

TODAY, JULY 8, 2018

THIS WEEK AT FIRST COVENANT

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)

12:30 p.m.

- *Street Voices of Change* (Lounge)

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MONDAY, JULY 9

11:30 a.m. Interlude (Lounge)

TUESDAY, JULY 10

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

THURSDAY, JULY 12

6:30 p.m. *Yoga for shelter guests (Gym)*

FRIDAY, JULY 13

Church office closed

SATURDAY, JULY 14

6:30 p.m. *United International Christian Fellowship (Rm 270)*

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 15

8:30 a.m.

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

9:30 a.m.

- **Sunday 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.

- **Arts & crafts group** (Green Room)

11:00 a.m.

- **Tiny house demonstration** (7th Street Foyer)

12:30 p.m.

- *Street Voices of Change* (Lounge)



Heard something great, but didn't have a chance to make a note?
Head to 1stcov.org this week and grab the MP3 of today's sermon!



First Covenant Church Sunday, July 8th, 2018 - 9:30 am

"Be Thou My Vision"

Welcome and greeting

"Close to You"

"The Earth is Yours"

"Celtic Alleluia"

Children are dismissed for children's church

Offering

"I Quietly Turned to You"

God at Work: Ruth E. Mattox & Mark Osler

Message: "Who do we feed?" (2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:18)

"Beautiful Things"

Benediction



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 first** 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.

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.

Today's Speaker

Mark Osler is the Robert and Marion Short Professor of Law at the University of St. Thomas (MN). Osler's writing on clemency, sentencing and narcotics policy has appeared in the New York Times, the Washington Post, and in law journals at Harvard, Stanford, the University of Chicago, Northwestern, Georgetown, Ohio State, UNC, William and Mary, and Rutgers.

A former federal prosecutor, he played a role in striking down a mandatory 100-to-1 ratio between crack and powder cocaine in the federal sentencing guidelines by winning the case of *Spears v. United States* in the U.S. Supreme Court, with the Court ruling that judges could categorically reject that ratio. Osler's 2009 book *Jesus*

on Death Row (Abingdon Press) critiqued the American death penalty through the lens of Jesus' trial. His second book, *Prosecuting Jesus* (Westminster/John Knox, 2016) is a memoir of performing the Trial of Jesus in 11 states. The character of Professor Joe Fisher in the Samuel Goldwyn film *American Violet* was based on Osler, and he has been the subject of profiles by Rolling Stone, The American Prospect, and CBS News. He is a graduate of the College of William and Mary and Yale Law School. He is the first appointee to the Ruth E. Mattox Chair of Preaching.

Community

FCC Community Out & About: Most of us spend 98% of our lives outside of this building. As such, we encourage all of you who call First Cov your community to share what you're up to outside of Sunday mornings, particularly what you're passionate about, and invite the rest of us to support and join you! If you're doing something you love, please post on the First Covenant Facebook page. Then, every week, our Communications Coordinator will print your post and put it up on our "Community" bulletin board (in the Foyer near the Gym). Please check both places to see what others are up to and share your own upcoming events or opportunities.

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.

Shelter Meal Groups Needed! This is the first year of our shelter operations moving to year round, and as we move toward the summer months, we are finding it more difficult to fill the schedule with meal groups. Would you consider gathering a group of friends, family, or co-workers to join us in purchasing, preparing and serving a meal in our shelter his summer? Please take a look at the calendar to find open dates at www.1stcov.org/shelter and contact our shelter volunteer coordinator at shelter@1stcov.org to sign up to serve!

Can't come serve but want to contribute? Consider pre-making a freezer meal to serve 50+ (i.e., lasagna, casserole, stew, etc...). We'll put it to use on a night when we don't have a group scheduled. Talk to Pastor Todd or our Volunteer Coordinator, Shahidah Scott for more details

Facebook Live: Do you have a passion for social media? Do you just appreciate Facebook Live on Sunday mornings and want to help support it? We are looking for a handful of volunteers to help run Facebook Live on Sunday mornings during the service. Please reach out to info@1stcov.org if you're interested!

Calling all knitters, crocheters, and wannabes! The First Covenant Prayer Shawl Ministry will be kicking off in September, so these summer months are the ideal time for beginners to learn how to knit or crochet. If you're interested in learning or willing to teach others, please contact Kim Carlson at kingcarlson@gmail.com. Starting in July, we'll have "practice sessions" during Arts and Crafts time, held after worship on the third Sunday of the month in the Green Room. (If that doesn't work for you we can also find alternate times.) To discover more about this ministry, go to www.shawlministry.com.

The Facilities Task Force is growing!

For the last two-and-a-half years, the Facilities Task Force has been instrumental in vetting and on-boarding new tenants, ensuring fluidity and efficiency of our parking, organizing events, and facilitating communication across our big, brick building. As we gear up for construction, it is growing and changing again, and now we need your help. The Facilities Task Force is looking for someone to lead the group and anyone else who is looking to give a little of their time for semi-weekly, one-hour meetings and set their minds to improving First Covenant from the wooden rafters on down. For more information, email Brian at bogren@1stcov.org.

Upcoming Events

All-church meal today: After today's worship service, please join us downstairs for our monthly all-church meal!

Kids Adventure Week (July 10-12, 2018): Community of the beloved- THIS WEEK is our fabulous, fun and faith nurturing Kids Adventure Week! This year we are inviting you to get involved in this awesome week through your financial gifts, time and prayers. We are in the midst of raising \$3250 to sponsor **50 children** to be involved with the week. \$65.00 covers the cost for one child. We have currently raised \$2,802, which means we **still need to raise \$448**. Please consider sponsoring a child or two. Every gift is valued and important and all contributions are tax-deductible. A donation envelope is available in the Worship Guide for your convenience. Feel free to

take it home with you and mail it back in or bring it back next week to put in the offering plate. Also available is a volunteer sign-up sheet where you can donate your time and talents.

Just Mercy Book Club (Tuesday, July 31, 6:30 p.m.):

We're a group of readers who want to open our minds and hearts to books that will inform and change us. We meet on the last Tuesday of every month, from 6:30–8:00 p.m. at Open Book Minneapolis (1011 S Washington Ave, Minneapolis). This group is open to all who want to learn more about issues of race, justice and more. Please join the Just Mercy Book Club group on Facebook for current information.

What we're reading this month: *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas

All Church Picnic and Baptism (Sunday, August 26, 4:00 p.m.):

Mark your calendars! On August 26, we will be gathering together for a picnic and lake baptism at beautiful Lake Nokomis. The park offers lots of recreational options including a playground for children, swimming beach, and plenty of green space for all ages to enjoy. Come as early and stay as late as you want. We will secure a picnic spot around 4 p.m., eat at 5 p.m., and hold the baptism service at 6 p.m. Church will provide the hot dogs, lemonade, and paper products, you bring a dish to share. Interested in being baptized? Get in touch with Todd Bratulich at tbratulich@1stcov.org!

Fall Overnight Camping Trip (Friday, September 21–Saturday, September 22):

Join us for a night of camping, s'mores, and all sorts of outdoor fun at William O'Brien State Park just north of Stillwater, MN. We have a group campsite reserved, so all you need to do is bring yourself, a tent or camper, and some food to share! All ages and experience levels are welcome. Need camping equipment? We've got you covered! Look for registration details/form in the worship guide soon or contact Todd Bratulich at tbratulich@1stcov.org for more info.

Notes
