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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 419

Lead on, O Cloud of Presence

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Ministry Highlight

Broadway Dinner Night 2017, Paige Mann

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-2, Benji Zupfer

I Corinthians 6:12, 9:19-23, Sandy Norris

*Songs

No Longer Slaves

You Are God Alone

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Choral Offertory

Smile (Tasha Cobbs), Gospel Choir

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

The church must keep up with culture. Seriously?

Pastor Anne Vining

*Closing Hymn 620

Lord, Speak to Me

*Sending Words

Postlude

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise (arr. M. 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*

10:40-11:00am

No Youth Group Music Lessons this week

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, *Graffiti Room*

Adult Spiritual Growth Hour, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

Joe Mann will lead a discussion on the church and its relationship with culture.

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Pastor Paul Robinson will be joining us to preach in Worship and teach in the Adult Spiritual Growth Hour. Pastor Paul is a Leadership Coach and Covenant Pastor, currently serving as Pastor at Grace Outreach Covenant Church, a new church plant in Coon Rapids.

Worship theme: *We are an intentionally increasingly intercultural and intergenerational congregation, Seriously?*

Spiritual Growth Hour topic: *We live in an increasingly multicultural world. The ability to navigate and respond to cultural difference is key to reaching the whole community for Jesus. This conversation will explore how perspective impacts our ability to see and respond to difference. Participants will receive tools and strategies to increase their intercultural competence.*

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.

Ministry Team whereabouts today: Addin Vang is at Covenant Pines Bible Camp with 13 of our youth for the MEA Retreat. Richard Voth is taking the weekend off. Thanks to those who are stepping in to help in their absence.

Tickets for 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.

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 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.

FCC Prayer Teams: Last Sunday we provided information about how you could join a FCC Prayer Team, giving a one year commitment to pray. Visit the Welcome Center to pick up a Prayer Team Member Information Sheet, or sign up for a specific area of ministry to pray for. Questions: Contact Lynn Gilmore, Prayer Ministry Coordinator, 651-770-1536 or gilmork@msn.com.

Financial Update: For the month of September, our total need was \$42,376.67 and \$43,452.86 was received. For the month of October our projected need for weekly giving is \$9,120 and thus far this month we've been receiving \$8,875.67 each week on average. Thank you for continuing to give generously!

THIS WEEK

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. Please contact Susan Carlson to RSVP, or if you have any questions, susancarlson@northcountryautobody.com.

Wednesday, October 25, following MEA last week, our Wednesday evenings return to their regular schedule. The next Wednesday off will be November 22 for Thanksgiving.

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. To register: 218-388-2286 or adventurouschristians.org/banquet

LOOKING AHEAD

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, rvalois@q.com, 651-489-8330.