

TODAY, JUNE 24, 2018

THIS WEEK AT FIRST COVENANT

8:30 a.m.

- Dwelling in Prayer and the Word (Swedish room)
- Gathering with refreshments (Foyer)

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.

- CREJ heading to Pride Parade

12:30 p.m.

- *Street Voices of Change* (Lounge)

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MONDAY, JUNE 25

11:30 a.m. Interlude (Lounge)

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

Church office closed

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

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

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 1

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.

- **First Sunday Lunch** (Erik the Red)

12:30 p.m.

- *Street Voices of Change* (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!

First Covenant Church
Sunday, June 24th, 2018 | 9:30am

"Come Thou Almighty King"

"We've Come This Far By Faith"

Welcome & Greeting

"Awesome"

"Bless The Lord"

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

Offering

God at Work with Judy Peterson

Message: **"Roll the Stone Aside"** (John 11:38-44)

"I Need You to Survive"

Benediction

"Bless The Lord"



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.

Is it hot in here? First Covenant Church is well over a century old and it has never had air conditioning. That's the bad news. The good news is the lounge is nice and cool. If you're overheated, step through the door to the right and back of the sanctuary, find a cozy chair, and listen to the service in comfort.

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

Gratitude to All Advocates:

On behalf of myself, Pastor Judy Peterson, Pastor Steve Armfield and the entire First Covenant Church, Minneapolis Community—THANK YOU for the dozens of conversations, emails, letters of support, voicemails, and for everyone who showed up to Sunday worship services at First Covenant and the three ECC Board of Ordered Ministry appointments. Your advocacy and engagement with ECC leaders and delegates was essential in

accomplishing what we feel were small but important incremental decisions in our favor. Please stay in touch with us and our movement by becoming a "Friend of First Covenant, MPLS." Simply send your contact information to info@1stcov.org and we will be in occasional contact with you to keep you informed.

With immense gratitude,
Pastor Dan Collison

Today's Speaker

Our guest speaker today is Pastor Judy Peterson.

Judy has been walking with Jesus for about half of her life, Jesus has been walking with her for the whole of it. Judy is known for many things, probably most publicly that she walked across the United States from Seattle to Miami for her internship for Seminary. With a deep desire to learn how to walk with Jesus, to walk with whomever God placed in her path without her choosing whom she had a preference for and with a desire to help the church do those same things, Judy spent a little over a year of her life walking 4200 miles sharing the love of Jesus all the way. Judy and her husband Jeff live in Chicago where Judy has been the campus pastor of North Park University for the past 11 years. Judy and Jeff do not have their own living children but through the process of multiple pregnancy losses found their hope even more fully rooted in Christ's resurrection and even more committed to loving every single human as if they are their own family. Judy is an ordained Pastor in the Evangelical Covenant Church and loves God and loves people and tries to keep it simple.

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.

Please donate to the Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness (DCEH): 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, write Second Quarter Special Giving on your check. You can also give online at www.1stcov.org/donate. We have raised \$120 so far and we welcome any additional donations. 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 into the summer months, it is 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.

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 kimgcarlson@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.

Upcoming Events

The Committee on Racial & Economic Justice (CREJ) meets the fourth Sunday of every month. It is a space where we gather to engage in conversation, action, and prayer as we seek to thoughtfully and practically engage issues of justice in our community and our world. This month, in lieu of a CREJ meeting following the service today, we invite you to engage with the Pride festivities and to explore other resources related to LGBTQIA+ identity. For more information, please contact Pastor Todd at tbratulich@1stcov.org. Interested in attending Pride festivities with others from FCC? Meet in the Lounge after the service and we can walk over together.

Just Mercy Book Club (Tuesday, June 26th, 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. In honor of Pride month, we will be reading *Queer: A Graphic History*, written by Meg-John Barker and illustrated by Julia Scheele.

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.