

ANNUAL MEETING WORSHIP SERVICE

WHATEVER YOU DO, WORK AT IT WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AS WORKING FOR THE LORD, NOT FOR HUMAN MASTERS. COLOSSIANS 3:23

FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD. ROMANS 6:23

FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN,
TO US A SON IS GIVEN,
AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ON HIS SHOULDERS.
AND HE WILL BE CALLED
WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD,
EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE.
ISAIAH 9:6

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. JOHN 3:16

I CAN DO ALL THIS THROUGH HIM WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH. PHILIPPIANS 4:13

BE JOYFUL IN HOPE, PATIENT IN AFFLICTION, FAITHFUL IN PRAYER. SHARE WITH THE LORD'S PEOPLE WHO ARE IN NEED. PRACTICE HOSPITALITY. ROMANS 12:12-13

THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, THE NEW CREATION HAS COME: THE OLD HAS GONE, THE NEW IS HERE! 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU," DECLARES THE LORD, "PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE. JEREMIAH 29:11

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September 4, 2016

10:30 a.m.

Gathering Time

Invitation to Worship

Please complete the connect card and place in the offering.

*Opening Hymn 512

Come Celebrate the Presence of the Lord

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

Manuela Martinez and Elijah Lokensgard-Wallace

THE SLOW WORK OF GOD

Locally

Globally

*Song

The Word is Alive

Looking Back to Move Forward

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Every Kid to Camp

*Offertory

My Lighthouse

Does First Covenant Church Matter?

Prayer of the People

*Closing Hymn 684

We All Are One in Mission

*Sending Words

Postlude

God Be With You Till We Meet Again (arr. Jay Rouse)

*All who are able are invited to stand

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.*

10:30am

Worship, Sanctuary

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

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.

New 2015-2016 Annual Report - The Annual Report has a new format! As you exit from worship today, one annual report per household will be distributed by the ushers. This colorful review of our past fiscal year will also be available soon on our website in the following weeks. Remember, 'one per household'. Enjoy!

11:35am - 12:15pm

Annual Meeting, Upper Fellowship Hall

After today's worship service we will hold a business meeting to:

1. review and approve the proposed budget
2. elect new leadership team members, financial secretary and treasurer
3. ratify the new constitution and by-laws
4. affirm new members

Immediately following Worship, please get your treat and beverage and join us in Upper Fellowship Hall. Our goal is to begin the meeting as soon as possible.

Plan for children: Children who are in the nursery will have extended care, with treats brought to them. Children grades pre-k to 6th will go through the line to get their treat and then will head to Lower Fellowship Hall for supervised planned activities. Parents, please pick up your children in Lower Fellowship Hall after the meeting.

WELCOME SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 10:30AM (LAST 10:30AM WORSHIP)

Please join us for our fall kick-off Sunday, with Worship at 10:30am in the sanctuary, and an outdoor BBQ/Potluck following, on the south lawn. If you are able to help with our last potluck of the year, please sign up at the Welcome Center. For more information, contact Deb Carlson, 651-260-4053, or Barb Johnson, 952-842-9433.

Provided: grilled hot dogs, buns, beverages and paper products

Please bring:

Last names starting with A-O: salad, fruit or veggie tray, ready to serve

Last names starting with P-Z: cookies or sliced bars, ready to serve

*please label anything that is gluten free or contains peanut butter

FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 9:30AM WORSHIP

Worship start time will go back to 9:30am, with Spiritual Growth Hour for all ages starting at 11:00am.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

We extend our sympathies to Jeannine and Ted Nordlund, in the death of Jeannine's mother, Carolyn Cedarleaf, who joined the church triumphant this past weekend. Her memorial service will be held on October 1 at Covenant Village, Golden Valley. God's peace to those on a journey through loss and grief.

The church office and building will be closed tomorrow, September 5, in observance of Labor Day.

Stay connected: Stop by the Welcome Center to order a CD of any worship service at no charge. Weekly worship bulletins and podcasts can be found on the church website under the Worship and Arts tab.

FCC September/October calendars are now available at the Welcome Center and on our church website.

Helping the Louisiana flood victims: 40,000 homes damaged. 30,000 water rescues. Disaster declarations have been made in 20 of Louisiana's 64 counties. Respond today to the Louisiana Floods - the biggest U.S. natural disaster since Hurricane Sandy. Your gift will allow Love Mercy Do Justice (LMDJ), in collaboration with other ministries of the Evangelical Covenant Church, to respond immediately to domestic disasters. In partnership with Covenant World Relief, Covenant generosity enables an immediate response to victims of the Louisiana Floods of 2016. Your generous support will aid and assure a loving and immediate response to those who are devastated during domestic disaster. To donate, or for more information:
<http://www.covchurchgiving.com/p-1799-lmdj-domestic-disaster-response.aspx>

World Vision sponsorship opportunity : Last Saturday 26 people from First Covenant Church walked/ran in a 6K event to raise money through World Vision for clean water, and were also asked to sponsor children. If you were not able to be there, but would like to sponsor a child, there is information on a table near the Welcome Center.

