

# Palm Sunday 2017



*"Entry of Christ into Jerusalem" by Wilhelm Morgner*

**"Come to me all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest."  
Matthew 11:28**

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# PALM SUNDAY

**April 9, 2017**

**9:30 a.m.**

Gathering Time

\*Celebration Parade

*Hosanna, We Sing!*

Greeting & Invitation to Worship

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

\*Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

Psalm 118: 1-2,19-29, Manuela Martinez

Matthew 21: 1-17, Jim Hinrichs

Experiencing the Sacred in Every Day Living

Sue Peterson

\*Songs

*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

*Mantos y Palmas (Mantles and Branches)*

Ministry Highlight

Every Kid to Camp

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Choral Offertory

*O Give Thanks (Judith McAlister)*

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

ACCLAIM

Pastor Anne Vining

\*Closing Hymn 221

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

\*Sending Words

Matthew 11:28

Postlude

*Drawing Us to You (arr. Michael Burkhardt)*

*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.*

**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 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*

**10:40am**

**No Youth Group Music Lessons until Sunday, April 23.**

**11:00am**

**Nursery Care** (birth through age 3), *Room 105*

**Children's Sunday School**, *(all start in Room 104 together)*

**Pre-K - K**, *Room 106*

**Grades 3-4**, *Room 104B*

**Grades 1-2**, *Room 104A*

**Grades 5-6**, *Room 201 (upstairs)*

**Confirmation**, *Game Room*

**Youth Sunday School**, *Graffiti Room*

**Adult Spiritual Growth Hour**, *Labyrinth*

In continuation of our Lenten theme "Contemplate", please take the opportunity to walk the labyrinth set up in Lower Fellowship Hall. Paige Mann and Janet Cameron have created a contemplative atmosphere using art, music, and a labyrinth path to encourage each of us to withdraw for a few minutes from the busyness of life, and focus on our inner life with God. Pick up a labyrinth brochure with more information at the Lent Resource Table or the Welcome Center.

**\*Please pick up your children/youth in Room 104 following Sunday School, or they may stay there if you are attending the Talk-Back Session.**

**12:00-12:30pm**

**Parent and Caregiver Talk-Back Session**, *Graffiti Room*

Parents and Caregivers of infants, children and youth are invited to a talk-back session with Kate, Donovan and Pastor Anne. Bring your hopes, dreams and concerns regarding our ministry to children, youth and families for the coming year. Your input is needed as we shape ministry for the future. Childcare provided.

**Covenant World Relief on Easter Sunday**

Covenant World Relief works with partners around the world to meet needs of the most vulnerable people in the world. The work includes funding and resource help in areas of: disaster response, education, agriculture, clean water, health and nutrition, empowering women, microenterprise, refugee care, human trafficking and abuse prevention, and reconciliation. Bring your soup cans or gifts for the Covenant World Relief offering on Easter Sunday. For more information: [www.covchurch.org/cwr](http://www.covchurch.org/cwr)

**Remember to give to Covenant World Relief on Easter Sunday.**

## **OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

**Easter Memorial Gifts are due today.** The monetary gifts are used to purchase flowering plants to decorate our sanctuary for worship on Easter Sunday, and after, are delivered to our homebound friends. To honor the memory of a loved one, please provide their name(s) along with a financial gift (cash or check written to First Covenant Church). Forms and envelopes are available at the Welcome Center. Place your gift in the offering plate or in the Financial Secretary's mailbox in the office. All names received by today will be listed in the bulletin on April 16, Easter Sunday.

**Today kicks off our annual Every Kid to Camp (EKTC) campaign!** Help make an amazing summer experience financially possible for our First Covenant campers. Please return your EKTC envelope in the offering plate, via postal mail, or place it in the Covenant Pines Ministries mailbox in the church office (checks made out to First Covenant Church, with EKTC in the memo line). If you have any questions about EKTC or Covenant Pines Bible Camp, contact Donovan or Kate.

**Congratulations to Trai Ngoc Nguyen and Hoai Thuong Ngoc Tran** who were married in our sanctuary yesterday.

**Sankofa registration is still open!** Our intergenerational Sankofa Trip is August 11-15, 2017. Join us for a five-day bus tour of historically significant civil rights sites in the Twin Cities, Milwaukee, and Chicago. Registration forms and brochures are available at the Welcome Center. Please return the form with your \$75 deposit to the Sankofa Trip mailbox in the main office. Contact Susan Carlson with any questions: [susancarlson@northcountryautobody.com](mailto:susancarlson@northcountryautobody.com).

