



FALL 2018
First Covenant Church of Saint Paul

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WAKE UP!

October 21, 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 23

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Service of Dedication

Shaun Andrew Field

The Blessing

The Lord Bless You

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25: 31-46
Mark Severson and Isabel Patrick

*Songs

*Salt and Light
Build Your Kingdom Here*

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Choral Offertory

Come, Ye Blessed (arr. Carl Deis)

*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 hear a dangerous sermon

Matthew 25 Challenge

Pastor Anne Vining

*Closing Hymn 642

Let Your Heart Be Broken

*Sending Words

Postlude

*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.

This morning Clark and Audra Field bring their son, Shaun Andrew Field, to the Lord in a service of dedication. We pray God's blessings upon this family, which also includes older brother, Adam.

First Covenant Church practices both infant dedication and infant baptism. If you would like to know more about the biblical and theological basis for these practices, there is a resource sheet available at the Welcome Center.

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), please join the discussion on "Torn", *Upper Fellowship Hall.*

Adult Spiritual Growth Hour

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.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MORNINGS AT FCC

October 28:

- Worship: Reformation Sunday
- Adult Spiritual Growth Hour: "Wake Up...to changing lives globally" (part 1), sponsored by the Global Missions Team

November 4:

- Worship: All Saints Sunday
- Adult Spiritual Growth Hour: "Wake Up....to changing lives globally" (part 2), mission partnerships in Cameroon and Congo

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Order your own First Covenant-logo t-shirt! You may have noticed that the FCC Ministry Team and Leadership Team were all wearing new blue FCC t-shirts at the Block Party. Now is your chance to order your own FCC t-shirt! Sign up at the Welcome Center before November 4; 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.

Elaine Johnson, wife of former FCC pastor, Norbert Johnson, passed away on October 3. Her memorial service will take place on Friday, November 2 at 6:30pm at Bloomington Covenant Church, Bloomington, MN. God's peace to those on a journey of loss and grief.

A Search Committee for a second pastor has been formed. 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 and intercultural worship experience. We are looking for someone to fill this part time position. If you know of anyone, resumes can be sent to Jeff Norris at 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.

EVENTS FOR/SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

MEA Covenant Pines Bible Camp Youth Retreats are taking place this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers as Addin Vang, our Associate Minister of Youth and Families, and 10 of our youth return today.

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. Questions? See Addin Vang.

**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
Instead of our usual Wednesday programs, 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

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.

Sinfonia Concert Information: The Minnesota Sinfonia is a 20 year old professional orchestra, dedicated to ensuring that the all residents of Minnesota are able to experience top-quality live classical music. With an emphasis on reaching schools, children, and families, concerts are always free. Children are encouraged to attend. 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. Our next musical is "The Little Mermaid", March 2 and 3, 2019.

Buy your tickets today for Broadway Dinner Night, 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.

Edge to Center Series with Austin Channing Brown, Saturday, November 17, 7:00pm

Last City Church, 55 N. Victoria Street, St. Paul, MN 55104

Put together by a coalition of Twin Cities Churches, this is the second event in the "Edge to Center" series. This event is free, and all are invited to join us for teaching and discussion around the intersection of faith and race. Austin Channing Brown is the author of "I'm Still Here: Black Dignity In a World Made for Whiteness".

COVENANT PINES MINISTRIES

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, or contact Jim Hinrichs, jhinrichs1596@gmail.com. or Roger Valois, rvalois@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.

GIVING AND LIVING - YOUR GIFTS IN ACTION

Because of the generosity of this congregation, some much needed technology upgrades have been able to happen: 2 new projectors so that we now have a total of 4, upgraded hardware for internet service, 4 new laptops and accessories, and phase 3 upgrades to the sound system which includes new speakers in the sanctuary. Thank you to our volunteer IT Team: Bryan Norris, Dan Makosky, and Jason Huso, and to all who give to FCC!