FCC SUPPORTING THE PETERSONS

Karl, Sue, Zachary, and Jonathan Peterson, missionaries to Mexico City, are living in the Twin Cities for their one year home assignment and need our assistance in getting settled. Would you be able to provide a few pantry items to help stock their kitchen and household? Stop by the Welcome Center to see the list and check off what you'd like to bring. Just drop off your item(s) in the boxes behind the Welcome Center by Sept. 11. Questions? Contact Beth Norris, beth.norris@comcast.net, or 651-486-7556.

Thank you to those who have already given, and to those who helped with their move this past Monday!

FALL KICK OFF

After School Program Volunteer Table - Interested in getting more information about serving in our After School Program? Chrissy Thomas, our new coordinator, will be at a table in Upper Fellowship Hall following Worship today.

Training for all FCC Children and Youth Volunteers, Wednesday, September 7, 4:45-7:45pm

This mandatory training is for those volunteering with Nurseries, Children's Church, Sunday School, Wednesday After School Program, and Wednesday Children and Youth Programs.

The schedule for the evening:

4:45-5:45pm - After School volunteers

5:45-6:30pm - Dinner and training for all volunteers

6:30-7:45pm - Children and Youth volunteers

If you have any questions, please contact Kate Makosky, Donovan DeGaetano or Chrissy Thomas.

Adult Bible Study, Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00am (new class beginning on September 14)

Upper Fellowship Hall

This fall, Dick and Barb Johnson will be leading us on the Book of Acts. All are invited to join us on Wednesday mornings for coffee and treats, singing, Bible Study and prayer.

Community Bible Study, Thursdays, 9:15-11:15am (new class beginning on September 15)

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You are invited to join a year-long study of the Book of Matthew. Matthew wrote to prove that Jesus's life and ministry fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah:

Jesus is indeed the long-awaited Jewish Messiah, the King of kings and Lord of lords,

Immanuel, God with us! CBS is for everyone, regardless of age, denomination, gender or

Bible Knowledge. Contact Jill Weiss (StPaulCBS@gmail.com) for more information, or pick up a postcard at the Welcome Center.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OPEN HOUSE, SEPTEMBER 14

There is something for everyone on Wednesday nights. Please join us!

4:30-5:45pm: Handbells

5:45-6:15pm: Dinner

6:15-7:30pm: Open House for children, youth and families, Jump Start

6:15-7:30pm Choir

MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Sanctuary Choir: Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 6:15-7:30pm, beginning on September 7.

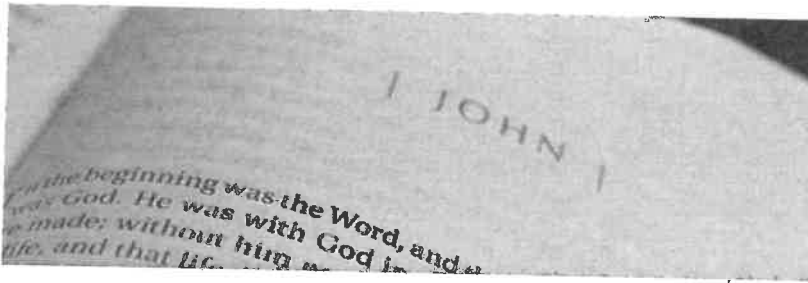
Worship Team: Rehearsals are Thursdays, 7:00-8:30pm, beginning on September 8.

Handbells: Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 4:30-5:45pm, beginning on September 14.

Gospel Choir: Rehearsals are every other Thursday, 6:00-7:00pm, beginning on September 15.

Youth Group Music Lessons: Rehearsals are Sundays, 10:40-11:00am, beginning on September 18.

All are welcome, no experience is necessary. If interested in joining any of these groups, please contact Richard Voth, richard@first-covenant.org.



New Testament reading plan



Join us for an unforgettable journey through the New Testament!

September 18th through November 20th

Here's a revolutionary idea: **let's actually read the Bible.**
Whole books. In community. It's more doable than you think.

For eight weeks, First Covenant Church will explore the New Testament together. We'll read five days a week and share the journey in weekly small group gatherings. We'll immerse ourselves in every word of the New Testament—understanding it in context, experiencing it in community.

There will be a table in Upper Fellowship Hall where you can purchase for \$5.00 a copy of the unique version of the New Testament we will be using titled *The Books of the Bible*. You can also sign up there for a discussion group if you are not already in a Life Group.



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