

Head HEART and Feet



LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND. IT DOES NOT ENVY, IT DOES NOT BOAST, IT IS NOT PROUD.
IT DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS, IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING, IT IS NOT EASILY ANGERED,
IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS.

I CORINTHIANS 13:4-5

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HEAD, HEART AND FEET

October 23, 2016

9:30 a.m.

Gathering Time

Passing of the Peace

Greeting

Please complete the connect card and place in the offering plate.

Invitation to Worship

*Opening Hymn 593

In Christ There is No East or West

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Holy Sacrament of Baptism

*The Blessing

The Lord Bless You

*Song

Oceans

Ministry Highlight

In It Together: Community Prayer Gathering

Susan Carlson

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Offertory

Better (Hezekiah Walker)

Gospel Choir

*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 after the offertory.*

Scripture Reading

I Timothy 6:1-6

Roger Valois

Philemon vs. 4-22

Isabel Patrick

Finding Truth in Tough Texts

Pastor Anne Vining

Prayer of Response

*Closing Song

All the Poor and Powerless

*Sending Words

1 Corinthians 13:4-5

Postlude

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (arr. Flor Peeters)

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. The connect card in your bulletin provides a way to give or receive information, or to ask for prayer. Many are already part of our e-mail communication. If you would like to receive periodic church updates electronically, please indicate this on your connect card. Place your completed connect card in the offering plate.

This morning Matt and Lora Murtha bring their daughter, Gwendolyn Elizabeth Murtha, to the Lord in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. The Godparents for Gwendolyn are Phil and Justine Murtha.

9:30am

Worship, Sanctuary

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 of Worship, Room 104

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

10:30am

Fellowship Time, Upper Fellowship Hall

If you are visiting, welcome! Please join us for a cup of coffee and a treat.

10:40am

Youth Group Music Lessons, Graffiti Room

11:00am

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 1-2, Room 104A

Grades 3-4, Room 104B

Grades 5-6, Room 201 (upstairs)

Youth Sunday School (grades 7-12), Graffiti Room

Confirmation, Game Room

Adult Spiritual Growth Hour (please see insert for CBE discussion room assignments)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

Next Sunday there will be a brief business meeting in the sanctuary immediately following worship. The nominating team for First Covenant Church is recommending Doug Jacobson become a member of the Leadership Team. This will enable us to have a complete Leadership Team of 10 members serving First Covenant. Next Sunday, we will hold a brief business meeting after the church service where members of First Covenant will receive this recommendation and vote on it. Your attendance and participation at this meeting are greatly appreciated.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Stay connected: Stop by the Welcome Center to order a CD of any worship service, to pick up an October/November FCC calendar, or an October-December server schedule. Weekly worship bulletins and podcasts can be found on the church website under the Worship and Arts tab.

We extend our sympathies to husband Laurence Nelson, daughter Virginia (Chuck) Fenrick, and family, in the loss of Allegra Nelson, who joined the church triumphant on Sunday, October 16. Her funeral service was held at Buffalo Covenant Church this past Thursday. God's peace to those on a journey through loss and grief.

First Covenant practices both infant baptism and the dedication of infants. 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.

IN IT TOGETHER: COMMUNITY PRAYER GATHERING

Community Prayer Gathering, Wednesday, November 2, 6:15pm

First Covenant Church

Several churches and local partners will come together for dinner and a time of sharing and prayer for East St. Paul and our nation. Regular children's programming will be provided for birth through 6th grade; 5th and 6th graders are encouraged to attend with their families. Seventh graders through adults will share in a time of worship, relevant discussion, and prayer as we seek God for healing and unity. Dinner: 5:45-6:15; Prayer Gathering and children's programs: 6:15-7:30. There is no cost to attend.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING AND LIVING

Meal Ministry: Would you like to be added to a list of people who would like to serve others by taking them a meal? If you have ever had surgery, a serious illness, had a baby, or have been challenged by other changing life situations, you know how much a meal is appreciated. When a need comes up, you will be asked to provide a meal and you can choose when and how often to help. If interested, there is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center. Questions? Call the church office.

Como Family Dessert Night Fundraiser, Saturday, October 29, 7:00pm

First Covenant Church, Upper Fellowship Hall

On November 13, the Como Family is leaving the US to serve in Haiti. You are invited to hear more about their plans, see pictures, and have your questions answered. Please join us for dessert at 7:00pm, with the program beginning at 7:30 pm. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to attend. For more information, contact Jason and Lisa Como at: 612-599-8867, or jasonandlisa5@aol.com. All are welcome!

Adventurous Christians Ministry Fundraising Banquet, Saturday, November 12, 6pm

Salem Covenant Church, New Brighton, MN

Join us for this annual fundraising dinner in support of our Covenant rustic retreat center in Grand Marais, MN. Your gifts will support AC's on-going ministry to people of all ages with a desire to seek God in the wilderness.

6:00pm: Gathering Time

6:30pm: Dinner with program and Silent Auction following

For more information or to RSVP: adventurouschristians.org.