

LIVE STREAMING

CCPC live streams 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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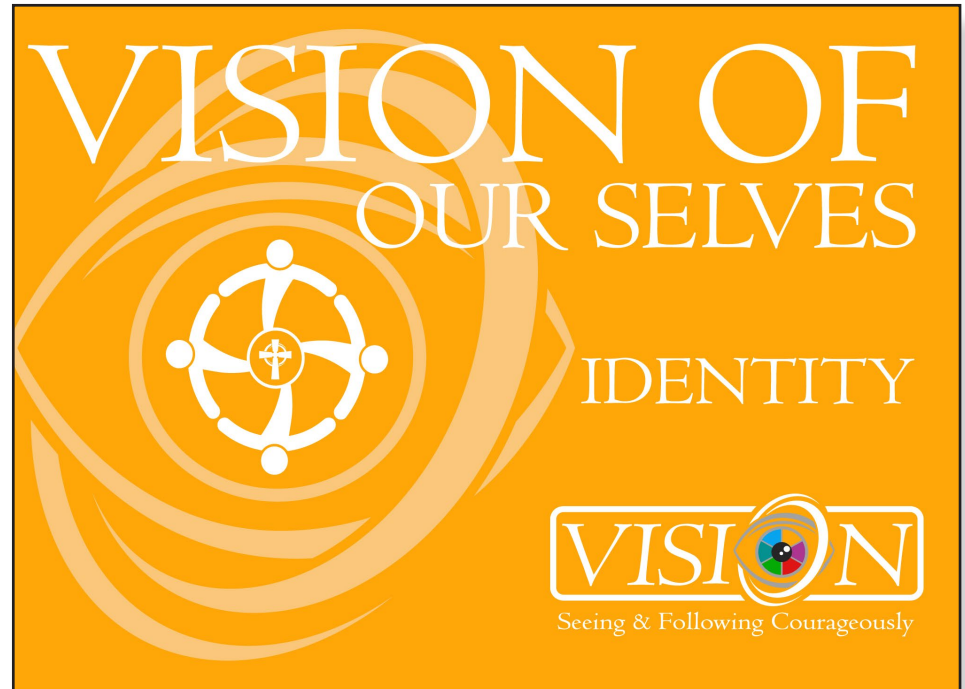


COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...

Changing lives forever!



SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2022 - 10 A.M.

VISION OF OUR SELVES:
WHO AM I?

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Rejoice, the Lord is King" Les Fraaza

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

Scripture challenges us to walk by faith, not by sight; to see the world through the eyes of Christ. What present, and future, does Jesus see when looking at our world? At your life? Where does God's vision compliment or conflict with the dreams you have for yourself, or the expectations others have for you? Prayerfully reflect this morning on how you might come to see God's vision with greater clarity.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship: 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 22

Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far?

And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O LORD God; you have spoken also of your servant's house for a great while to come.

Therefore you are great, O LORD God;

For there is no one like you, and there is no God besides you.

***Hymn:** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (vs. 1,2,3) #65

***Call to Confession:**

Jesus identifies the greatest commandments of the Old Testaments as loving Yahweh our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and loving our neighbor as ourself. We can acknowledge that we did not follow these commandments perfectly this week. Join me in confession our failings to God and to one another.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Your expectations, O Lord God, are not so high that we cannot attain them, or so deep that we cannot discern them. You have told us what righteousness looks like; to love You, and to love our neighbors made in your image. But the selflessness required for that love has sometimes eluded us.

In the name of Jesus, forgive us our selfish choices. Grow our hearts and our capacity to love, so that we might discover ourselves just as you intended us to be.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

8-week overview of the only Bible read and used by Jesus. If you've struggled to understand how the books of the OT fit into our modern Christian faith, or if you simply want a deeper understanding of the structure, genres and themes of Jesus' Bible, this is the season of LIFE for you. We are utilizing the *CASKET* acronym from Dr. Carol Kamenski to help summarize the story. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions. And don't forget about dinner at 5:30pm (this week is Swedish meatballs, buttered noodles, veggies, and desserts)! Buy your meal tickets Wednesday nights at the Hub or on our website.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Our Men's Bible Study continues to meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, including *THIS* Tuesday, January 11 at 12pm in Bouldin Hall, and on zoom. We are currently looking at the minor prophets. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

