me* tells the compelling true story of an international art dealer who befriends a homeless man in the hopes of saving his marriage.

October 18 is the Red Carpet Premiere night, sponsored by the Union Gospel Mission of Saint Paul (UGM). Tickets are available online by going to the Union Gospel Mission website, [www.ugmtc.org](http://www.ugmtc.org), and clicking on the appropriate prompts. Cost: \$10, which includes a small pop and popcorn, a small gift and a special donation to UGM. Because we do not have programs that evening, this is a wonderful opportunity to ask someone you would like to get to know better and attend together! If you are unable to make it on this night, there are other showings for the general public on other dates.

## COVENANT PINES MINISTRIES

### **MEA Retreats for Youth, Covenant Pines Bible Camp, McGregor, MN**

October 18-20: Junior High (7th-8th graders)

October 20-22: Senior High (9th-12th graders)

Don't miss your chance to get away to Covenant Pines this MEA Break!

For more information, or if you have a scholarship need, see Addin Vang.

Sign up TODAY.

### **Adventurous Christians 2017 Ministry Fundraising Banquet**

**Saturday, October 28, 6:00pm Gathering Time, 6:30pm Dinner**

*Salem Covenant Church, 2655 Fifth Street NW, new Brighton, MN*

Cost: \$10. Meal catered by Cossetta's restaurant, Paddle Raffle, Bake Sale and Silent Auction, all to raise support for A.C.'s on-going ministry to people of all ages with a desire to seek God in the wilderness. Register by October 20: 218-388-2286 or [adventurouschristians.org/banquet](http://adventurouschristians.org/banquet)

### **Men, Save the Dates: Man Camp at Covenant Pines, November 17-19**

*Covenant Pines Bible Camp, McGregor, MN*

Wherever you are spiritually, Man Camp is an opportunity to separate yourself from the routine, to turn down the volume of the world, and speak authentically with other guys. And, of course, there will be tons of fun stuff to do. Cost: \$104 if you sign up by October 15 (\$144 for deluxe accommodations). For more information:

[covenantpines.org](http://covenantpines.org) - retreats - adult retreats - man camp, pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center, or contact Jim Hinrichs, [hinrichsjd@gmail.com](mailto:hinrichsjd@gmail.com), 858-349-3867, or Roger Valois, [rvalois@q.com](mailto:rvalois@q.com), 651-489-8330.