



**FALL 2018**  
**First Covenant Church of Saint Paul**

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# WAKE UP!

**October 14, 2018**

**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 71

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

\*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Ministry Highlight

upcoming Edge to Center event, Michelle Fure

Scripture Reading

John 15:9-17, Jill Weiss  
I John 4:7-12, Doug Nelson

\*Song

*How He Loves*

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Choral Offertory

*The Love of Christ* (Tina English)

*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

WAKE UP....to the power of love  
Nancy Fox  
Pastor Anne Vining

Prayer: "Love So Easy and So Hard"

Jim Zupfer

\*Closing Song

*Reckless Love*

\*Sending Words

Postlude

*Reckless Love* (Instrumental)

\*Stand if you are able

*If you temporarily leave the sanctuary during a Worship service, please return to your seats using the rear sanctuary doors. This will minimize disruptions. Thank you for understanding.*

## 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 during the Fellowship Time.*

**9:30am**

**Worship, Sanctuary**

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

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

**Children's Church**, children pre-k through 2nd grade are dismissed with leaders during Worship and will return with leaders during the last song, *Room 104*

**10:30am**

**Fellowship Time, Upper Fellowship Hall**

**10:35am - 11:00am**

**Youth Group Music Lessons, Graffiti Room**, (please see Richard Voth with questions)

**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 (Gr. 7-8), Game Room**

**Youth (Gr. 9-12), Graffiti Room**

**Adult Spiritual Growth Hour**

*Upper Fellowship Hall*

**"Building Community - More people knowing more people"**

Together we will continue to explore how small groups can further our mission by making a positive difference in each of our lives and strengthening our connections with one another. Questions? See Dave Brand or Barb Johnson.

## NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

**Adult Spiritual Growth Hour, 11:00am**

*Upper Fellowship Hall*

We will be discussing the book "Torn: Rescuing the Gospel from the Gays-vs.-Christians Debate", by Justin Lee. All are welcome, even if you have not read the book. We have obtained a few more copies of the book that are for sale at the Welcome Center for \$10.00. Please pay by cash, or by check payable to First Covenant Church.

## **OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

**Due to MEA this week**, Wednesday afternoon and evening programs will not take place. The only exceptions are handbells and choir, which will be at their regular times.

**Thank you** to all who donated toward clean water through Team World Vision, and to those who ran. Over \$6000 was raised through our four Twin City Marathon runners: Diane Carlson, Jason Como, Kevin Whitby and Sarah Carpenter.

**Pastor Anne will be out of the office** this afternoon until Thursday morning. In case of a pastoral care emergency, please call the church office during office hours. If after hours, please call Pastor Ted Nordlund: 763-442-3771.

**A Search Committee** for a second pastor has been formed and they had their first meeting this past Thursday. Although the job description will be finalized by the committee, these key areas have been identified: provide oversight and leadership to the church's identified priorities of creating spaces for building community within our congregation for all ages, growing as an intercultural congregation, strengthening and supporting our current ministries to children, youth and families, and providing general pastoral support for care, preaching and teaching in tandem with Pastor Anne and the ministry team. Updates will be coming as we move forward in this process. Search Committee members: Donovan DeGaetano, Nancy Fox, Michelle Fure, Tanya Garcia, Josh Holm, Sharla Scullen, Anja Swenson, Angela Swenson, Greg Swenson, Keith Turnquist, Marcy Turnquist, Jake Verdoorn, Pastor Anne Vining.

### **Job Posting: Organ/Accompanist**

At First Covenant Church of Saint Paul, we celebrate vibrant worship that includes our pipe organ accompanying hymns and select choral pieces in a blended eclectic intergenerational worship experience. We are looking for someone to fill this part time position. If you know of anyone, please send their resume to Jeff Norris at [jeffsandynorris@msn.com](mailto:jeffsandynorris@msn.com).

**Stay connected:** Weekly worship bulletins 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 Adult Spiritual Growth Hour.

**Today is the last day to order First Covenant-logo t-shirts!** Sign up to order your own t-shirt at the Welcome Center. Shirts cost \$15 - payment is due when you order (cash, or check made out to First Covenant). Kids through adult sizes available. Questions? Contact Kate Makosky.

