



FALL 2018
First Covenant Church of Saint Paul

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WAKE UP!

September 23, 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 318

We Come, O Christ, to You

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Children's Message and Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:1-5, 10-14
5th and 6th Graders

Ministry Highlight

Team World Vision, Sarah Carpenter

*Song

The Greatness of Our God (Hillsong)

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Choral Offertory

The Greatness of God (arr. Ted Cornell)

*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 greatness
Pastor Anne Vining

Song of Response

Untitled Hymn (Come To Jesus)
Lionus Lo, vocals, Ellen Jacobson, piano

Prayer of the People

*Closing Song

God of Wonders

*Sending Words

Postlude

God of Wonders (Instrumental)

*Stand as you are able

*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

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

Kitchen Dedication/Fellowship Time, Upper Fellowship Hall

Please join us in Upper Fellowship Hall directly after Worship this morning for a brief dedication of the newly remodeled kitchen. Take this opportunity to see, celebrate, and praise God for this beautiful kitchen!

The cake today is provided by the children of Jan and Jim Chelgren, in honor of their parents' 60th wedding anniversary on September 20.

10:35am - 11:00am

Youth Group Music Lessons, Graffiti Room, (please see Richard Voth with questions)

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 (Gr. 7-8), Game Room

Youth (Gr. 9-12), Graffiti Room

Adult Spiritual Growth Hour: Today, September 30, and October 14

Upper Fellowship Hall

BUILDING COMMUNITY - MORE PEOPLE KNOWING MORE PEOPLE

Together we will 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.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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 Tee! 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 Makosky.

“Torn” books for sale today: Coming up in Spiritual Growth Hour on October 21st, 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. We have obtained ten more copies of the book that are for sale at the Welcome Center for \$10.00. Please pay by cash or a check made out to First Covenant Church.

Congregational Meeting September 30: We will be having a brief congregational meeting immediately following Worship on Sunday, September 30th. All members please plan to remain in the sanctuary following worship to vote on a new Leadership Team member for a 3-year term. Thank you!

TEAM WORLD VISION

The Twin Cities Marathon is Sunday, October 7! Four members of our FCC faith family will be running in the Twin Cities Marathon as part of Team World Vision (TWV): Diane Carlson, Sarah Carpenter, Jason Como, and Kevin Whitby. They 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:

- Stop by the Team World Vision table in Upper Fellowship Hall to learn more about this life-saving project and how to donate.
- Donate on-line: www.teamworldvision.org/team/FCCStP.
- Following Worship on October 7, grab a spot along the Marathon route with your family and friends, and cheer-on our team! There will be no Spiritual Growth Hour or Youth Group Music Lessons that Sunday, as a way of promoting attendance along the route. Thank you for your generosity, not only with financial donations to Team World Vision, but also for your enthusiasm as our runners pass by!

EVENTS JUST FOR YOUTH

Pumpkin Palooza (7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Students), Friday, October 5, 7-8:30pm
Pastor Anne and Gordy's home (1108 E. Hyacinth Avenue, St. Paul)

Forget about pumpkin spice lattes, the theme of our evening is pumpkin SMASH! Join us for our annual pumpkin-dropping, game-playing, community-building night. You don't want to miss it! Questions? Contact Addin Vang or Kate Makosky.

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

Wednesday, October 17-Friday, October 19 (7-8th Grade) \$138 before 10/1, \$153 full price

Friday, October 19-Sunday, October 21 (9-12th Grade) \$145 before 10/1, \$170 full price

This is an awesome opportunity to get away together and enjoy fall at Covenant Pines!

For more information or to register: covenantpines.org. Questions: See Addin Vang.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE/SUPPORT

ADOPT-A-COP: Thank you to everyone who is praying and writing notes to our Saint Paul Police Officers. Each time the notes are delivered to the East District we get a big "thank you" from the Commander. We have a few officers who need someone to pray for them. If you are interested in this ministry, please let me know and we will assign an officer to you.
Jan Mollet, Adopt-A-Cop Coordinator, rjmollet@gmail.com.

Calling all Junior and Senior High youth!

If you love to play with kids, this is the opportunity for you. The nursery needs your help! We are looking for 2 volunteers each Sunday from 9:15-11:00am, for a commitment of once every 4-6 weeks. Please see Lora Murtha or Donovan DeGaetano for more info or to sign up.

Nursery Volunteer Training, Saturday, September 29, 9:00-11:00am

Nursery (Room 105)

This event is for current nursery volunteers and anyone who may be interested in serving in the nursery! We will be discussing the new Frolic curriculum, processes and procedures, and welcoming new nursery volunteers. If you have any questions please see Lora Murtha or Donovan DeGaetano.

"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. Thank you!

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

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

Adventurous Christians (AC) is Covenant Pines' Ministries camp in the Boundary Waters. (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: covenantpines.org/adventurouschristians.org.

DO YOU NEED SUPPORT?

Cancer Support Group, Saturday, September 29, 10:00 - 11:30am

Upper Fellowship Hall

Gain support and understanding with others on the journey with cancer as we pray for and share with each other. For more information or if you have questions, contact Jorge Martinez, jorge.martinez@wilsontool.com.