

LIVE STREAMING

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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



SUNDAY, JANUARY 22ND, 2023 - 10 A.M.

THE COVENANT COUPLE: SELF-FULFILLING PROPHECY

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord" JeHae Kim-Bixby

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:

1 Peter 5:5b-6

And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for

"God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, **So that he may exalt you in due time.**

***Hymn:** "Fight the Good Fight" (vs. 1,2,3) #846

***Call to Confession:**

Peter warns us that our adversary prowls around like a roaring lion, looking to devour. We are called to resist him and be steadfast in our faith. At times this week we have done so, to our credit; at other times, we have not done so, to our shame. Together, we can confess our sin, and celebrate again in Christ's forgiveness. Let us pray.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord God, we know that our spiritual successes are often followed by spiritual stumbles. We receive your promises and then take their fulfillment into our own hands. Like Sarai, we who have been hurt often turn and hurt others.

Forgive us for our lack of faith. We know that you who promised will bring your promises to completion. Strengthen us, Holy Spirit, by your power and grace, so that we can be steadfast in the face of every trial and temptation.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

BRIDGE ST. MISSION SOBER LIVING MEALS— There are still plenty of dates open to give of your time and talents to feed the men at the Bridge St. sober living home. You are asked to prepare the meal ahead of time and then serve, with cleanup being taken care of by the residents. Please see the signup at the counter by the name tags. You can also contact Kari Kufahl (kari.kufahl@gmail.com) with any questions.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

MEN'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. Men meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, including *THIS* Tuesday, January 24 at noon. All men, including newcomers, are welcome!

BIBLE APP STUDY— Join us for a read through the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) **continuing today with Matthew 21**. 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).

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

KID'S MINISTRY PROGRAMMING— This winter, CCPC Kids will continue our journey looking at the life of Jesus in the Book of Matthew. January's teaching theme is "Measure Up" - Jesus' early life and ministry. This theme will be included in I.D. at 9am Sunday mornings, during Kid's Worship and "Wiggles" (evening service) and during Wednesday night L.I.F.E. at 6pm. Contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

CCPC YOUTH GROUP— Students who are in 6th through 8th grades gather on Wednesdays at 6pm (including this week) for CCPC Youth Group. All 9th-12th graders will meet Sunday evenings from 4:30-6pm (including *TODAY*), prior to our evening service. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions. *Invite a friend to join you!*

YOUTH GROUP CONFERENCES 2023— CCPC Youth Ministry 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. 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**

JANUARY 15 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **236**
AM Livestream Total: **96**
PM In-Person Total: **31**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOOR HANG ADVERTISING DISTRIBUTION — Be a part of our campaign to connect with our community and invite them to our church! Stop by the Fellowship Hall after service and select a section of the Wausau area (it can be your neighborhood and/or any other area) to pray over and distribute door hang ads, which are also available to pick up! Commit to as little or as much area as you and your family would like to do, but we ask that you complete what you've selected. Please speak with Drew Bouché in the Fellowship Hall with any questions!

AN EVENING WITH AUTHOR JOE JOHNSON — The Book Club is proud to be hosting an all-congregation event with Joe Johnson, a CCPC Deacon and author of "Nobody: Perseverance of a Sharecropper's Son," *THIS* Monday, January 23 at 6:30pm in Bouldin Hall. Whether you read his book or not, all are invited to come and hear his amazing story of struggle and redemption. This will include a time for question and answer! Refreshments will be provided, as well as a Zoom link (contact Jim Gates, jim@covenantcommunitypc.org; or Drew Bouché, drew@covenantcommunitypc.org) for those who cannot make it in person.

NO REGRETS MEN'S CONFERENCE — The annual No Regrets Men's Conference will take place Saturday, February 4 at Highland Community Church in Wausau, from 8am to 5pm. Cost is \$25 for 18 and older and \$15 for 17 and under. Walk-ins are welcome the day of the event. To learn more, please go to: <https://highlandcommunitychurch.com/no-regrets/>

CCPC COOKBOOK — The brand new CCPC Cookbook entitled "Not by Bread Alone" is available for order/pickup in the Narthex. You can purchase yours (\$30) in person, or order ahead of time on our website (<https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/payments>) and pick it up at the church. Please contact Colleen Geurink (cgeurink@charter.net) or the church office if you have any questions.

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.

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

MISSION COMMITTEE MEMBERS — The Mission Committee is looking for new members! If you would like to be a part of the vision of CCPC missions, please contact Kari Kufahl (kari.kufahl@gmail.com) or Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

2023 MISSION AUCTION & SHOE SALE — Our annual Mission Auction "Hope to the Nations" will take place Saturday, March 4 at 4pm! We are now taking item donations for the silent and live auctions (only new items, please). Donation forms can be found in today's bulletin and at The Hub, or submit your item(s) on our website. *If you are interested in contributing ethnic/national recipes to our tapas (appetizer) meal, and/or helping with setup, please check the box on the back of today's Connection Card, or contact Laura Siebert (laura.siebert1@gmail.com or 715-297-2186).* You can also check the Connection Card to help put up posters around town.

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 insert in today's bulletin. **Deadline for the initial deposit is February 5.**

***Assurance of Pardon:** 1 Peter 5:7, 10-11
"Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ... And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you." Believe the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
"To him be the power forever and ever!" **Amen.**

***Gloria Patri**

Children's Message

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

Period of Fellowship

***Hymn:** "Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord" See Screens

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 16 Page 12
Special Music: "A Place in the Valley" CCPC Choir
New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 5:5b-11 Page 235
Sermon: "The Covenant Couple: Self-Fulfilling Prophecy" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "Why Should I Feel Discouraged?" (vs. 1,2,3) #661
Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer See Page 4
Offering
Offertory Music: "As the Deer" JeHae Kim-Bixby

***Doxology**

Welcome of New Members:

Raymond Valor & Jessica Will - Raymond and Jessica are raising their two children, Matthew and Leela, together in Wausau. Raymond enjoys gardening and spends free time in his tool shop. Jessica loves taking care of the children and is passionate about her reading, crafting, and writing. Matthew enjoys Scouts and Leela likes gymnastics. Their household wouldn't be complete without one elderly chicken and a cat named Pepper.

Carol Valor - Carol moved from Michigan to Wausau in August to be near family, explore a new career and put down roots in Northcentral Wisconsin. She enjoys cooking, playing with her grandkids, gardening, movies, and making new friends. She is looking forward to raising chickens for eggs and a new dog!

***Affirmation of Faith:** Apostles Creed See Page 4
***Welcome Song:** "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" (vs. 1) #306

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction:** "Fight the Good Fight" (vs. 4) #846

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: Deb Tice

Acolytes: Lucas & Paige Mathies

Elder Greeter: Julie Trebus
& Scott Bouffleur

Greeters: Heather Hurd &
Sue Taylor

The Hub: Dianne Abel

Gatekeeper: Brian Haack

Live Stream: Derek Nelson

Slides: Craig Spangler

Fellowship: Calvin Fraaza &
Emily Furlano

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
(*Pride TLC*)

Stella Lamping
(*Home*)

Cheryl Lenz
(*Colonial Center in Colby*)

Jerry Pearson
(*Aspirus*)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
9AM	I.D./CONFIRM.	6PM	DARTBALL AT HOME	12PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	3PM	FOOD PANTRY
10AM	WORSHIP			6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	KID'S L.I.F.E.
11:15AM	WOMEN'S SM. GRP.	6:30PM	BOOK CLUB WITH JOE JOHNSON			6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL					6PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
4:30PM	HS YOUTH GROUP					7PM	ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE
6PM	WORSHIP						
<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

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