



FALL 2018
First Covenant Church of Saint Paul

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WAKE UP!

October 7, 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 411

Along the Roads of Daily Life

*Opening Prayer

Ministry Highlight

"Man Camp", Judd Moore

Scripture Reading

John 9:1-25, Lionus Lo, Alaina Sandau

*Song

Who You Say I Am

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Choral Offertory

And Can It Be? (A. C. Whitworth)

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 God's power to transform lives

Tom Cameron, Executive Pastor

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

We invite all who follow Jesus as Savior and Lord to receive and celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion with us.

*Affirmation of Faith

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Song

Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)

*Closing Prayer

Postlude

Broken Vessels (Instrumental)

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.

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

Following Worship today, Youth Group Music Lessons, Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Spiritual Growth Class will not meet in order to support our Team World Vision runners along the Twin Cities Marathon route.

The Twin Cities Marathon is today! Four members of our FCC faith family will be running today as part of Team World Vision: Sarah Carpenter (Chicago Marathon), Diane Carlson, Jason Como, and Kevin Whitby (Twin Cities Marathon).

All are running to raise money to provide clean, sustainable water sources for the Democratic Republic of Congo, including the community of Gemena. \$50 provides life-changing clean water to children in need.

How you can help:

- Donate on-line: www.teamworldvision.org/team/FCCStP.
- Following Worship today, grab a spot along the Marathon route with your family and friends, and cheer-on our team! Thank you for your generosity, not only with financial donations to Team World Vision, but also for your enthusiasm as our runners pass by!

UPCOMING ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH HOURS

October 14, 11:00am, Upper Fellowship Hall

"Building Community - More people knowing more people"

Together we will continue to explore how small groups can further our mission by making a positive difference in each of our lives and strengthening our connections with one another. Questions? See Dave Brand or Barb Johnson.

October 21, 11:00am, Upper Fellowship Hall

We will be discussing the book "Torn: Rescuing the Gospel from the Gays-vs.-Christians Debate", by Justin Lee. This is a continuation of the discussion begun in our August Book Club, and all are welcome! We have obtained a few more copies of the book that are for sale at the Welcome Center for \$10.00. Please pay by cash, or by check payable to First Covenant Church.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of Elaine Johnson, who passed away on Wednesday, October 3. Elaine was the wife of Norbert Johnson, a former pastor of FCC. Services for Elaine are pending. God's peace to those on a journey through loss and grief.

Thank You to all who helped with the 80+ Party this past Friday. Party planners Mary Jane Rogers, Corrine Pearson, Connie Benson, Wendy Bain, plus their wonderful team of many others, did a fabulous job! We are grateful for all those in our church who are age 80 and above, and for all who were able to attend.

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.

Get your own FCC T-Shirt! First Covenant t-shirts are available for purchase. Sign up to order your own t-shirt at the Welcome Center. Orders will be taken through Sunday, October 14. 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, kate@first-covenant.org.

New Volunteer Server Schedules (October, November, December) are available at the Welcome Center and on our website: first-covenant.org. Thanks to all who are serving!

SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Parent Ministry Online: First Covenant Church of Saint Paul and Family Values for Life are thrilled to partner with our parents and caregivers, by offering an online parenting class each month. We've taken the time to figure out REAL issues families are dealing with at the elementary age level and packaged some great resources in regard to those. Each month you'll receive encouragement and truth in the form of a 3-4 minute video, articles, messages via email, and encouragement via social media. Our first Parent Ministry Online was emailed out Monday, October 1st. If you would like to be part of 'Parent Ministry Online,' you can sign up on at the Welcome Center or email Donovan, donovan@first-covenant.org or Addin, addin@first-covenant.org.

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. Feel free to mingle, fellowship, eat cookies, drink coffee and pray with your prayer partner during this time.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT/SHARE

"Sheltering Hope Breakfast", Tuesday, October 9, 8:00-9:00am

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church, 739 Lafond Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104

Jonathan House is now a year old! It is the white house across the parking lot, and home for those seeking asylum. You are invited to a benefit and free breakfast to hear more about this ministry. Please contact Louise Wilson (louise-wilson@bethel.edu) or Jeannine Nordlund, (jeanninenordlund@gmail.com) to make a reservation or if you would like to make a donation.

Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf and La Vina de Saint Paul Farm Fresh Produce Give-Away

Friday, October 12, 4:00-6:00pm

First Covenant Church Parking Lot

All can come...and all are invited to pick up farm fresh produce for free! Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf and La Vina de Saint Paul will be distributing fresh produce in the church parking lot. Be sure to bring your own bags.

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

Join us 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.

COVENANT PINES MINISTRIES

MEA Retreats for Youth at Covenant Pines Bible Camp, McGregor, MN

Wednesday, October 17-Friday, October 19 (7-8th Grade)

Friday, October 19-Sunday, October 21 (9-12th Grade)

This is an awesome opportunity to get away together with friends and enjoy fall at Covenant Pines Bible Camp. For more information or to register: covenantpines.org. Questions? See Addin Vang.

Adventurous Christians (AC) Annual Fundraising Banquet, Saturday, October 27, 5:00pm

Salem Covenant Church, 2655 5th St. NW, New Brighton, MN, 55112

Please join us for an evening of celebrating what God is doing at AC. The event includes: a meal catered by Cossetta's restaurant, a program including testimonies and a slideshow, a raffle, bake sale and silent auction. Cost: \$10. AC is Covenant Pines' Ministries rustic camp in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of Minnesota. (Our church holds an annual winter retreat at AC). This camp serves churches looking for a unique experience away from the plugged-in life most of us lead.

For more information or to RSVP: covenantpines.org/adventurouschristians.org.

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,