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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...

Changing lives forever!

JESUS' VISION



THE GROWING
KINGDOM
OF GOD



Seeing & Following Courageously

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, 2021 - 10 A.M.

JESUS' VISION:
A KINGDOM OF
GRACE EXPECTATIONS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Praise His Greatness" JeHae Kim-Bixby

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: "Holy, Holy, Holy" Handbell Choir

Call to Worship: Deuteronomy 7:6

For you are a people holy to the LORD your God;

The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples of earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

***Hymn:** "I Will Come to You" (vs. 1,2,3) #177

***Call to Confession:**

Not only can we ignore God's invitation in Christ, but we can also accept the invitation and yet not reorder our lives appropriately. Recognizing that we have not always met the expectations of our gracious God, we set aside this time for confession together. Let us pray.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord Jesus, you invite us into your kingdom purely as an undeserved gift. At times this week, we have treated that gift cheaply. We have acted as though your love could benefit our lives without radically changing them. We have continued in old patterns and behaviors while also trying to claim your new life within us.

Forgive us for clothing ourselves in worldly passions, behaviors, and pastimes. Wash away those desires that are not compatible with your kingdom. Reclothe us so that our outward life matches the inward transformation you have accomplished in us.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

DRIVERS NEEDED—We are looking for people who would be willing to drive other church members to service on Sunday mornings! If you would like to help those who are unable to drive themselves, or if you are one who needs assistance getting to church, please contact Bill Rhodes (billrhodes6514@gmail.com) or John Jacobs (john@covenantcommunitypc.org).

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—The men's study continues in the Book of Hebrews **THIS** Tuesday, October 12 at noon. All are welcome to join us for food, fellowship, and discipleship.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY—CCPC is the newest host of Celebrate Recovery Ministries. This Bible-centered recovery ministry 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. C.R. is a safe, discrete, loving group that can walk beside you throughout this process of growth. Meetings are open to anyone! Please contact Drew Bouché (drew@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

OLD GUYS RULE ROAD TRIP—The Old Guys Rule men's group will be going on a road trip to the Higher Grounds Veterans Memorial in Neillsville **THIS** Thursday, October 14 (departing from CCPC at 9am) for an exhibit celebrating women in the military. All are welcome... including spouses! The group will stop for either breakfast on the way down, or lunch on the way back. Please contact Bob Warner (973-222-7112 or bobw4860@gmail.com) as soon as possible so that transportation can be planned.

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE TOGETHER—Beginning **TOMORROW**, October 11, we are beginning something very different in our reading the Bible together activity - *21 days of prayer practice!* We want all to learn to pray more like the heroes of Scripture; this group devotional will help us do that by literally selecting 21 prayers from the Bible on the YouVersion Bible app! You can join by downloading the app and using this link (or using this link on your desktop): <https://bible.com/p/46156209/656608faace171d7a67e5bdc497d56ad> Contact Jim Gates (jim@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 for Salt & Light Youth Group, including **THIS** Wednesday, October 13. Our 9th through 12th graders meet on Sunday nights at 6pm, including **TONIGHT**. Both groups are diving into the Book of James in a series entitled, "Faith That Works." Spread the word and invite friends as we kickoff a new year of being salt of the earth and light unto the world! Contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

SALT & LIGHT HIGH SCHOOL FALL OUTING—Salt & Light high school kids (9th-12th graders) will be enjoying a day of fall activities on Saturday, October 16 from 2-6pm. Students will be meeting at Middle Grounds Coffeehouse (915 1/2 W. Thomas St., Wausau). Contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KRINGLES ARE BACK!— Our annual Kringle sale is back! You can pick up your form at The Hub! These classic Wisconsin delights are \$12 each for a variety of flavors. Forms are due Sunday, November 7, with a delivery date of Sunday, November 21, just in time for Thanksgiving! Please contact Tom Wrysinski (715-409-0581 or trwry@charter.net) with any questions.

NOMINATIONS FOR DEACONS AND ELDERS— If you would like to nominate someone as a potential deacon or elder, please send any suggestions to Jim Gates at jim@covenantcommunitypc.org.