## **EVENTS FOR/SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

**Prayer Partner Meet-Up, Sunday, October 28, 10:30-11:00am, Graffiti Room**

Prayer partners and youth - the purpose of this gathering is for you to catch up and exchange prayer requests and praises. Youth - if you do not have a prayer partner, you will be receiving one soon, and will be meeting them at this get-together.

**Children, Youth and Families Dinner and Trick or Treating  
Wednesday, October 31st, 5:45pm - 7:30pm**

*First Covenant Church and the surrounding neighborhood*

**5:45pm:** Dinner provided by Loaves and Fishes; **6:15pm:** Trick-or-Treating

First Covenant Church and Family Values for Life are partnering for a fun community-building event, Trick-or-Treating. Children birth - grade 6 need to have a parent or caregiver accompany them at dinner and while Trick-or-Treating. Please sign up by Sunday, October 28 so we have a dinner count: Children and families sign up at the Welcome Center; Youth on the youth bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact Donovan or Addin.

## PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES

### **Jonathan House Brunch, Saturday, October 20, 10:00-11:30am**

*Jonathan House, (white house across the church parking lot)*

Are you wondering how you can be involved in the ministry of Jonathan House? Join us for our Monthly Community Meal! Get to know our staff, residents, and other volunteers as we share a delicious potluck brunch together with those seeking asylum. Please bring a dish to share, (no pork products please). Questions? Please contact Jeannine Nordlund.

### **In It Together Prayer Walk, Dinner and Sinfonia Concert, Friday, October 26, 5:00pm**

*Meet at First Covenant at 5:00pm, Sinfonia Concert begins in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm*

All are invited as we gather with our "In It Together" partners, Contender for the Faith Church and Family Values for Life to walk and pray for the "least of these" in our neighborhood, share a simple meal, and enjoy a beautiful concert with a dessert following! Families and children are welcome to participate in all activities, including the concert (no child care provided). Don't miss this FREE opportunity to minister to others locally and globally through prayer and fellowship. Sign up at the Welcome Center. Questions? Contact Susan Carlson, [susan.carlson8@gmail.com](mailto:susan.carlson8@gmail.com).

**Sinfonia Concert Information:** Israeli-American cellist Amit Peled will share his personal, musical, and spiritual journey, playing music by several Jewish composers.

### **Broadway Dinner Night, Friday, November 2, 6:00pm, Upper Fellowship Hall**

Join us for dinner and a show! Enjoy a fabulous sit-down dinner with members of our church community singing favorite Broadway tunes. Broadway Dinner Night not only celebrates theater, but also raises funds to support the costs of our musicals with our partner schools: Farnsworth Aerospace Schools and Johnson Senior High School.

**Tickets sales begin today** at the table by the east entrance. Adults: \$20, Under 18 years: \$10, Under 5 years: free. Please pay by cash or check, payable to First Covenant Church. Questions? Contact Richard Voth or Jorge Martinez.

## COVENANT PINES MINISTRIES

### **Adventurous Christians (AC) Annual Fundraising Banquet, Saturday, October 27, 5:00pm**

*Salem Covenant Church, 2655 5th St. NW, New Brighton, MN, 55112*

Please join us for an evening of celebrating what God is doing at AC. The event includes: a meal catered by Cossetta's restaurant, a program including testimonies and a slideshow, a raffle, bake sale and silent auction. Cost: \$10. AC is Covenant Pines' Ministries rustic camp in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of Minnesota. (Our church holds an annual winter retreat at AC). This camp serves churches looking for a unique experience away from the plugged-in life most of us lead.

For more information or to RSVP: [covenantpines.org/adventurouschristians.org](http://covenantpines.org/adventurouschristians.org).

### **Man Camp at Covenant Pines Bible Camp! November 16 (evening)-November 18 (noon)**

*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 men. Of course there will also be tons of fun stuff to do! 10 men from FCC attended in 2017. Cost: \$110 before October 24. For more information or to register: [covenantpines.org](http://covenantpines.org), or contact Jim Hinrichs, [jhinrichs1596@gmail.com](mailto:jhinrichs1596@gmail.com). or Roger Valois, [rlvalois@q.com](mailto:rlvalois@q.com).

**Looking ahead...**our FCC annual retreat held at Adventurous Christians in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of MN, is scheduled for March 22-24, 2019.