

### VISITORS WELCOME

If you are a 1st time visitor, welcome, and we have a gift for you! See the table in the Narthex by the church office, or visit The Hub to get your copy. We hope you find this book informative and inspiring. See you next week!

### FREE BIBLES

CCPC has free Bibles for anyone who would like one. If you don't currently have a Bible, or if your only Bible is ancient, we would like to give you this gift, no questions asked! Pick up your copy in the Welcome Center, or at The Hub.

### LIVE STREAMING

CCPC live streams our worship services every Sunday morning. Please join us in spirit by going to [www.covenantcommunitypc.org/live-stream](http://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/live-stream). You can also view archives of past services and sermons.

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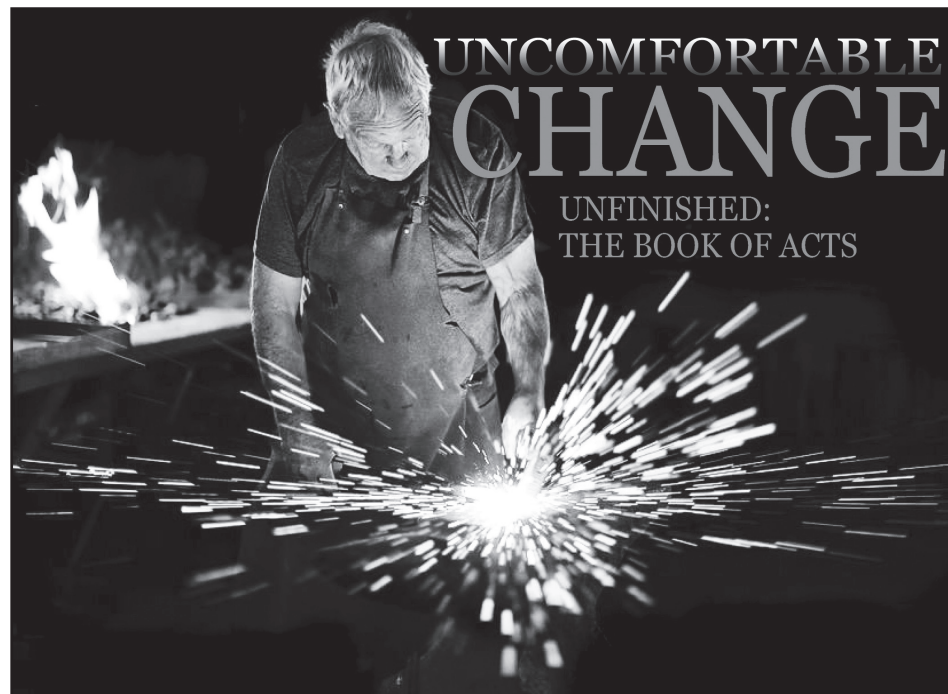
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# COVENANT COMMUNITY

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



SUNDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.

# UNCOMFORTABLE CHANGE: SEISMIC SHIFTS

**Covenant Community Presbyterian Church**  
**1806 Weston Avenue in Schofield, WI**  
**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - 10 a.m.**  
**Uncomfortable Change: Seismic Shifts**

***Gathering Around the Word***

**Prelude:** "How Far is it to Bethlehem" Les Fraaza

**Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:**

*This year we will read through the Book of Acts together, considering how the story of the early church might shape and guide our own congregation's story. Like Acts itself, we are Unfinished. Study this week's Acts passage and note the additional readings for the week in the Unfinished brochure or on our website.*

**Announcements VISITORS:** Please fill out a connection card found in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

**Lighting of the Candles:**

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 46

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore, we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.*

*Be still and know that he is God!  
He is exalted among the nations; he is exalted in the earth.*

*The LORD of hosts is with us;  
The God of Jacob is our refuge.*

**\*Hymn:** "God is Our Refuge and Our Strength" (vs. 1,3,4) #329

**\*Call to Confession:**

*As the early church resisted the changes from the Gentile Pentecost, so too we resist the changes that the Spirit wishes to work in us. Let us therefore confess that we have been reluctant disciples.*

**STEWARDSHIP 2020: OUR NEXT CHAPTER**—Our pledge season continues with an amazing contribution from you all! As of last Sunday, we've had 129 commitments reaching \$405,792 of our \$410,000 goal! Please note that you can still return your cards to the church office at any time, drop them in today's offering plate, or pledge online at <https://covenantcommunitypc.org/give>. If you have not received a pledge card, you can pick one up just outside the sanctuary in the Narthex, as well as submitting online.