MORTGAGE MATCHING GIFT— We have been blessed with a **\$45,000** matching gift challenge, all of which will go towards our mortgage on the sanctuary and CE wing from 2008. All donations of any size qualify for this match! If we can complete this entire match before December 31, we will completely pay off our mortgage this year! **We raised just over \$16,000 in September and are 1/3 of the way to our goal!** To donate, simply put "mortgage match" on your check or give online to the matching gift fund.

KID'S & ADULT L.I.F.E. EVERY WEDNESDAY—Our Kid's and adult L.I.F.E. classes continue **EVERY WEDNESDAY** at 6pm (Kid's L.I.F.E. will run until 7:30pm). Plan for weekly discipleship for the whole family on Wednesday nights, continuing **THIS WEEK**, October 13 with dinner (shredded chicken in gravy with mashed potatoes, salad, and desserts) at 5:30pm. You can pay for your meals (\$7/adults \$5/kids; 8-meal packages available) when you arrive, or on our website at: www.covenantcommunitypc.org/payments. Adults are continuing a course entitled, "God's Remnant: Being a Spiritual Minority." Join us any time and check out our website to view previous classes!

DARTBALL—The dartball season is in full swing and all are welcome to join the team! Games are every Monday evening at 7pm, including tomorrow, October 11. Contact Jim Fuls at fulsfam2@mtc.net if you would like to participate.

COLLEGE/TECH STUDENT GIFT CARDS—*Parents of sons or daughters attending colleg or tech school.* The Deacons would like to remember your young adults during the upcoming Christmas season by sending them a small gift. We want them to know their church family is prayerfully thinking of them! Please contact Ken Zblewski (715-393-5885 or kenzblewski@yahoo.com) with your student's mailing address. Thank you from the Deacons!

MISSIONS

FALL SERVICE DAY—Our Fall Service Day will be taking place Saturday, October 23! If you are interested in serving others in our church community by doing yard/household work for them, or if you are in need of work done at your home that you are physically unable to do, please contact Kari Kufahl at 715-212-9159 or kari.kufahl@gmail.com. We will begin work at 9am, with an end time dependent on the number of folks we are scheduled to help.

HEARTS OF HOPE BLANKETS NEEDED—The Hearts of Hope ministry is in need of tie, knit, or any handmade blankets from church members, or organizations outside the church, to give to each family. The goal is to collect 100 blankets by December 1. Please contact Sarah Luedtke (sluedtke@sluedtkecom) with any inquiries.

*Assurance of Pardon:

Colossians 3:9-11

Rejoice in Christ, "seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourself with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythians, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!" Thanks be to God for our renewal in Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Children's Message:

[Children may come forward and be seated in the first two rows of pews.]

Period of Fellowship

*Hymn:

"Christ Be Beside Me" (vs. 1,2,3)

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-11 Page 164

Special Music: Deb & Kent Perrin

New Testament Reading: Matthew 22:1-14 Page 24

Sermon: Jesus' Vision: A Kingdom of Grace Expectations Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn:

"Jesus Calls Us" (vs. 1,2,4)

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Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer See Page 4

Offering

Offertory Music:

"Pass It On"

JeHae Kim-Bixby

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction:

"Blest Are They" (vs. 4)

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Postlude:

JeHae Kim-Bixby

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!

Worship Leader: Deb Tice
Elder Greeters: Glen Lamping & Gary Freels
Greeter: Barb Smejkal
The Hub: Deb Wakefield
Acolytes: Kenna & Mckinley Nelson
Live Stream: Derek Nelson
Slides: Chris Rhyner
Gatekeeper: John Happli

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Tom Scott
(Home)

Dee Jenkins
(Home)

Don Hawkins
(Home)

Cheryl Lenz
(Colonial Center in Colby)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
9AM	I.D.	7PM	DARTBALL	NOON	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	3PM	FOOD PANTRY
10AM	WORSHIP			7PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	5:30PM	DINNER
11:15AM	FELLOWSHIP					6PM	KID'S/ADULT L.I.F.E.
6PM	HS YOUTH GROUP					6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
						6PM	KID'S CHOIR PRACT.
						6PM	BELL CHOIR PRACT.
						7PM	CHOIR PRACTICE
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
9AM	OLD GUYS RULE AT HIGHER GROUND MEMORIAL			2PM	HS YOUTH GROUP FALL OUTING	9AM	I.D.
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					10AM	WORSHIP
						11:15AM	CCPC101
						11:15AM	FELLOWSHIP
						6PM	HS YOUTH GROUP

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