

TODAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016

THIS WEEK AT FIRST COVENANT

8:30 a.m.

- Dwelling in Prayer and the Word (Swedish room)

9:30 a.m.

- Worship and communion (sanctuary)
- Children's programming during worship
 - Nursery – infants through age 3 (Nursery & Toddler Room)
 - Children's church – ages 4 through 5th grade (Room 252)

12:00 p.m.

Vikings game

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

11:30 a.m. Interlude

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

6:30 p.m. *United International Christian Fellowship (lounge)*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

10:00 a.m. Life Group at Augustana Senior Apartments

6:00 p.m. "Discovering First Covenant" class (lounge)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

6:30 p.m. Gospel choir rehearsal (lounge)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Church office closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

6:30 p.m. *United International Christian Fellowship (lounge)*

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:30 a.m.

- **Dwelling in Prayer and the Word** (Swedish room)

9:30 a.m.

- **Worship** (sanctuary)
- **Children's programming during worship**
 - Nursery – infants through age 3** (nursery & toddler room)
 - Children's church – ages 4 through 5th grade** (room 252)

11:00 a.m.

- **All-church meal** (fellowship hall)

12:00 p.m.

- **Annual meeting** (sanctuary)

First Covenant Church events are listed in bold type.

“Why We Gather”

First Covenant Church Sunday, November 6, 2016 - 9:30 am

Call to worship

“Blessed Assurance”

Welcome and announcements

“Open Up the Heavens”

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

(Children are dismissed for children's church)

Offering

Message: “Spiritual Awakening and the Journey of Transformation” (Ephesians 1:14-21 & John 12:23-26)

Communion

“Holy Spirit”

“All the Poor and Powerless”

“My Savior's Love”

Benediction



Community

The speaker today is Dan Collison, Lead Pastor of First Covenant Church.

Dwelling in Prayer and the Word: From 8:30–9:15 a.m., you are invited to a quiet space where you will receive Sunday morning's scripture to read and meditate upon. It's an opportunity to prepare for worship, reflect in the quiet, listen for God's voice, and seek God in prayer. Dwelling is available every Sunday in the Swedish Room located at the top of the ramp in the foyer.

Celebrate communion: Today we celebrate communion together, which is one of the most poignant and ancient practices of the Christian faith that affirms the completeness of the work of God in Christ on our behalf. If Christian faith and community is new or unformed in your life, please know that at First Covenant we are a grace-filled gathering of people who see ourselves as a family of equals, everyone humbly in need of grace. We are committed to a journey of generous and openhanded faith in which everyone is given safe space to journey toward Jesus Christ. So, whether new to Christ or renewed in Christ, we are all invited to the table of God to encounter the love and grace of Christ as we receive the elements (bread and cup).

Monthly Group Runs: First Covenant runners of all abilities are welcome to join a new monthly group running group. Join us the first Saturday of every month in the First Covenant parking lot for a morning jog by the river. We'll decide on distance that morning and brunch after!

Shelter volunteers needed! Season six of our shelter is underway! We are looking for volunteers in a couple of capacities.

1. Serve a meal. Sign up as an individual or organize a group to help purchase, prepare and serve an evening meal to our shelter guests. The schedule is filling up fast, so check out the calendar of available dates at 1stcov.org/shelter. Then, pick a date for your group and email Norm Blagman at shelter@1stcov.org to reserve your date. OR, talk to Pastor Todd Bratulich to sign up for one of the already reserved First Covenant dates (every second Wednesday of the month).

2. Serve as a volunteer advocate. Advocates work more directly with guests by assisting Salvation Army staff with nightly check-in process, building connections with staff & guests, and helping guide volunteer groups as needed. Position requires a somewhat consistent presence (weekly or biweekly preferred). Training will be provided. We'd love to provide a volunteer advocate every night of the week! Contact Todd or Norm for more information.

Pray for MetroKids, the early childhood education center right here at First Covenant Church. MetroKids is for children age six weeks through six years. Excellent after-school programming is also offered for school-age children who have completed kindergarten, first grade, or second grade. For more information, please call 612-332-5437 or email www.metrokids.org.

What's Ahead

Recharge, refresh: Next Sunday, experience God at First Covenant Church through music, scripture, the arts, and community. The worship service begins at 9:30 a.m. The message, "The Inward and Outward Journey," is week ten in our series on community, "Why We Gather."