**SERVICE AND MISSIONS**

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**—As we begin the new year, it is a good time to look explore opportunities to serve our faith community. If giving of your time and talents to the church is something you are interested in, we have some ways you can help! We are looking for folks interested in being a face of our faith family at The Hub (our information center located by Bouldin Hall). Maybe you would like to work with children and help disciple the youngest of us! Children's worship opportunities are also available. There are many other ways in which you can help and the need is always great! See the back of today's Connection Card to show your interest, or contact Drew Bouché ([drew@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:drew@covenantcommunitypc.org)) to learn more!

**BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS**

**BIBLE STUDY & LUNCH AFTER THE NEW YEAR**—Our next Bible study and lunch will be for the ladies *THIS* Tuesday, January 7 at 12pm. We will continue with the women meeting every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, while the men will meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday. We are spending the year studying the Book of Revelation with lunch being served each week. Please bring \$5 to help cover the cost if you plan on eating. Contact Jim Gates with questions!

**YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY**

**SALT & LIGHT YOUTH GROUP**— Our Salt & Light Wednesday Night Youth Group will continue for 6th through 12th graders *THIS* January 8 at 6pm! Join us for a great time of fun with friends, games, and discipleship!

**SALT & LIGHT YOUTH GROUP "SNOW-IN"**— Our Salt & Light Youth Group will be gathering for an overnight "Snow-In" on Friday, January 17! Just like the excitement of a day off from school due to snow, we will enjoy an evening of fun, food, fellowship, and games. Bring your pajamas, pillows, and sleeping bags! Drop off will be at 7pm Friday evening and pickup will begin at 8am on Saturday, January 18. Please speak with Dan Frost if you have any questions!

**OTHER NEWS**

**JOB OPENING AT CCPC**— We are currently searching for a new Office Manager/Bookkeeper at CCPC and are taking applications. This is a 25hr/week position. The full job description can be found on our website at <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/open-positions>.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

**BIRTHDAYS**—This week we celebrate birthdays for the following members of our faith family: Cheryl Lenz (TODAY), Amy Sherfinski (TODAY), Connor Knoepke (Jan. 7), Sharon Vachavake (Jan. 7), Tom Maltbey (Jan. 8), Alyssa Scott (Jan. 9). If someone is missing from our recognitions, please contact Sarah Maciaz at sajemaciaz@gmail.com to have them added.

**NEW VOLUNTEER SCHEDULING SERVICE FOR CCPC!**— We are an extremely active church family. Did you know that on any given Sunday we have 12-15 TEAMS of people serving? That means that over 50 people are fulfilling a need, just on a Sunday morning! How can we possibly keep all of that straight? We would like to introduce you all to *Planning Center Services!* This system will keep all of our ministry volunteer schedules in one, easy-to-find location. From Greeters and Gatekeepers to I.D. Teachers and Fellowship Hour Coordinators, all of our volunteer information will be as easy as a few clicks! You will be able to access your schedule via an App on your phone, or on your computer at home. Some handy features include:

- Blocking out dates that you are not available.
- Setting preferences like serving with your spouse.
- Having text or email reminders sent to you.
- Team communication and reminders for weeks you are on duty.
- You can see lesson guides and materials for classes.

If you serve on a Sunday morning team, please go to [www.covenantcommunitypc.org/volunteer-services](http://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/volunteer-services) and learn how to download and utilize this wonderful tool for our faith family!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT L.I.F.E.**— Our Living In Faith Everyday (L.I.F.E.) for the winter will take place every Wednesday evening beginning *THIS* week, January 8 through February 12. L.I.F.E. offers classes for all ages beginning at 6pm, including a course entitled, "Leading Change Like Jesus" for adults, which will look at leadership in all aspects of life, including work, family, and church. Don't forget to join us for dinner at 5:30pm! If you and/or your kids are looking to make connections and friends, along with wonderful discipleship, this is where you want to be! Join us! If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Fuls ([amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org)), or Jim Gates ([jim@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:jim@covenantcommunitypc.org)), or go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/wednesday-night-life-1>. You can also mark your interest on the back of today's Connection Card.

**CCPC 101**—Interested in learning about our church family and the process of becoming a member? Do you know someone who might? Join us immediately following worship *NEXT* Sunday, January 12 in the Bouldin Hall meeting room! Food and childcare are available for this session, which will end around 1:45pm. Please mark your interest in the class on the back of today's Connection Card, or contact Drew Bouché at [drew@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:drew@covenantcommunitypc.org) if you would like to attend.

