

LIVE STREAMING

CCPC live streams worship services every Sunday morning. Please join us in spirit by going to www.covenantcommunitypc.org/live-stream. You can give, fill out a Connection Card, and also view archives of past services and sermons all from the comfort of your home.

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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...
Changing lives forever!



SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 2023 - 10 A.M.

A FRESH START: EPIPHANY

Prelude: "Heirlooms" Les Fraaza

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

The first words of the Bible are "in the beginning." We know that God was there at the beginning of all things; and that even today, God is the source of new beginnings. As we prepare for worship, consider where Christ has already been the source of blessing in your life, and in what parts of your life you hope the Spirit will inspire something new to spring forth.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship:

Isaiah 49:6

It is too light a thing that you should be my servant

To raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations,

That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

***Hymn:** "As with Gladness Men of Old" (vs. 1,2,4) #150

***Call to Confession:** 1 John 1:8-9
John writes, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Trusting in God's mercy, we together make our prayer of confession.

***Prayer of Confession:**
This past year we had both successes and failures in our battle against sin. We ask forgiveness for our failures, but we also give you praise for our successes. We know that our victories over the sin in our lives come from partnering with you, O Holy Spirit.

Help us to co-operate with you even more closely this year, that we might see your kingdom come and grow in our lives and in our world. May we close the door on the sins of our past, and be made open to the potential of a fresh, new life fully united with Christ our Lord.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

I.D. FOR ALL AGES— I.D. for all ages resumes *NEXT* Sunday, January 8 at 9am. Adults will continue the video-and-conversation based curriculum in the Cry Room. Kid's will begin a new theme for January called, "Measure Up" in all of their programming. Youth and Confirmation will also continue on the 8th.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY— Our study on the Gospel of John continues! Come join us for an exploration of the Gospel written by the beloved disciple - newcomers are always welcome. Women meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month; men meet on the 2nd and 4th. Women resume *THIS* Tuesday, January 3 at 12pm.

L.I.F.E. IN JANUARY— Adults are taking a break from Wednesday night L.I.F.E. classes, but fear not; our excellent children's classes and youth group will continue *THIS* Wednesday, Jan. 4! Stay tuned for adult classes in the future!

BIBLE APP STUDY— Let your new year's resolution be to spend time in the Bible each day with your church family! Join us for a read through the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) beginning Monday, January 2. We use the Bible app from YouVersion, available for free in the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. See the Monday Email for a link, or contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org). If you'd like to do it on your own with your Bible, use the calendar included in the January/February GoodNewsletter!

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

SALT & LIGHT YOUTH GROUP CHANGES — Students who are in 6th through 8th grades gather on Wednesdays at 6pm (resuming January 4) for Salt & Light Youth Group. In a bit of a change for 2023, 9th-12th graders will meet Sunday evenings from 4:30-6pm (beginning January 8), prior to our evening contemporary service. Contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

YOUTH GROUP CONFERENCES 2023 — Salt & Light Youth is thrilled to offer an amazing experience for our rising 6th-12th grade students! In the summer of 2023, we will be attending two separate conferences as a group! The Quest Conference, taking place June 18-23, is for our high school students entering 9-12 grades, while The Great Escape Conference, July 10-15, is for our middle school students entering 6-8 grades. To learn more, please pick up a brochure at the Hub or go to: <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/youth-conferences> Deadline for the initial deposit is February 19.

CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

THROUGH NOVEMBER 2022:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$502,862**
 Actual Operating Revenues: **\$520,327**
 Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$496,338**
 Actual Operating Expenses: **\$495,290**

DECEMBER 25 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **86**
 AM Livestream Total: **106**
 No PM Service: **00**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHOTO DIRECTORY — CCPC Photo Directories are available for pickup in the Narthex! These wonderful editions include images of many of our members, as well as important contact information. If you had a photo taken, you are guaranteed a copy for your home. If you did not have a photo taken, we have a limited number of copies available. We will also have copies in the pew backs for use on Sunday mornings. A huge thank you to our directory committee for all of their hard work, including Joan Jackson, Deb Tice, Don Ryd, and Marcy Fehrman.

CCPC COOKBOOK — The brand new CCPC Cookbook entitled “Not by Bread Alone” will be available for order/pickup at the church on Sunday mornings in the months to come. You can purchase yours in person, or you can order yours ahead of time on our website (<https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/payments>) and pick it up at the church. This beautiful keepsake is a perfect gift for the family chef, or just to have in your own collection. A huge thank you to Colleen Geurink for all of her hard work to make this happen. Please contact Colleen (cgeurink@charter.net) or the church office if you have any questions. ALL proceeds (\$30 per book) go towards funding of our church kitchen renovations to come!

