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LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION: TEMPTED TO GREATNESS

Numbers 14:13-24 & Mark 9:30-50

January 21, 2024

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Praise His Greatness" JeHae Kim-Bixby

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:

Call to Worship: Exodus 34:6-8

The LORD passed before him, and proclaimed,

"The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,

Keeping steadfast love, for the thousandth generation,

Forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin,

Yet by no means clearing the guilty, but visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children and the children's children to the third and fourth generation."

And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped.

***Hymn:** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (vs. 1,2,3) #829

***Call to Confession:**

Although Jesus has modeled and preached selflessness, his first disciples were often consumed with their own greatness. We have the same example and teaching of Jesus, and the same sinful desires and actions. Let us therefore confess our sins together.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Father God, we have strayed from the example and teaching of your Son. We have pursued greatness rather than goodness this week. We have imagined that worldly values and honors were worthy of our focus, time and money. We have wanted to be important in the eyes of others, and disregarded what makes us important in your eyes.

Forgive us. Give us a Christ-centered vision of our lives, so that "big" and "small", "important" and "unimportant" are all defined by your word and by your Spirit in us.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

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.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — The men's Bible study is currently studying the book of Isaiah and meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 12pm, including *THIS* Tuesday, January 23. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Gates at jim@covenantcommunitypc.org.

ADULT L.I.F.E. — Adult L.I.F.E. continues a new format *THIS* Wednesday, January 24 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.

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 we will "Chill Out" with Wii games, card games, food, and time to hang! 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:	JANUARY 14 ATTENDANCE:
Budgeted Operating Revenues: \$508,664	AM In-Person Total: 183
Actual Operating Revenues: \$533,846	AM Livestream Total: 136
Budgeted Operating Expenses: \$493,126	PM In-Person Total: 21
Actual Operating Expenses: \$487,566	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOUSEKEEPER JOB OPENING — CCPC is looking for candidates for a part-time (15hrs per week) Housekeeper position tasked with keeping our building to a high standard of cleanliness for our guests and members. Qualifications include excellent work ethic, experience in professional cleaning, and the ability to communicate in word and action the church's objective of hospitality. If you would like to apply, please send your résumé and cover letter to Jim Gates.

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!

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.

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

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! 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 on Friday March 1st from 5-7pm. If you, your place of employment, or a group you are a part of would like to donate an item(s) to be auctioned, please see today's bulletin insert, or pick up a form at the Hub. We ask that items be *NEW* or artisan items.

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:** Numbers 14:19-20
Moses says, "Forgive the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of your steadfast love, just as you have pardoned this people, from Egypt even until now. Then the LORD said, 'I do forgive, just as you have asked.'" Believe the good news! God's steadfast love and forgiveness are given to us through Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God. **Amen!**

***Gloria Patri**

Children's Message

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

Period of Fellowship

***Hymn:** "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" (vs. 1,3) #418

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 14:13-24 Page 132

Special Music: "Soli Deo Gloria" CCPC Choir

New Testament Reading: Mark 9:30-50 Page 45

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "As the Deer" (1x) #626

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

Ministry Celebration: CCPC Food Pantry

Offering

Offertory Music: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" JeHae Kim-Bixby

***Doxology**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

Announcements

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction:** "O God, You Are My God" (1x) #743

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: Lucas & Paige Mathies

Elder Greeters: Deb Tice & Scott Bouffleur

Greeters: David & Sara Farrar

The Hub: Dianne Abel

Livestream: Craig Spangler

Slides: Luke Coenen

Usher Lead: Jerry Trebus

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!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION	7PM	DARTBALL AT ST. PAUL	12PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	3PM	FOOD PANTRY
10AM	WORSHIP			6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
11:15AM	WOMEN'S STUDY					6PM	ADULT/KIDS LIFE
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL					6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
6PM	WORSHIP					6:30PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
						7PM	CHOIR PRACTICE
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION
						10AM	WORSHIP
						11:15AM	WOMEN'S STUDY
						4PM	BAND REHEARSAL
						6PM	WORSHIP

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