**NEW MATCHING GIFT FOR CCPC!**— We have received a new matching gift for \$25,000! Every new dollar given or pledged to reduce our mortgage will be matched with an additional dollar. This opportunity to double your gift will last until February 28, 2020. To give towards this matching gift, you can write a check to CCPC and simply put "Matching Gift" on the memo line. Alternatively, you can make a new donation on our website or submit a new pledge on our website at <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/give>.

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

**Father, you work wonders among us. From the founding of the earth to the resurrection of the dead, you constantly invite us into new adventures with you. But we prefer the familiar to the new, and the comfortable to the transformational. Forgive us for fearing the life-change you bring. Remind us today that we are, already, new creations in Christ our Lord. Let this year and this day be the start of uncomfortable and Christ-centered change in our lives, our families, our church and our world.**

*(We keep a moment of silence for reflection.)*

### **\*Assurance of Pardon:**

Acts 11:18

Hear the good news; "God has given even to us, the Gentiles, the repentance that leads to eternal life." Thanks be to God our Father and Christ our Lord!

**Amen!**

### **\*Gloria Patri:**

#581

### **Children's Message:**

[Children may come forward for a short lesson and prayer.]

\*\*NOTE Children ages 2-3rd grade are invited to Kids Worship in the activity room downstairs. Parent pick up is required after worship. Kids in 4th grade and up will participate in main worship; there are activity bags or sermon notes in the Narthex.

**\*Period of Fellowship:** Welcome one another as Christ welcomes you.

*Please fill out top portion of the connection cards found in your bulletin*

## Proclaiming the Word

<b>New Testament:</b>	<i>Psalm 46</i>	<i>Page 517</i>
<b>Special Music:</b>	<i>"In the Bleak Midwinter"</i>	<i>Voices of Glory</i>
<b>New Testament:</b>	<i>Acts 11:1-18</i>	<i>Page 130</i>
<b>Sermon:</b>	<i>Uncomfortable Change: Seismic Shifts</i>	<i>Jim Gates</i>

## Responding to the Word

**\*Hymn:** *"I Danced in the Morning" (vs. 1,3,4,5)* #157



**The Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**The Invitation to the Lord's Table and Words of Institution**

**The Prayer of Consecration and 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.**

**Sharing of the Elements**

*(We celebrate "Open Communion" at CCPC which means ALL baptized believers here today are welcome to share in our Lord's Feast. Gluten free is available in the Narthex.)*

**Communion Music:**

*Judy Dorn*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Offering**

**Offertory Music:**

*"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

*Marcy Fehrman,  
Les Fraaza*

**\*Doxology**

**Bearing and Following the Word into the World**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction:** *"I Danced in the Morning" (vs. 2)*

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**Postlude:**

*Les Fraaza*

*Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for donuts, cookies, and coffee.*

**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
- † Hearing devices are available in the orange box 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.

**THANK YOU**—to all who help make this morning's Worship and Fellowship meaningful: Worship Leader **Stephanie Finamore**; Elder Greeters **Mary Fraaza & Bob Warner**; Gatekeeper **Gregg James**; Projection Team **Drew Bouché & Luke Coenen**; Live Streaming Operator **Derek Nelson**; The Hub **Tom & Gail Daman**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**—**Dave & Sandra Vachowiak** (Mount View Care Center), **Dorothy Swazee** (Mountain Terrace), **Bess Vick** (The Benedictine), **Cheryl Lenz** (Colby), **Dee Jenkins** (Home), **Greg Falkowski** (Home), **Tom Scott** (Home), and **Don Hawkins** (Home) were in the hospital recently or reside in assisted-care.

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<b>Monday</b>	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	<b>W&amp;F Committee Meeting</b> <b>CE Committee Meeting</b> <b>Deacon's Meeting</b>
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Dartball (Away)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	12:00 p.m.	<b>Women's Bible Study &amp; Lunch</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	3:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>Food Pantry</b> <b>L.I.F.E. Dinner</b> <b>L.I.F.E. Classes</b> <b>Salt &amp; Light Youth Group</b> <b>Bell Choir Practice</b>
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 a.m. 12:00 a.m.	<b>Craft Group</b> <b>Lunch Bunch</b> <b>Old Guys Rule (Kelly Club)</b>
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Sheepshead</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	<b>Institute of Discipleship (I.D.)</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Children's Choir Practice</b> <b>CCPC 101</b> <b>Acolyte Training</b>