

## LIVE-STREAM

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LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION:  
TEMPTED TO COMPARTMENTALIZATION

1 Kings 19:11-18 & Mark 9:1-29

January 14, 2024

COVENANT COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...  
**Changing lives forever!**

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**Prelude:** "Rise Up and Serve the Lord" Les Fraaza

### **Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:**

We continue to use the Lord's Prayer to illuminate sections of the Gospel of Mark. In Mark 8:31-10:52, Jesus is teaching the disciples about the kind of Messiah he will be, and preparing the disciples for his suffering, death and resurrection. Throughout this section we see one temptation after another arise for Jesus and his students. Each time, Jesus will teach how to not be led away from him. What temptations do you face today? Have you asked Jesus to lead you away from them and towards himself?

### **Welcome & Announcements**

**Lighting of the Candles:** "You Are My All In All" Wyatt Dupuis

**Call to Worship:** Mark 9:5-7

Then Peter said to Jesus,

**"Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."**

He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice,

**"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"**

**\*Hymn:** "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" (vs. 1,2,3) #191

**\*Call to Confession:** Mark 9:23-24

Jesus says, "If you are able! All things can be done for the one who believes."

Immediately the father of the child cried out, "I believe, help my unbelief!"

May this be our cry today as we offer our prayer together.

### **\*Prayer of Confession:**

**Lord Jesus, we believe and know that you are the Messiah, the Son of God. We believe you have the words and way of life. But our unbelief is persistent.**

**This week, our belief and unbelief have been at odds. Sometimes our unbelief has won, leading us to live as though you are not present or not powerful.**

**Forgive us, and help our unbelief, so that the faith and trust we experience on our mountain-tops can travel with us into our valleys.**

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

## BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

**BIBLE APP STUDY** — Join Jim Gates in reading the entire Bible this year in Chronological order using the Bible App by YouVersion. See where each prophet fits into the story of Israel; see where each of Paul's letters fit into the story of the early church! You can join us at anytime! Just download the Bible App from the Apple Store or Google Play for free, and find the link in our Monday email... or contact Jim Gates for the invitation.

**ADULT L.I.F.E.** — Adult L.I.F.E. continues a new format *THIS* Wednesday, January 17 with a Sermon Discussion Group. All adults are invited to join us from 6-7pm in the Cry Room to dig deeper into today's sermon.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — The women's Bible study is currently studying the book of Isaiah and meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 12pm, including *THIS* Tuesday, January 16. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Gates at [jim@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

## YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

**YOUTH GROUP** — Middle School Youth meet from 6-7:30pm, and High School Youth meet from 6:30-8pm on Wednesday nights. This week is "Tele-strations." This fun game is telephone ... meets Pictionary ... meets crazy! Invite a friend to join us!

**THE GREAT ESCAPE 2024** — We are excited to be returning to The Great Escape in Green Lake, WI July 8-13! All rising 6th-9th graders are invited to go, as a group, for an amazing week of fellowship, worship, team-building, and fun! Cost for each student is \$400, with a \$100 deposit due February 18. Register on our website. Scholarships are available!

**KIDS L.I.F.E.** — At Kids L.I.F.E., we gather on Wednesdays at 6pm to strengthen our friendship with Jesus and each other. Living in Faith Every Day is a bright spot in our week and there is a group for every age!

**WORSHIP & WIGGLES** — Worship & Wiggles is for 2 and 3-year-olds during Sunday worship. It is designed for our littlest worshipers to make new friends and learn about God's love. Toddlers gather in the Cry Room after the Children's Message dismissal, and have Bible Story time before they "play with a purpose" and participate in the worship service from the Cry Room/Nursery.

## CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

### THROUGH NOVEMBER 2023:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$508,664**

Actual Operating Revenues: **\$533,846**

Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$493,126**

Actual Operating Expenses: **\$487,566**

### JANUARY 7 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **196**

AM Livestream Total: **96**

PM In-Person Total: **33**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PARKING AVAILABILITY** — CCPC wants to be mindful of folks that need to park closer to the building on Sunday mornings. In light of this, we ask everyone who is capable to park in the lots further away from the building, while leaving open the southern lot (closest to the two main entrances) for those with physical limitations. This is a year-round request, but is especially important in the winter months.

**CCPC 101** — Would you like to know more about CCPC, our beliefs, and our ministries? Thinking about making this your church home? Join us in the Bouldin Hall conference room immediately following worship TODAY. Food and childcare will be provided.

