#### **Church Caretakers:**

This Week: Russ & Stephanie Carlson Next Week: Brian & Julie Hill

### Pray for:

*Military personnel*: Sarah Skogman, Grace Koski *Area Fire Departments* 



Harvest Community is a shared journey of being transformed by the Holy Spirit into the likeness of Christ, experiencing and expressing love for God and others.

## First Covenant Church of Virginia, MN

The mission of First Covenant Church is to WORSHIP God, EQUIP people to live in faith, SHARE God's love, and SERVE the community around us.

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# **Worship Celebration**

9:30 am

March 20, 2022 Third Sunday in Lent

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters. You who have no money, come, buy wine and milk without money, without price. Come, weary and worn, and God will fill your soul. For God brings blessing, even in the midst of pain.

Prelude Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

- Pastor: O God, my God, we seek you.
- People: Our souls thirst for you.
- Pastor: Our spirits long for you,
- People: for we are parched and weary in these desert times, these wilderness places.
- Pastor: But your love, O God, is better even than life.
- People: Our words will praise you; our actions bless you.
- Pastor: Let us seek the Lord where God may be found.
- People: Call upon the Holy One, who is near.
- Pastor: We will bless you as long as we live.
- People: We will lift our hands and call on your name.

Hymn 608 Opening Prayer God of Grace and God of Glory

Reading of God's Word First Lesson

> Second Lesson Third Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-9 (Pew Bible pg. 566) Psalm 63:1-8 (Pew Bible pg. 435) I Corinthians 11-:1-13 (Pew Bible pg. 874)

Silence for Reflection

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings/Congo Kids Doxology 48

Pastoral Prayer\*\*

Hymn 2

As The Deer

Sermon Luke 13:1-9 (Pew Bible pg. 797) Fig Trees Are to Bear Figs

Closing Hymn 71 There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

Challenge.... Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make his face to shine upon you And be gracious, gracious, gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you And give you, give you, give you peace.

Postlude

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Ushers: Brian & Julie Hill Technical Assistance: Roger Johnston Scripture Reader: Barb Knapper

\*\*For Pastoral Prayer, you are invited to offer a prayer request or prayer praise. To do this, please write out your request/praise on a slip of paper provided in the pews (chairs). Then place them in the offering plate at the time of the Offering to be given to the pastor for prayer.

### For the Week of March 20, 2022

| Sun  | 10:30am | Coffee and Conversation           |
|------|---------|-----------------------------------|
|      | 11:00am | Covenant Clusters - Video Series: |
|      |         | "The Path to the Cross"           |
| Tues | 1:00pm  | Salvation Army Dinner             |
| Wed  | 5:30pm  | No Confirmation                   |
|      |         |                                   |

### Next Sunday – March 27, 2022

9:30am Worship Celebration Update from CPBC: Dane Strom 10:30am Coffee and Conversation 11:00am Covenant Cluster Ushers: Roger & Gail Johnston Technical Assistance: Bob Nelson

### **Coming Events**

| April 10    | 11:00am | Palm Sunday Celebration                |
|-------------|---------|--|
| April 14    | 6:30pm  | Maundy Thursday Service                |
| April 17    | 9:00am  | Coffee and Conversation                |
|             | 9:30am  | Easter Celebration                     |
| April 20    | 6:30pm  | Council Meeting                        |
| April 24    | 11:00am | Spring Congregational Business Meeting |
| April 29-30 |         | Northwest Conference Annual Meeting    |



March is Food Shelf Month. There is a box at the top of the stairs in the front entry where you may leave your donations of non-perishable food items. Any checks should be made out to the Quad Cities Food Shelf.

If you would like to supply a treat for coffee time after worship, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the fellowship hall.

At the March Council Meeting, it was decided to move towards the wearing of masks as optional.