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9:30 a.m.

Gathering Time

Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Worship

Psalm 24:1-2

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 4

God of Creation, All- Powerful

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Ministry Highlight

Minnehaha Academy, Nate Stromberg

God's Creation in the Word

Genesis 1:24-31, Chris Penwell

*Song

Indescribable

*Colossians 1:15-17

Anja Swenson

* Song

Above All

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Choral Offertory *Prayer for the Earth* (H.H. Hopson), Sanctuary and Handbell Choirs

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 Care for our environment is God's concern, not mine. Seriously?

Pastor Anne Vining

Prayer of Response

*Closing Hymn 57

This Is My Father's World

*Sending Words

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God (arr. Michael Burkhardt)

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! We invite you to join us for coffee and treats in the Upper Fellowship Hall area 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 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*

10:30-11:00am

Prayer Opportunities Overview, *Upper Fellowship Hall Area*

Today we will be focusing on ways to pray here at First Covenant Church.

There are many ways to support our ministries, families, and community through prayer: Mom's in Prayer, FCC Prayer Teams, Youth Prayer Partners, and Adopt-a-Cop. Please visit the information tables set up in Upper Fellowship Hall, immediately following the worship service to learn more and to sign up to be part of them.

Prayer Partner Meet Up, *Graffiti Room*. All prayer partners and youth (7th-12th graders) are invited to connect and grow in our relationships together. Prayer Partners are special relationships where an adult prays for a specific youth throughout the year. We are in need of additional prayer partners this year. If you are interested, please contact Addin Vang. (No Youth Group Music Lessons today).

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, *(meeting with adults today)*

Adult Spiritual Growth Hour, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

Dr. Joel Light, associate professor of biology at University of Northwestern, St. Paul, is our guest speaker. Dr. Light will provide an overview of the Biblical call to care for God's creation and the vulnerable through the integration of science and theology, helping us to define what justice is in the context of creation care.

Next Sunday's Adult Spiritual Growth Hour, 10/22: Joe Mann will lead a discussion on the church and its relationship with culture.

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.

Tickets go on sale TODAY! Broadway Dinner Night (BDN), Friday, November 10, 6pm
Held at First Covenant Church, Lower Fellowship Hall

Plan now to attend an evening filled with Broadway tunes sung by individuals from our church, as well as a delicious sit-down dinner. This is an outreach/fundraising event to help cover the costs of our musicals with our neighborhood partners Farnsworth Schools and Johnson High School. Child care will be provided. (See insert for details).

Mark your 2018 calendar - "Beauty and the Beast" youth musical will be February 23-25.

Update on The Alley Shoppe: Many of you know that our partner The Alley Shoppe, sustained severe damage due to a sewer problem. The latest update is that The Alley Shoppe plans to re-open sometime in 2018. Please hold your items until then, or donate them elsewhere. The Alley Shoppe is housed in Arlington Hills Lutheran Church and provides free clothing and household items to eligible families in Ramsey County.

Communication request from the Ministry Team: If you have items you would like to donate to the church, please check with a Ministry Team Member to make sure there is a need for the item. Also, when placing items in the mailboxes of Ministry Team or Leadership Team members, please identify who it is from. Thanks!

Thank you to all who painted, cleaned and did other work on the building and grounds of First Covenant Church the past two Saturdays!

PRAY FOR AND SUPPORT OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN NEED

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
Thanks to Nate Stromberg, a teacher at MA, for sharing in Worship with us today.

Jonathan House Update: We have the privilege of partnering with International Association for Refugees to welcome and get to know the asylum seekers who will be moving into the newly refurbished parsonage on our property in the next couple of weeks. If you are interested in volunteering, there are many ways to be involved. You can pick up a list of opportunities at the Welcome Center. Please take note of these dates:

October 19, 7:00 – 8:30pm: All are invited to the dedication of Jonathan House.

October 28, 9:00am-3:00pm: Volunteer Training at FCC, (necessary for volunteers).

For more information: 612-200-0321, www.iafr.org.

November 16: Open House at Jonathan House and Give to the Max Day.

Contact Tricia Sargent, Louise Wilson or Jeannine Nordlund if you have questions.

THIS WEEK

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**

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, 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 FCC does not have activities that night, this is a wonderful opportunity to ask someone you would like to get to know better to attend with you! If you are unable to make it on this night, there are other showings for the general public starting October 20.

Gospel Choir Rehearsal, Thursday, October 19, 6:00-7:30pm, Choir Room

All are invited to join in rehearsing to sing in Worship on Sunday, October 22. For more information, please contact Steve Pittman, Gospel Choir Director.

UPCOMING EVENTS

IDI Debrief, Tuesday, October 24, 6:00-8:00pm, Upper Fellowship Hall

For all those who have taken the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI), we will gather together and learn the results of the inventory. Remember to take the IDI online by October 15 (TODAY). Please contact Susan Carlson to RSVP, or if you have any questions, susancarlson@northcountryautobody.com.

COVENANT PINES MINISTRIES

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. Register by October 20: 218-388-2286 or 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 TODAY, October 15, \$144 for deluxe accommodations). For more information: covenantpines.org - retreats - adult retreats - man camp. Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center, or contact Jim Hinrichs, hinrichsjd@gmail.com, 858-349-3867, or Roger Valois, rlvalois@q.com, 651-489-8330.