



COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

FORWARD
FROM BROKENNESS TO WHOLENESS



— GOD'S CALL TO MOVE —

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 2021 - 10 A.M.

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SPIRITUAL COMMITMENT

LIVE STREAMING

CCPC live streams our 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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Gathering Around the Word

Prelude:

Chriss Altis

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

What if God's call is not to go "back to normal" but to go forward with Christ? In what direction is your life moving? Are you going backwards to your old life, or forward into the Spirit's new adventure? Consider this morning what your next step towards God might be, and commit to strain forward to what lies ahead.

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship:

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

***Hymn:** "When the Lord Redeems the Very Least" (vs. 1,2)

***Call to Confession:**

James 5:16

James, Jesus' brother, gives us this instruction: "Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." Join me now as together we confess to one another.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord God, you know us as a people who easily make and break commitments. We make promises we should not make and cannot keep. We choose to remain flexible when you call us to be decisive. Worst of all, we are slow to commit ourselves to you, and quick to snatch back control over our lives when we fear you will take us where we do not want to go.

Unlike us, you are unchanging and unbreaking; you are the maker and keeper of covenants that span lives and generations. Grant to us, by the power of your Spirit, that same steadfastness. Then may we wholly place our lives in the holy hands of Christ - hands that were pierced for our transgressions, and raised for our redemption.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

***Assurance of Pardon:**

Psalm 103:11-12

"For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us." Believe the good news: Because of Jesus Christ, all our sins are forgiven! Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

Congregational Response:

"Blest Are They" (vs. 2, Chorus)

Children's Message

Period of Fellowship

Proclaiming the Word

Old Testament Reading:

Exodus 14:10-31

NRSV Bible

Special Music:

Deb & Kent Perrin

New Testament Reading:

Matthew 5:1-12

NRSV Bible

Sermon:

Forward from Brokenness to Wholeness: Jim Gates
Spiritual Commitment

Responding to the Word

***Hymn:**

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" (vs. 1,3)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory Music:

Chriss Altis

Connection Card and giving are available on the live stream web page.

Doxology

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Announcements

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction:** "Will You Come and Follow Me" (vs. 1)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

25TH ANNUAL MISSION AUCTION (ONLINE)—This year's 25th Annual Mission Auction will be a little different, but just as exciting! From Sunday, March 7 through Saturday, March 14 you will be able to bid *ONLINE* for our amazing items! We invite you to get your creative juices flowing and contribute an item(s) to be bid on. If you choose to do so, we will need specific information submitted electronically to Kari Kufahl at Kari.Kufahl@gmail.com no later than Friday, February 26, with items being at the church by February 28. You can call or text Kari with any questions at 715-870-6615. **Please note that we are not specifically targeting business donations directly this year, so we are relying on YOU and your contacts to help.** The planning is ongoing, as we will have a few ways to give to our missions ministries in 2021, so stay tuned for information pertaining to our "Non-Dinner Dinner" and future shoe sale, as well as more news about the auction itself. You can also learn more by going to our website at <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/ccpc-auction>.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—Your Session wants to make it possible for as many people as possible to participate in our annual meeting, despite the challenges of covid. **So, we plan to have FOUR ways you can participate in our annual meeting this year.**

1. *Be present in-person in the Congregation on Sunday, February 7 at 11:00am (immediately after worship).*
2. *Join us live via Zoom by computer or phone on the same day/time (Feb. 7 at 11:00am).*
3. *Vote IN ADVANCE via the website by clicking on this link: <https://covenantcommunitypc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/208180>*
4. *Vote IN ADVANCE by calling the church at 715-359-6467 and speaking with or leaving a message for Jim Gates.*

Two important notes if you choose to vote in advance via options 3 (website) or 4 (phone).

- *You may only vote "yes" or "no." Any other responses (for example, a nomination from the floor or a question) must be done in-person or online via Zoom.*
- *The deadline for advance votes is Thursday, February 4th. No advance votes will be accepted after this time.*

We have already prepared all the documents for the meeting, including bios for all those being nominated as officers, info on my Terms of Call, and all the annual reports. You can read ALL of that here on our website. Paper Copies of this packet are available at the church office - you can pick them up anytime! If you have questions about any of this, please reach out to me anytime between now and February 7th. All this information will remain on our website and will be posted in our weekly emails.

CCPC ENDOWMENT GIFTS—Join us in kicking off our CCPC Endowment Fund this year! We invite you to consider a "Founder's Gift" of \$500. We are also blessed to have been given a matching gift donation of \$25,000 towards the fund! The minimum gift to be matched must be no less than \$2,500. Pledges for this matching gift must be made by April 15, 2021, with payment deadline set for December 31, 2021. For more information about giving to the endowment fund, please go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/endowment>.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM—We continue our Bible study on the first six "minor" prophets: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, and Nahum *THIS* Tuesday, January 26, at noon via Zoom. All men are welcome! Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) for the Zoom information.

READING THE GOSPELS TOGETHER—Join Jim Gates in reading through the the Gospels (currently in Matthew) using the Bible app from YouVersion (find in the Apple or Google app store). You do not have to download the app to join the group. Simply go to <https://bible.com/p/37068274/03789ac0ed2773f940795764f2ec0718> and get started via your web browser (or simply read a chapter-a-day in your hardcopy Bible). We are currently in Matthew 14, so feel free to catch up and join us! Make this your new year's resolution - to read the stories of Jesus together as a church family!

PRAYER MEETINGS—Our weekly Prayer Meeting continues via Zoom every Wednesday night at 6pm, including *THIS* Wednesday, January 27. All are welcome! To join the Zoom meeting, go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82054635060?pwd=MTkzOGJqMFRWamxrMy9CSHBwcUMrUT09> Meeting ID: 820 5463 5060 Passcode: 711155

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

SOCIAL MEDIA CLASS FOR PARENTS VIA ZOOM—On January 31 at 4pm, we will be hosting a class for parents addressing how we can help our children navigate the difficult waters of social media. The class will be an hour long on Zoom and we will have a free book for those who attend. If you would like to join us, please use the following Zoom information:
Meeting ID - 817 9763 0657; Password - 238945 If you have any questions, contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org).

YOUTH GROUP VIA ZOOM—All students grades 6th-12th grade are invited to join us online, using Zoom, *THIS* coming Wednesday at 6pm. If you would like to see video messages and materials from previous weeks, please go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/youth-group>. If you have any questions, contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org).

YOUTH I.D.—Youth Institute of Discipleship has *THREE* classes (6th & 7th; Confirmation; 9th & 12th) via Zoom *AND* in person at 9am every Sunday morning.

KIDS I.D.—Kids ID starts in a large group via Zoom and in person, followed by a breakout into two groups (PreK-1st & 2nd-5th grades). Each group will need their own device if you are with us from home. Join us every Sunday at 9am!

IN-PERSON OPTION FOR I.D.—We offer an in-person option for all our children and youth ID classes (from 9-10am). This is for 3yr-olds through 12th graders, including Confirmation. Of course, we continue to offer online options for all these ages as well. Masks are required for all classes. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Fuls (5th grade and younger) or Dan Frost (6th grade and older).