

Welcome!

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

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.

Looking to connect deeper into community? 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. In addition, we invite you to head to the website to check out our Connect page to see various ways to connect deeper into community, whether that be serving a meal in the shelter or attending one of many community-led groups.

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

Today's Speaker

Dan Collison is our Lead Pastor. He sometimes calls this work serving as "air traffic control" for the thriving and engaged First Covenant community. In addition to his work as our leader, Dan also serves as a civic leader for the downtown Minneapolis business community. Dan has been serving churches since the 90s in various leadership capacities. He received a B.M. from the Eastman School of Music (NY), M.Div. from Bethel Seminary (MN), and D.Min. from Fuller Seminary (CA). He says, "I love helping people discover the joy of Christian faith and serving others." If you are looking to connect further with this community of faith, please let him know.

This Week!

Just Mercy Book Club Open Book Minneapolis Tuesday, Aug. 27, 6:30 pm

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 fourth 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.

Upcoming Event

FCCM Community Open House at Pastor Dan and Holly Collison's House Saturday, Sept. 7, 5-8 pm

Our faith community is growing! If you are new or have been participating in the First Covenant community for a while and would like to make more relational connections please consider attending one of two open houses at Pastor Dan and Holly Collison's house—Saturday, August 24 or Saturday, September 7, 5-8pm. A picnic style meal will be served. The address is 4428 Xerxes Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55410. There is free parking on the street in front of the house and around the block.

Community

Parking on Sunday Mornings with New Redevelopment Project: We've embarked on the affordable housing development and parking will be interesting for a while! Please pick up a map, located on the shelves at the entrances to the sanctuary, for parking options available for the coming months. Thank you for being flexible as we embark on this exciting new chapter together! Please contact Colleen at info@1stcov.org if you have any questions.

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.

Three Weeks Out

Sunday, September 1

8:30 am

Event: Dwelling in the Word
Location: Swedish Room

9:30 am

Event: Sunday Worship
Location: Sanctuary
Speaker: Dan Collison
Worship Leader: Bruce Balgaard

Saturday, September 7

5 pm

Event: FCCM Community Open House at Pastor Dan and Holly Collison's House
Location: 4428 Xerxes Avenue South

Sunday, September 8

8:30 am

Event: Dwelling in the Word
Location: Swedish Room

9:30 am

Event: Sunday Worship
Location: Sanctuary
Speaker: Dan Collison
Worship Leader: Bruce Balgaard

Sunday, September 15

8:30 am

Event: Dwelling in the Word
Location: Swedish Room

9:30 am

Event: Sunday Worship
Location: Sanctuary
Speaker: Andrea Hollingsworth
Worship Leader: Bruce Balgaard

Saturday, September 21

9 am

Event: "Finding Me" Opening Retreat
Location: FCCM, Room 250

Fall Programs

Finding Me: Embark upon a journey of discovery within your own soul! Finding Me is a 3 month spiritual formation experience of self-discovery and soul care. The intensive format experience begins with an opening retreat on Saturday, September 21 from 9am-3pm, and then meets every other week on Tuesday nights (Oct. 1, 15, 29 and Nov. 12) from 6:30-9pm, culminating with a closing retreat on Saturday, November 23, from 9am-3pm. Co-facilitated by Pastor Carma and Pastor Todd, Finding Me is a unique opportunity to tend to the invitation of God to become our most beloved selves. To sign up, contact our office manager, Colleen Bemis at info@1stcov.org.

40 Orchards: This fall First Cov is offering an opportunity to join in partnership with 40 Orchards and participate in a set of Scripture Circles. This a way to explore Scripture by looking into the language roots and connecting themes together. The passage is selected by the group and everyone is invited to participate and bring their questions! Scripture Circles are a safe place to come as we are and practice seeing and being seen in community. For more information about 40 Orchards and this type of study, visit 40Orchards.org.

This set of Scripture Circles will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:30 pm on 10/2, 10/16, 11/6, 11/20 and 12/4 for a cost of \$100/person. Three sessions will have a 40 Orchards facilitator and the other 2 nights we'll continue to explore themes and questions from the previous session. Please let us know if you need child care or if we can help with the cost. Send your registration info to info@1stcov.org or contact Claudia Oxley (csoxley60@gmail.com) with any questions.