EPIPHANY OPEN HOUSE — The Women of First Presbyterian Church invite the Women of CCPC to celebrate an Epiphany Open House with them on Friday, January 6 at 5:30pm. This will be held Judy North's home at 903 Hamilton St. in Wausau. This year, items will be gathered for the Babies Place, a mission of the Neighbors Place. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to dvjdnrth@mac.com or 715-845-3613 by January 2.

PER CAPITA FEE — The Per Capita fee our church pays to the denomination (for each member) is \$38 in 2023. If you would like to offset this fee, you can make a donation to CCPC and mark your donation as “Per Capita”. This can also be donated through our website. CCPC pays our entire Per Capita in the first three months of the year.

OLD GUYS RULE AT PIZZA RANCH — The Old Guys Rule invite all men to join them at 12pm every second Thursday of the month (including January 12) at Pizza Ranch in Schofield. Please contact Bob Warner (bobw4860@gmail.com) if you have any question.

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

2023 MISSION AUCTION & SHOE SALE — Our annual Mission Auction “Hope to the Nations” will take place Saturday, March 4! This will include a silent auction (4pm), a dinner (“Around the World Tapas” theme) starting at 5pm, and a live auction starting at 6pm! We'll be selling shoes and apparel beginning at 4pm. A pre-sale, just for shoes, will be on Friday March 3rd from 5-8pm. We will begin soliciting donations in January, so consider if you have something that you'd like to donate (only new items, please). You can use the inserts in today's bulletin, or submit your item(s) on our website. We're also looking for help contacting businesses. A signup is located on the counter next to the name tags.

FAMILY MISSION CAMP 2023 — The 2023 Family Mission Camp will be at Spencer Lake Christian Center in Waupaca. We have partnered with local and global organizations to make an impact at home, and around the world. This will take place August 18-20. For more details and to register your family, go to: <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/all-family-mission-trip> or see the flier at The Hub. Deadline for the initial deposit is February 5.

*Assurance of Pardon:

Micah 7:18-19

“Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of his possession? He does not retain his anger forever because he delights in showing steadfast love. He will again have compassion upon us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.” Hear the good news; in Christ, our sins are forgiven! Amen.

***Congregational Response:** “The Lord is My Salvation” See Screen

Children's Message

[Children may come forward and be seated on the stage.]

Period of Fellowship

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 11:10-32 Page 9

Special Music: “Beautiful Star of Bethlehem” Deb Perrin

New Testament Reading: Matthew 2:1-15 Page 2

Sermon: “A Fresh Start: Epiphany” Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** “What Child is This” (vs. 1,2,3) #145

The Sacrament of Communion

Offering

Offertory Music: “Good Christian Men, Rejoice” JeHae Kim-Bixby & Les Fraaza

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” (vs. 1,3) #132

WELCOME TO COVENANT COMMUNITY!

We consider it a privilege to have you worship with us and sincerely hope you get a blessing from the service. Some notes to help you be more comfortable during the service:

- † Please participate in congregational responses (bold)
- † Please stand as able, as marked with an asterisk *
- † Please fill out the Connection Card insert.
- † Feel free to use the Cry Room (you will be able to see & hear the service) and/or Nursery located across from the sanctuary
- † Activity bags for children are available in the Narthex.

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHURCH

The officers and members of CCPC welcome all persons who wish to respond to the Lordship of Jesus Christ by confessing or reaffirming their Christian Faith or by transferring their membership. We invite you to accept this invitation if you do not have a church home. Please speak with Jim Gates, note your interest on the Connection Card, or phone the church office (715) 359-6467. You are welcome here!

OUR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all who serve the church on Sunday mornings!

Worship Leader: Stephanie Finamore
Acolytes: Abby Wensel & Zoë Gates
Elder Greeter: Glenn Lamping & Lynda Reis
Greeters: Barb Smejkal & Sue Taylor
The Hub: Barb Lamping
Gatekeeper: John Happli

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following folks who were recently in the hospital or reside in an assisted-care facility.

Mary Zuidema
(Renaissance in Wisconsin Rapids)

Joyce Michna
(Fond du Lac)

Mike Petterson
(Home)

Stella Lamping
(Home)

Cheryl Lenz
(Colonial Center in Colby)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
10AM	WORSHIP			12PM	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	6PM	KID'S L.I.F.E.
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL			6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
6PM	WORSHIP					6PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
						7PM	ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					9AM	I.D./CONFIRM.
4:30PM	FAITH & FITNESS					10AM	WORSHIP
						11:15AM	WOMEN'S SM. GRP.
						4PM	BAND REHEARSAL
						4:30PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
						6PM	WORSHIP

For more details about CCPC programming, refer to the next couple of pages in this bulletin, go to www.covenantcommunitypc.org, or call the church office at 715-359-6467.