**The church office and building will be closed on Monday, April 17.**

**Stay connected:** Stop by the Welcome Center to order a CD of any worship service. Weekly worship bulletins and podcasts can be found on the church website under the Worship and Arts tab. Podcasts of our recent Spiritual Growth Hours can also be found on our website under Life Together - Spiritual Growth Hour.

**The new April, May and June Server Schedule is now available** at the Welcome Center and on our website. We are grateful to all of our volunteers who serve in many different areas!

## THIS WEEK

### **Wednesday, April 12, no regular programs**

Due to Holy Week, we will have no regular Wednesday programs on April 12. There will be no morning Adult Bible Study, After School Program, dinner, children or youth programs, evening Adult Bible Study or Jump Start this Wednesday.

Exception: there WILL BE music rehearsals in preparation for the Gospel Mass Concert.

### **Gospel Mass Good Friday Concert, Friday, April 14, 7:00-8:00pm**

*First Covenant Church Sanctuary*

All are invited to this free concert, featuring soloists Jada Jones (FCC youth), and Steve Pittman (FCC Gospel Choir Director). A freewill offering will be taken as you leave the concert. Childcare provided. A Reception will follow the concert. Postcards are available at the Welcome Center to use to invite your family and friends.

## COVENANT DENOMINATION EVENTS

### **Covenant Pines Ministries Annual 2017 Meeting, Thursday, April 20, 6:00pm**

*Salem Covenant Church (New Brighton, MN)*

You are cordially invited to attend this session. All in attendance will share a meal together, connect with others who love Covenant Pines, hear stories and updates from the staff, and praise God for what He continues to do through all 4 ministries of Covenant Pines. To sign up and let them know you will be attending please go to: <https://covenantpines.org/annual-meeting/> Hope to see you there!

### **Covenant Village of Golden Valley Annual Benefit Event, Monday, April 24, 6:30pm**

*New Hope Church, 4225 Gettysburg Avenue North, New Hope, MN*

Punch & Fellowship: 5:30pm. Dinner: 6:30pm. Tickets: \$65. Proceeds from this benefit will enhance the funds used to finance benevolent care for Covenant Village, our local Covenant retirement community. RSVP by Tuesday, April 11: 763-732-1507, or [DMAlbinson@covenantretirement.org](mailto:DMAlbinson@covenantretirement.org).

## LOOKING AHEAD TO CONFIRMATION

- **Confirmation Trek, Wednesday, April 26, Dinner: 5:45pm, Trek: 6:15pm.**
- **Confirmation Sunday, May 7, 9:30am Worship, with reception following.**

# HOLY WEEK 2017

## First Covenant Church of Saint Paul



### **PALM SUNDAY - ACCLAIM**

**Sunday, April 9, 9:30am**

Join us for a celebrative worship experience!  
Labyrinth hosted from 11:00am - 12:00pm.



### **Wednesday, April 12, 6:00-9:00pm**

There is no regular children or youth programming this evening but guides will be on hand for individuals and families to experience the Labyrinth.

Gospel Mass dress rehearsal begins at 6:30pm.



### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**Thursday, April 13, 12:00pm**

Holy Communion, served in Upper Fellowship Hall, representing the Last Supper of Jesus and his disciples.

Labyrinth hosted from 1:00-3:00pm.



### **GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT**

**Friday, April 14, 7:00pm**

Good Friday Ethnic Mass Concert Series

The journey of becoming a multicultural church.

Join us as the Easter Choir performs

GOSPEL MASS by Robert Ray, and the Handbell Choir with the Chamber Ensemble.

Labyrinth hosted from 4:30-6:30pm & 8:00-9:00pm.



### **EASTER SUNDAY - RECLAIM**

**Sunday, April 16, 10:30am**

Join us as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in worship with the Easter, Handbell and Gospel Choirs. Covenant World Relief offering received this morning.



ROBERT RAY'S  
GOSPEL  
MASS

EASTER CHOIR, HANDBELL CHOIR  
& CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

Good Friday Concert  
April 14 at 7:00pm

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