Discover First Covenant class (Wednesday, November 9, 6:00-9:00 p.m.): Questions about First Covenant Church? Learn more about this community of faith. Pastor Dan Collison will lead a helpful seminar in the lounge. Attending does not commit you to membership. Come to ask questions and make friends. To register, please contact Dan Collison (dcollison@1stcov.org or 612-927-3123).

All-Church Meal and Annual Meeting (Sunday, November 13, 11:00 a.m.): Please join us in the fellowship hall for our monthly all-church meal, followed by the Annual Meeting in the sanctuary at noon.

"Songs from the Street" concert (Sunday, November 13, 2:00-5:00 p.m., Plymouth Congregational Church): The Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness invites you to a special interactive concert of choirs with a unique focus on empowering those experiencing homelessness within our community. In addition to a great afternoon of music and stories will be a special keynote address from Congressman Keith Ellison. Admission is free, and all ages are invited. Please join us at Plymouth Congregational Church (1900 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis, 55404).

While We Wait: Living the Questions of Advent (Mondays beginning November 28, 6:30 p.m.): This Advent season, join us for a five-week contemplative experience based upon the reflection guide of the same name. Join us on Monday evenings through Advent as we explore the questions of the season together through scripture, prayer, silence and creativity. Take a break from the Christmas rush to spend an evening each week tending to the deep questions of our faith with others through discussion, the practice

of contemplative prayer, and a personal time of silence to journal with words, art and prayer. We will meet from 6:30pm to 8:30pm on Monday evenings beginning Nov. 28 through Dec. 26 in the lounge. You can purchase a reflection guide online or at church for \$10. Contact Pastor Joy Erickson at jerickson@1stcov.org to register or for more info.

Join the Gospel Choir! (Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.) Please join Robert Robinson every Thursday night in the lounge, and lend your voice to our fabulous Gospel Choir. No experience is necessary—you are needed and wanted!

Event Parking Volunteer Opportunity: Now that the Vikings are once again playing across the street from First Covenant, our parking lot has provided us with a unique opportunity for revenue. Each Vikings game represents a \$10,000 opportunity for First Covenant, and presents a great way for each member of our church to make a huge impact. For each event, eight volunteers are needed, with duties including setting up and taking down event signage, watching the Impark pay station and assisting customers, directing traffic and more.

Volunteers are needed for the following home games—please contact Frances Woodson via text at 513-477-9123 or email at 5134779123@tmomail.net to get involved!

Sunday, November 20
vs. Arizona Cardinals
12:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 1
vs. Dallas Cowboys
7:25 p.m.

Sunday Parking During Construction: During construction of the East Town Apartments and our new structured parking ramp we will have 25-30 stalls of parking available onsite at the Chicago Avenue entrance and exit to our parking lot. Community Housing Development Corporation (CHDC) provides free parking for church attendees just five blocks away from our building. We urge all church members and regular attenders to use our Chicago Avenue entrance to drop off additional car riders, but, as you are able, park your cars offsite at either the free CHDC parking, the pay meters around our block, or the nearby hospital parking ramps.

Thank you for keeping the 25-30 stalls at the parking lot door primarily available to visitors and those with physical disabilities.

Welcome!

First Covenant Church is a diverse, multi-generational, urban Christian community offering hope and transformation through the love of God and the life and teachings of Jesus.

Visitors, we would love to meet you. After the worship service, stop by the front of the Sanctuary for a warm welcome by ministry staff.

Glad You're Here

Welcome, children: Care for infants through age three is available beginning at 9:20 a.m. for the worship service. Children's church (ages 4 through fifth grade) begins right before the sermon starts. An announcement will be made and teachers will guide kids to Room 252. After the worship service, pick up your children and stick around for conversation and coffee.

How can we help you? The connection card in your worship guide is one way to ask for prayer, get information, and let your voice be heard. Fill out a card and drop it in the offering plate. If you have a question or prayer request, write it on the back. Pastors and staff meet every week to pray.

Read all about it: First Covenant's newsletter, First Things, is available in the foyer and usher stands. You can also find digital versions of current and previous issues on our website at 1stcov.org/publication.

Bibles are available: If you would like to have a Bible of your own, ask an usher.

The FCC website: Check out 1stcov.org for up-to-date event schedules, ministry opportunities, and sermon MP3s and PDFs.