ADULT I.D. (INSTITUTE OF DISCIPLESHIP) & SINGLES SMALL GROUP — Our Adult I.D. resumed today. We are continuing our "God is Closer Than You Think" class in the Cry Room, and all are invited. New topics and themes for that class will come in February - stay tuned! *Also, we've started a new small group for singles (those in the "middle" - not in their 20s and not retirement age) that meets during I.D. in the small conference room (next to Dan Frost's office).* Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

FAITH & FITNESS GROUP — CCPC's Faith & Fitness group meets every Thursday at 4:30pm in the Activity Room downstairs. It combines physical fitness, fellowship, and discipleship into an impactful time for all. Join us as we move into a new year of spiritual and physical growth! Contact Deb Tice with any questions (debtrice77@yahoo.com or 715-574-7663).

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — Celebrate Recovery is a Bible-centered recovery ministry that meets at the church (Bouldin Hall) *EVERY* Tuesday at 7pm for those looking for healing and restoration from addiction, depression, anger, abuse, grief, and any other form of heavy burden. Meetings are open to anyone! Please contact Drew Bouché (drew@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

SALT & LIGHT YOUTH GROUP — Students who are in 6th through 8th grades gather on Wednesdays at 6pm (*resuming THIS WEEK, January 12*) for Salt & Light Youth Group, with 9th through 12th graders meeting on Sunday nights at 6pm (*resuming TONIGHT*). Contact Dan Frost with any questions.

KID'S I.D. & KID'S L.I.F.E. — For each of the first three months of 2022, we are having a new theme that is tied together between Kid's I.D. (*Sundays at 9am*) and Kid's L.I.F.E. (*Wednesdays at 6pm*). Parents, be checking your email for weekly/monthly details and be sure to check out our YouTube channel and Facebook Parent's Group! We upload teaching videos, keep parents connected, and continue our conversations from Sunday mornings/Wednesday evenings.

MINISTRY IS RELATIONSHIPS LEADERSHIP DAY — CCPC is delighted to be hosting a training seminar with Cadre Ministries for Kid's and Youth Ministry volunteers, Secret A.G.E.N.T.S. and mentors, and anyone else interested in evangelism and discipleship with our younger generations. Cadre Ministries trains local churches to be effective in serving by equipping, empowering, and equipping. This will take place in Bouldin Hall from 8:30am to 12:30pm on Saturday, January 29 and is free of cost. To learn more about Cadre, please go to www.cadremissionaries.com. To learn more about the trainers for the day, go to www.cadremissionaries.com/garda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCPC 101—Have you been visiting us and want to know more about CCPC, our beliefs, and our ministries? We will cover all these topics and answer all your questions after worship *NEXT* Sunday, January 16 in the Bouldin Hall conference room. We will be serving food to begin our time together and childcare will be provided. If you or someone you know would like to attend, please speak with Drew Bouché (drew@covenantcommunitypc.org).

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2022—As of Thursday, December 30, we've had 128 pledges totaling \$428,858 and have reached our 428,000 goal! We invite you to continue turning in pledges for 2022! Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

GIVING ENVELOPES — The 2022 boxes of giving envelopes are available at the Hub. This year we will not be having personalized numbers, so just ask the Hub attendant for a box that you can take home!

MISSIONS

PINE RIDGE, SD MISSION TRIP — This summer we will travel to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and work with Wings as Eagles ministries as we share hope with the children of the poorest community in the US. The trip will take place July 23-31 and is open to youth and adults (6th graders and up). We will allow 3rd-5th graders provided they are accompanied by a parent or adult relative, 21 or older. To learn more or to register, visit our website: <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/pine-ridge>.

