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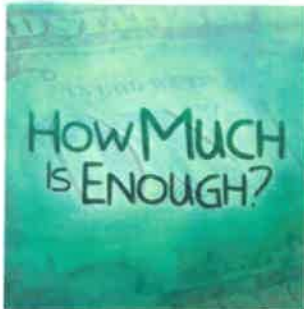


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A STUDY OF THE MINOR PROPHETS

Summer 2017

LOOKING BACK

September 3, 2017

10:30 a.m.

Gathering Time

Passing of the Peace

Greeting

*Please complete the Connect Card and place it in the offering plate if you are a visitor,
have a prayer request or have a change of address.*

Invitation to Worship

*Opening Hymn 78

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 10: 23-25, Jorge Martinez

The Word is Alive

*Song

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Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Offertory

A Simple Song (L. Bernstein)

Monica Holm, vocals, Pat Kohonen, piano

Manna For the Journey

*Song of Response

All Who Are Thirsty

Prayer of Response

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

*Affirmation of Faith

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*Closing Hymn 578

Thank You, God, for Sisters, Brothers

*Sending Words

Postlude

Gavotte, (G.F. Handel)

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.*

10:30am

Worship, Sanctuary

Nursery Care, (birth through age 3), Rooms 105 & 106

11:30am - 12:00pm

Congregational Forum, Upper Fellowship Hall

The ushers will be handing out the 2016-2017 Annual Report following Worship. Join us in Upper Fellowship Hall immediately after Worship as we continue to "look back". We will also introduce the 2017-2018 proposed budget. Coffee Hour refreshments will not be served today.

After Worship for children:

Birth through 3 years old , *Room 105*

4 & 5 years old, *Room 106*

Grades Kindergarten - 6th grade, *Room 104*

The children will receive treats in their rooms.

After Worship for youth:

7-12 graders will get together to check in and share with one another about our summers, *Graffiti Room*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday, September 10, "Looking Ahead"

9:30am, Worship: Kickoff to fall worship theme:

What Does It Mean To Follow Jesus. Seriously.

11:00am-12:00pm, Annual Meeting. Childcare provided. Youth will gather to get information about fall.

12:00pm, Special treats and tours of the newly renovated parsonage!

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Stay connected: Stop by the Welcome Center to order a CD of any worship service. Weekly worship bulletins and podcasts of each week's message can be found on the church website under the Worship and Arts tab.

2017 September/October Calendars: Make sure that you pick up a First Covenant Church Fall Calendar at either the Welcome Center or on the wall kiosk by the office. Keep up on all of the exciting things happening this fall!

The church office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 4.

Alley Shoppe Update: Because of major sewer damage in May, the Alley Shoppe will not be ready to re-open in September. They will let us know when they are ready to re-open and we will let you know. In the meantime, please donate your household and clothing items elsewhere. The Alley Shoppe is a neighborhood partner organization, held in Arlington Hills Lutheran Church that provides free clothing and household items to eligible families in Ramsey County.

Bookshare

We have many good children's books on our Bookshare shelves. Pick out some books to read with your children this week. No check-out... no check-in. We use the honor system. Bookshare is located next to the Welcome Center in the main foyer.

WEDNESDAYS THIS FALL

Wednesday, September 6

6:15-8:00pm, Children and Youth Volunteer Training, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

This session is for all those who will be volunteering in the nursery or with children or youth.

5:45-6:15pm, Make Up Session, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

This is for those who have missed any of the training in August.

6:15pm, Dinner will be served for all. Please RSVP with your ministry leader.

Wednesday, September 13

9:30am - 11:00am, Adult Bible Study starts, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

The morning together includes coffee time, singing a few hymns and studying I and II Peter, led by Dick and Barb Johnson. All are invited and encouraged to bring friends.

5:45-6:15pm, Free dinner for all from our partner, Loaves and Fishes, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

6:15-7:30pm, Open House for children, youth and adults to learn about different opportunities this year. Register and meet your amazing leaders!

Sanctuary Choir meets.

Wednesday, September 20

4:00pm, Regular Wednesday evening programming begins, along with our first After School Program.

After-School Program Volunteers Needed!

Our After School Program will be kicking off another year of Wednesday Nights for our children and youth starting on September 20. We are seeking volunteers in the area of gym activities, one-on-one mentoring, homework help and more. After School meets on Wednesdays, 4:00-5:45pm.

For more information visit the Welcome Center or e-mail Chrissy Thomas, Christian.familyvaluesforlife@gmail.com.

Dinner Volunteers Needed!

Would you be able to help prep, serve and/or clean up on one Wednesday night a month with our partner Loaves and Fishes? We need volunteers between 4:30-6:45pm, or whatever works for you. We have lots of fun, and it is a wonderful way to give of your time without a large commitment. We also need someone to consistently run the dishwasher, now that our former dishwasher has gone off to college. For more information, contact Judy Kline, Wednesday Dinner Coordinator, judy@first-covenant.org.