

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017

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)

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MONDAY, APRIL 17

11:30 a.m. Interlude

2:30 p.m. Life Group at Covenant Village

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

1:00 p.m. *Twin Cities Christian Legal Aid*

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

4:00 p.m. *Elliot Park Earth Fest*

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

Church office closed

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

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

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 23

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.

- **Committee on Racial and Economic Justice** (lounge)

First Covenant Church events are listed in bold type.



**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!



Awakening to Mystery

Easter Sunday at First Covenant

Sunday, April 16, 2017 - 9:30 am

Call to worship
"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
Welcome and greeting
"Awesome God (You Reign)"
"Jesus, You're Beautiful"
Scripture reading
"My Savior's Love"
(Children are dismissed for children's church)
Offering
Message: "Awakening to Mystery" (Luke 24:1-12)
"Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)"
Benediction



Welcome to Easter at First Covenant!

If you are new to First Covenant or are looking to connect, we invite you to reach out to one of our pastors!

- **Dan Collison**
(dcollison@1stcov.org)
- **Sara Wilhelm Garbers**
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- **Todd Bratulich**
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There are a lot of good people and good things happening such as:

- **Life groups**
- **Homeless shelter volunteering**
- **Other advocacy and justice work**
- **Providing meals for new families**
- **Book studies**
- **And more!**

You are welcome here and we hope you will help to shape who we are becoming.

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.

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 in the News section of our website at 1stcov.org.

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.

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.

Just Mercy Book Club: 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 Thursday 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.

• **Next get-together:** Thursday, April 27, 6:30 pm. We'll be discussing *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. See you there!

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 service begins at 9:30 a.m. The message, "Prayer of Examine," continues the "Finding Purpose" segment of our "Why We Gather" series.

Seeking Volunteers and Donations for Elliot Park Earth Fest (Thursday, April 20, 4-7pm): First Covenant is hosting a pop-up thrift store and mending table at Elliot Park's Earth Fest on April 20th from 4-7pm! Did you know... The average American now generates 82 pounds of textile waste each year, adding up to more than 11 million tons of textile waste from the U.S. alone. Most of this textile waste is non-biodegradable and will sit in landfills for over 200 years while releasing toxic gases into the atmosphere.

That's a lot of waste! You can help us reduce waste and provide high quality recycled clothing for others in our neighborhood to reuse. We are looking for used clothing donations of all styles, shapes and sizes, as well as clothes hangers if you've got them! **Please drop off your donations in the foyer no later than Monday, April 17th.** We're also looking for volunteers to help us run the thrift store on the day of the event. Would you consider joining us as we celebrate with and serve our neighborhood? Contact Todd Bratulich at tbratulich@1stcov.org or Maddy Bartsch thegrizzlyfighter@gmail.com for more info or to volunteer.

Discovering First Covenant (Monday, May 1, 6:00-9:00 p.m.): Interested in becoming a member? All are welcome at First Cov, but in order to vote on important matters, you must be a member. We invite you to consider attending a class about membership, which Pastor Dan Collison will lead. Attending does not commit you to membership. To register for our upcoming class on May 1, or if the date doesn't work but you are interested in membership, please contact Dan Collison (dcollison@1stcov.org or 612-927-3123).

Global 6K for Clean Water / Monthly Group Run (Saturday, May 6, 8:00 a.m.): This year's Global 6K for Clean Water is to on May 6th. You can join our team and provide clean water, while also hanging out with cool 1st Cov people. Please note that this will be in place of the monthly group run. Meet at the First Cov Parking Lot at 8 a.m. Contact Nick Cross (nhcross@gmail.com) or Roger Fossum (rogerfossum@comcast.net) for more information.

Arts and Crafts Group (Sunday, April 30th, 11:00 a.m.): Join us on Sunday, April 30 for our kick off Arts and Crafts get-together in the lounge following the worship service. We will order lunch from Jimmy Johns. Welcome to all knitters (beginners welcome), crocheters, scrapbookers, colorers, quilters, etc. Bring your own supplies. Questions - call Ruthie Mattox at 651-481-3148.

Save the Date: 1K Saturday - Kitchen Cleaning Volunteer Event (Saturday, May 13, 9:00 a.m.): Every year after the shelter season ends, volunteers put on their aprons and head for Fellowship Hall, where our kitchen gets its "spring cleaning". Ovens, fridges, countertops, dusty ledges, pots and pans all get a good scrubbing. It's fun...really!!! Want to help? Contact Doug at [dvgoren@1stcov.org](mailto:dvigoren@1stcov.org).

"1K Saturdays" are periodic service days in which we give half a day to clean and provide light maintenance of our facility, saving the church approximately \$1,000 (or "1K") each half day of service. All you need to do is show up and all materials will be provided. Thank you!

Notes
