



What does
it mean to
follow
JESUS?

SERIOUSLY.

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REFORMATION SUNDAY - 500TH ANNIVERSARY

October 29, 2017

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 464

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Ministry Highlight

Adult Spiritual Growth, Janet Peterson

Celebrating 500 Years Since Reformation

*Songs

*All The Nations
All Who Are Thirsty*

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Choral Offertory

Christ, the One Foundation (Mary McDonald)
Sanctuary Choir with Brass and Wind Ensemble

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

We are an intentionally increasingly intercultural and intergenerational congregation. Seriously?
Pastor Paul Robinson, guest speaker

*Closing Hymn 580

God Bless Your Church with Strength!

*Sending Words

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress is Our God (arr. Jan Bender)

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!

Today is Reformation Sunday when we commemorate Martin Luther's posting of the 95 Theses on the Wittenburg door which stated the abuses of the church in his time (16th century). At the heart of the Reformation movement is the Good News that by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, we are justified and set free to live full and abundant lives. The reformers were committed to bringing the Gospel back to the center of the church's mission, with focus (personally and corporately) on faithfulness to the Gospel freedom in Christ, grounded in the love of Christ.

We are grateful for our brass and wind ensemble who are sharing their talents with us this morning: Bryan Norris, Stanley Renty, Ryan Jacobson, Mark Hagfors, Elijah Lokensgard-Wallace, Ted Ryden, Don Pelto, Erik Carlson, and Doug Jacobson.

This morning we welcome Pastor Paul Robinson as he joins us to speak 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.

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

Youth Group Music Lessons, *Graffiti Room*

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*

Today's 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. Join us as Pastor Paul leads us in this discussion.

THIS WEEK

Gospel Choir Rehearsal, Thursday, November 2, 6:00-7:30pm

Choir Room

All are welcome to join us in rehearsing to lead the congregation in singing during Worship on Sunday, November 5. Rehearsal schedules and CD's are available at the Welcome Center. Contact Steve Pittman, Gospel Choir Director, with any questions: steve@first-covenant.org.

Men's Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, November 4, 8:00-9:30am

Upper Fellowship Hall

All men and boys are invited to our monthly gathering. We share food, study the Bible and pray. Questions? Contact Jim Hinrichs, hinrichsjd@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHIC Information Meeting - Sunday, November 12, 12:00-12:30pm (Youth Grades 9 -12 and a Parent or Caregiver)

Graffiti Room

Don't miss out on our 2018 Senior High Summer Trip! This year is a CHIC year for current senior highers - this triennial Covenant youth conference is a high-school highlight for many of our youth and we want you to be involved! Join us for a brief meeting where we will be covering logistics, registration details and fundraising plans. The first 10 kids who register will get a CHIC freebie! Questions? Contact Addin Vang.

Man Camp at Covenant Pines, November 17-19

Covenant Pines Bible Camp, McGregor, MN

We already have a good number of men from FCC signed up - please join us! 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. 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.

LOOKING AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS EVE

It isn't often that Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, but when it does, scheduling becomes interesting! After polling you, our congregation, and having conversations with our partner churches, Christmas Eve worship will be held on Sunday, December 24 at 4:00pm. Plan now to attend this beautiful time of worship as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

All Saints Day will be observed next Sunday during our worship service as we remember loved ones and friends who have gone before us. Before the service begins you will have an opportunity to pick up a lit candle in the back of the sanctuary and place it on the tables in the front of the sanctuary in memory of someone special to you. If you would like to place a candle, please arrive before 9:30am. During the service we will remember those within our church family who have joined the Church Triumphant within the past year.

Daylight Saving ends! Remember to set your clock back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

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.

November calendars are available at the Welcome Center and the east entry kiosk.

Tickets for sale TODAY for 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.

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 very soon. If you are interested in volunteering, there is a list of opportunities at the Welcome Center.

Open House at Jonathan House: November 16

Grocery bag donations: stay tuned for more information about an upcoming opportunity to donate food to our own Jonathan House this fall, in place of the Union Gospel Mission Thanksgiving bags. Contact Tricia Sargent, Louise Wilson or Jeannine Nordlund if you have questions about Jonathan House.

FCC Prayer Teams: A few weeks ago 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.

What does it mean to follow Jesus? Seriously! Resources are available on the bookshelves to the left of the Welcome Center, including the Truckers Against Trafficking wallet cards.