**PER CAPITA PAYMENT** — The Per Capita fee our church pays to the denomination (for each member) is \$38 in 2024. If you would like to offset this fee, you can make a donation to CCPC and mark your donation as "Per Capita", or pay on our website. CCPC pays our entire Per Capita in the first three months of the year.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** — The annual congregational meeting will take place after worship on Sunday, February 4. We invite all members to join us and have your voice heard regarding our church and leadership. 2023 Annual Reports will be available at the meeting, and we will be sending digital versions out ahead of time.

**SUMMER INTERNSHIP** — CCPC has an open position for a Summer Intern who would help Jim Gates with our youth and also encounter a wide variety of ministry experiences. This is designed for a member of our church who is college-age and at least one year removed from high school (i.e. graduated in 2023 or earlier). It is a part-time position (25 hrs/week) for 12 weeks of the summer (dates can be worked out based on the applicant's calendar). Contact Jim with any questions or to apply!

## MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

**HEARTS OF HOPE FUNDRAISER** — Once again, local establishments, Schofield Lions, and Townline Market are helping to contribute to Hearts of Hope! Enter their raffle for \$1,800 in meat and other miscellaneous items to be drawn at Norm's Bar & Grill on February 24, with all proceeds going to our ministry! Visit the Hub to buy your pre-event ticket (\$30; make checks payable to Schofield Lions), and to learn more about the event.

**CCPC AUCTION 2024** — Our 27th Annual Mission Auction will take place Saturday, March 2, 2024! This year, we will travel back in time to visit our "Divine Diner", featuring classic comfort foods with an elevated twist. Tickets are \$20/adults and \$15/kids, which includes access to our "Sock Hop" fun room for! Get your tickets online, at the Hub, or at the church office during the week. We'll be selling shoes beginning at 4pm, with a pre-sale, just for shoes, on Friday March 1st from 5-7pm.

**COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP 2024** — CCPC will be sending a team to Costa Rica June 22-29, 2024, in partnership with Praying Pelican Missions. This trip is open to rising 9th graders and older. Cost is \$1,300 for adults and \$1,000 for students. A \$200 deposit is required to hold your spot for the trip and can be paid on our website, as well as in person to the office. Go to our website to learn more!

**\*Assurance of Pardon:** Mark 9:1  
Jesus says, "Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power." In this life and the next, God's kingdom comes, and all who trust in Christ have a place in it. Thanks be to God! **Amen!**

**\*Congregational Response:** "The Lord is Our Salvation" See Screens

### Children's Message

(Children may come forward and be seated on the stage.)

### Period of Fellowship

**\*Hymn:** "Open the Eyes of My Heart" (1x) #452

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**Old Testament Reading:** 1 Kings 19:11-18 Page 326

**Special Music:** "Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven" Glory Singers

**New Testament Reading:** Mark 9:1-29 Page 44

**Sermon:** "Lead Us Not Into Temptation:  
Tempted to Compartmentalization" Jim Gates

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*Hymn:** "Go to the World!" (vs. 1,2,4) #295

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer:** See Page 4

**Ministry Celebration:** Christmas Day Dinner

### Offering

**Offertory Music:** "Amazing Grace" JeHae Kim-Bixby & Les Fraaza

### \*Doxology

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### Announcements

### \*Benediction

**\*Choral Benediction:** "We Are Standing on Holy Ground" (1x) #406

## 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 across from the sanctuary
- † Activity bags for children are available in the Narthex.
- † Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for donuts, cookies, juice, coffee, and fellowship!

### 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 Leaders:** Deb Tice

**Acolytes:** Gavin & Isabelle Lancelle

**Elder Greeters:** Lynda Reis & Sheldon Rouse

**Greeters:** Jesse Lawton & Tracy Jaeck

**The Hub:** Deb Wakefield

**Livestream:** Derek Nelson

**Slides:** Holden Theilig

**Usher Lead:** Jeff Kibler

**Fellowship:** Calvin & Emily Fraaza

### 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)

**Dave Vachowiak**  
(Forest Park Village)

**Tom Scott**  
(Home)

**Howie Pries**  
(Pride TLC)

**Wynn Jones**

### THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<b>TODAY</b>		<b>MONDAY</b>		<b>TUESDAY</b>		<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION	7PM	DARTBALL AT HOME	12PM	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	6PM	ADULT/KIDS LIFE
10AM	WORSHIP			6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
11:15AM	CCPC 101					6:30PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
11:15AM	WOMEN'S STUDY					7PM	CHOIR PRACTICE
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL						
6PM	WORSHIP						
<b>THURSDAY</b>		<b>FRIDAY</b>		<b>SATURDAY</b>		<b>SUNDAY</b>	
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION
						10AM	WORSHIP
						11:15AM	WOMEN'S STUDY
						4PM	BAND REHEARSAL
						6PM	WORSHIP

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