26TH ANNUAL MISSIONS AUCTION & GALA — Save-the-date for this year's Mission Auction & Gala entitled, "Carry the Light," which will take place the week of March 5-12! This week-long, online event will conclude with a reception/gala on Saturday, March 12. Prior to the gala at 6pm, we will have hors d'oeuvres and item viewing. Final bids will need to be placed online by the end of the gala. We will have an open house and item viewing for the church community after worship on Sunday, March 6. Come and check it all out in person! If you would like to donate an item/items, see today's bulletin insert for a hard copy, or see Monday's email with a digital submission option! If you would like to be part of the planning and preparations, please contact Kari Kufahl (kari.kufahl@gmail.com). Stay tuned for the online link to be sent out for bidding to begin on the 5th and be sure to share with all of your family and friends!

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

BIBLE READING PLAN - OLD TESTAMENT — We are continuing through the Old Testament together! Each day we are reading 3 chapters, or just 3-4 pages. Reading together on the Bible App means you can ask questions as we read, and each day Jim posts some comments or reflections about the day's texts. To join in any time, download the free Bible App (aka YouVersion) from the Apple or Google stores and click on the link included in your emails, or call the church for help anytime. If you want to follow along without the app, simply read three chapters a day, continuing *TOMORROW* with Genesis 19-21 (use today as a catch up day).

ADULT LIFE - C.A.S.K.E.T. OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY — 2022 is the year of the Old Testament at CCPC! Join us on Wednesday nights as we continue an

*Assurance of Pardon:

2 Corinthians 5:17

"If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" Believe the good news; in Christ, we are reconciled to God and made afresh. Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

Children's Message:

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

Period of Fellowship

*Hymn: "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" (vs. 1,4) #203

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 7:18-25 Page 281

Special Music: "Winter Snow" Caroline Kibler

New Testament Reading: Mark 12:28-31 Page 49

Sermon: Vision of Our Selves: Who Am I? Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" (vs. 1,2,5) #649

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer See Page 4

Offering

Offertory Music: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Marcy Fehrman & Les Fraaza

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction: "The Lord is God" (vs. 2) #63

Postlude: Les Fraaza

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

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 or Drew Bouché, 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/PERFORMERS

Thank you to all who make this morning's worship meaningful!

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| <p>Worship Leader: Deb Tice</p> <p>The Hub: Terri Goldsworthy</p> <p>Elder Greeter: Deb Tice & Julie Trebus</p> <p>Greeters: Karen Kelbley & Kay Storm</p> | <p>Greeters: Eli Baumann & Jaelyn Nelson</p> <p>Live Stream: Chris Rhyner</p> <p>Slides: Luke Coenen</p> <p>Fellowship: Vicki & Terry Anderson</p> |
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following folks who were recently in the hospital or reside in an assisted-care facility.

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| Tom Scott <i>(Home)</i> | Dee Jenkins <i>(Home)</i> | Don Hawkins <i>(Home)</i> |
| | Cheryl Lenz <i>(Colonial Center in Colby)</i> | |

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

| <u>TODAY</u> | | <u>MONDAY</u> | | <u>TUESDAY</u> | | <u>WEDNESDAY</u> | |
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| 9AM | I.D. | 7PM | DARTBALL | NOON | MEN'S BIBLE STUDY | 3PM | FOOD PANTRY |
| 9AM | SINGLES SMALL GROUP | | | 7PM | CELEBRATE RECOVERY | 5:30PM | L.I.F.E. DINNER |
| 10AM | WORSHIP | | | | | 6PM | KID'S/ADULT L.I.F.E. |
| 6PM | HS YOUTH GROUP | | | | | 6PM | MS YOUTH GROUP |
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| | | | | | | 7PM | CHOIR PRACTICE |
| <u>THURSDAY</u> | | <u>FRIDAY</u> | | <u>SATURDAY</u> | | <u>SUNDAY</u> | |
| NOON | OLD GUYS RULE (GORSKI'S MOSINEE) | | | | | 9AM | I.D. |
| 2PM | SHEEPSHEAD | | | | | 9AM | SINGLES SMALL GROUP |
| 4:30PM | FAITH & FITNESS | | | | | 10AM | WORSHIP |
| | | | | | | 11:15AM | CCPC 101 |
| | | | | | | 6PM | HS YOUTH GROUP |

For more details about CCPC programming, refer to the next couple of pages in this bulletin, go to www.covenantcommunitypc.org, or call the church office at 715-359-6467.