

LIVE-STREAM

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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THY KINGDOM COME: GROWTH

Exodus 12:33-42 & Mark 2:13-22

October 1, 2023

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Abide with Me" JeHae Kim-Bixby

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

Mark's account of Jesus' life closely parallels the Lord's Prayer. This section, Mark 1:1-3:6, connects powerfully to the line, "Thy kingdom come", as it details the inbreaking of the kingdom of God into a world already occupied by forces opposed to God. What does it mean for you to pray "Thy kingdom come"? What must happen to other kingdoms, if Christ's kingdom comes in its fullness?

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles:

Call to Worship: Psalm 99:1-3

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

***Hymn:** "Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation" (vs. 1,2,3) #503

***Call to Confession:** Mark 2:17
Jesus said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come not to call the righteous but sinners." We are those whom Jesus came to call. Therefore, we make our prayer of confession.

***Prayer of Confession:**
Holy Spirit, we confess to seeing our sins as minor, and the sins of others as major. We assume we are deserving of forgiveness, but others of judgement. Forgive us, Lord, for excusing our own sins but thinking the sins of others are inexcusable.

Give us the mind of Christ, that we might hold ourselves to the highest standard, and offer the grace to others that we wish to receive.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

ADULT I.D. — Our Adult I.D. class meets in the Cry Room every Sunday and runs from 9am-9:50am. All adults are welcome!

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Our women's Bible study will meet *THIS* Tuesday, October 3 at 12pm. We are studying the Book of Isaiah. Join us and bring a friend!

ADULT L.I.F.E. — Adult L.I.F.E. continues *THIS* Wednesday, October 4th with, "The Power of an Unoffendable Heart", taught and facilitated by Sue Thompson. All adults are invited to join us from 6-7pm in the Cry Room. Video and notes of previous classes are archived on our website!

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS & OUTREACH — CCPC will be hosting an Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness Program & Outreach on Saturday, October 21, beginning at 9:30am. Local churches will be joining us to learn more about this scourge around the world and in our community, followed by volunteer outreach training and visits to local businesses. Food will be provided throughout the event. If you would like to be involved as a volunteer hosting our guests, and/or participation in the event, please see the table in the Narthex. You can also contact Ruth Wrynski (715-409-0582 or ruthiewry@charter.net) with any questions.

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

KIDS & YOUTH I.D. — All our youth I.D. classes run from 9am-9:50am every Sunday. Our Middle School I.D. class for 6th & 7th graders meets in the basement; our High School class for 9th-12th graders meets in the Bouldin Hall Loft. Pre-K through 5th grade I.D. classes also meet in the basement. Drop your kiddos off and attend our Adult I.D. in the Cry Room!

YOUTH GROUP — Middle School Youth meet from 6-7:30pm, and High School Youth meet from 6:30-8pm on Wednesday nights. We do separate Bible study times for MS and HS but combine for our crazy games.

KIDS L.I.F.E. — Having friends at church is one of our core values. At Wednesday night L.I.F.E. (every Wednesday at 6pm) our first focus is a friendship with Jesus, and secondly, we encourage children to build relationships with other kids and adult leaders. Drop off your pre-k through 5th graders and join us at Adult L.I.F.E.!

CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

THROUGH AUGUST 2023:	SEPTEMBER 24 ATTENDANCE:
Budgeted Operating Revenues: \$369,240	AM In-Person Total: 247
Actual Operating Revenues: \$368,539	AM Livestream Total: 90
Budgeted Operating Expenses: \$367,681	PM In-Person Total: 27
Actual Operating Expenses: \$352,243	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR NEW HOUSEKEEPER — CCPC would like to welcome our NEW Housekeeper, Scott Pearson, who started taking over the duties on September 18. Scott brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position, and we are blessed to have him. Drop him a message and welcome him at scott@covenantcommunitypc.org.

NOW HIRING CHURCH ACCOUNTANT — We are currently seeking candidates for a part-time (15hrs per week), Church Accountant position that involves managing and overseeing CCPC's financial systems, including donations, accounts payable and payroll. Candidates must be excellent with details, administration, and numbers, comfortable with financial controls and systems, expertise/comfort in church management software, and a servant's heart. If you would like to apply, please send your résumé and cover letter to Jim Gates.

CCPC 101 — Would you like to know more about CCPC, our beliefs, and our ministries? Thinking about making this your church home? Join us in the Bouldin Hall conference room immediately following worship TODAY. Food is provided for this event that typically runs 1 hour and 30 minutes.

ENDOWMENT MATCHING GIFT — We are so thankful to have been given a \$25,000 matching gift challenge towards our CCPC Endowment. To date, we have reached an amount just under **\$27,000**. Thank you to everyone for their generous contributions to this important ministry!

CCPC COOKBOOKS FOR SALE — Our church cookbook "Not by Bread Alone" is available to purchase. There are so many recipes to help your family get together this fall for a good meal... and they make a great Christmas gift, as well! All proceeds are going to our kitchen fund. Books are available for purchase in the Narthex and on our website.

FESTIVAL OF TREES PREPARATIONS — CCPC is thrilled to participate, once again, in the 26th Annual Festival of Trees (all proceeds going to Aspirus Hospice House). This year our theme will be Snoopy and the Peanuts Gang, and we will be working decorations and ornaments Thursdays, October 19, October 26 and November 9th if needed, from 12-3pm. If you would like to participate, contact Colleen Geurink (715-432-4671 or cgeurink@charter.net).

ROBERT SCHUBERT RECITAL FEATURING JEHAE KIM-BIXBY — Violinist Robert Schubert will be sharing his wonderful gift on Sunday, October 22 at 2pm, right here at CCPC. Our very own JeHae Kim-Bixby will be accompanying him on piano, as well. Tickets for the performance are available at The Hub for \$15.

KRINGLES — If you are interested in ordering Kringles, please speak with our Hub attendant to get an order form. They are \$13 a piece and all orders (with payment) are due here at the church on October 29th. Please make checks out to CCPC. Kringles will be available for pickup on November 12th!

*Assurance of Pardon:

The One who forgave the sins of the paralytic, who called tax collectors as disciples and dined with sinners, has forgiven and called us. He even invites us to his table today. Thanks be to God – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*Gloria Patri:

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Children's Message

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

Period of Fellowship

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading:	Exodus 12:33-42	Page 59
Special Music:	"The Old Rugged Cross"	Men of Praise
New Testament Reading:	Mark 2:13-22	Page 36
Sermon:	"Thy Kingdom Come: Growth"	Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn:	"Let us Break Bread Together" (vs. 1,2,3)	#525
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The Sacrament of Communion

Offering

Offertory Music:	"I am Bound for the Kingdom"	JeHae Kim-Bixby & Marcy Fehrman
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*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction:	"Great is Thy Faithfulness" (vs. 1)	#39
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