

TODAY, JUNE 3, 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.

- Committee on Racial & Economic Justice
(Lounge)

noon

- First Sunday Lunch (Erik the Red)

12:30 p.m.

- *Street Voices of Change* (Lounge)

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MONDAY, JUNE 4

11:30 a.m. Interlude (Lounge)

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

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

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

Church office closed

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

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

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 10

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.

- **All church meal** (Fellowship Hall)

11:30 a.m.

- **Special congregational meeting** (Fellowship Hall)

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, June 3rd, 2018 - 9:30 am

"Doxology"

Welcome and greeting

"Cloud of Unknowing"

"The Lord is Gracious and Compassionate"

Children are dismissed for children's church

Offering

Message: "Please God by loving one another" (1 Thessalonians 4:1-12)

Communion

"What Wondrous Love"

"Amazed"

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

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), and is an ordained minister in the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC). 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.

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.

Second quarter special offering: Four times each year, FCC offers a special giving opportunity to ministry partners. The gifts received go directly to these organizations to assist in their important and impactful work. The second quarter's organization is **Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness (DCEH)** whose vision is to ensure that everyone has access to safe, decent, and affordable housing in Minneapolis. To learn more about DCEH, visit their website at DCEH.org. To participate, use the Second Quarter Special Giving envelope from your offering envelopes or write Second Quarter Special Giving on your check. You can also give online at www.1stcov.org/donate. Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

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 this 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!

Job Opening: MetroKids Early Childhood Education Center is seeking candidates for an Interim Executive Director. This full-time position's primary responsibilities involve creating a safe space where all children can thrive. The Interim Executive Director will be responsible for duties including, but not limited to: managing the day-to-day operations of the child care center, staffing, administration, establishing and maintaining relationships with families, and maintaining accreditation standards through NAEYC. A full position description can be found on the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits website (<http://www.minnesotanonprofits.org/jobs>). Interested applicants please submit a cover letter, resume and references to MetroKids Board Member Jessica Kasper at Jessica.B.Kasper@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

CREJ is today with a special guest presenter! The Committee on Racial and Economic Justice (CREJ) is meeting today after the service in the Lounge. We will be joined by Christine Nelson, founder of the non-profit Power of Choice MN. Christine is a survivor of commercial sex-trafficking, and she will present her art essay "SHE" that focuses on the public health epidemic of commercial sex trafficking. Her artwork was created as a catalyst for societal change and to bring forth a conversation on how education and a public health approach is vital to ending sex trafficking.

All-church meal (Next Sunday, June 10, 11:00 a.m.): We gather monthly, after the worship service, to share food potluck style in our fellowship hall. Our next meal is Sunday, June 10th. If you'd like to bring a dish to share for the meal in June, please sign up either online (1stcov.org/events/acm) or in the Foyer today after the service.

Special congregational meeting (Next Sunday, June 10): Next Sunday, we will have a special congregational meeting directly following the all-church meal where members will vote on the updated terms with the Community Housing Development Corporation (CHDC).

Guest preachers on June 17 and June 24: Looking ahead to the end of June, we have a few special guests joining us as guest preachers the Sunday before and after the ECC Annual meeting. Pastor Steve Armfield will be preaching on June 17 and Pastor Judy Peterson on June 24! We'll be gathering early on June 24th from 8:30-9:15am before the service to share some treats. We're looking for people who would be willing to bake or buy some sweet breads, fruit, etc. to share that morning.

Invitation to register for Annual ECC Meeting (June 21-23, 2018): The Annual Meeting for the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC), our denomination, is coming to town this year. We invite you to attend as a "general conferee" by registering online (gather.covchurch.org). Registration is \$189 and is available online until June 14th.

Be Engaged with the Activities Surrounding the Covenant Annual Meeting!

There are several opportunities to help our community connect our mission to the broader Covenant:

- Sign up to be hosts and help with additional hospitality for Sunday worship on June 17 and 24, when we are expecting several hundred visitors from across the Covenant.
- Come to the Marriot City Center on Monday, June 18, 5pm to support, pray, and be a visible presence for Pastor Dan Collison's Board of Ordered Ministry appointment outside of the meeting room.
- Volunteer to help host a dinner for Covenant leaders for inclusion on Friday, June 20, 5:00-7:30pm, and write personal letters of advocacy to the Northwest Conference Executive Board giving witness for our beautiful Covenant Community and that we belong!

If you would be interested in helping out, please email Ashley at info@1stcov.org.

Kids Adventure Week (July 10-12, 2018): Community of the beloved- Check your calendars and save the date, July 10-12, 2018 for 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.** Please consider sponsoring a child or two. Every gift is valued and important and all contributions are tax-deductible. We've included an envelope in the Worship Guide this week for your convenience. Feel free to take it home with you and mail it back in or donate now and put it in the offering plate. Also included is a volunteer sign-up sheet where you can get involved by sharing your time and talents.