



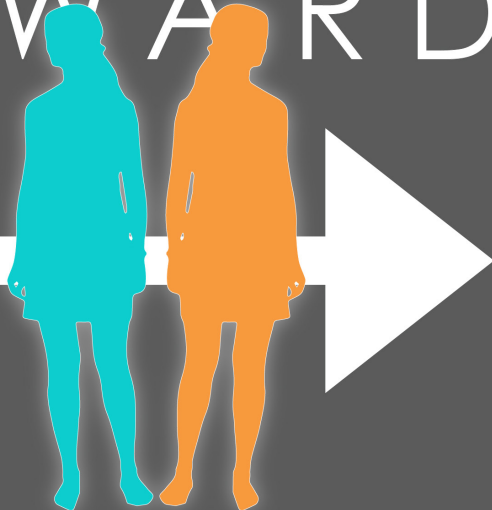
COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

FORWARD

FROM PAST
TO FUTURE



— GOD'S CALL TO MOVE —>

— SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 2020 - 10 A.M. —

FORWARD
FROM PAST TO FUTURE:
REDEMPTION

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: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" Les Fraaza

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: Ruth 1:16

Do not press me to leave you
Or to turn back from following you!

Where you go, I will go;
Where you lodge, I will lodge;

Your people shall be my people,
And your God my God.

***Hymn:** "This is My Father's World" (vs. 1,2) #370

***Call to Confession:** James 5:15-16

James reminds us to pray, saying, "The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. 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." Let us join together in our prayer of confession.

*Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, you are ever more ready to forgive than we are to confess. Share with us again your forgiveness, for today we acknowledge our sin before you. In what we have done, and in what we have left undone, we have not loved you and each other as we should.

As we open our eyes to our selfishness that is worse than we'd like to admit, so too we ask that you open our eyes to your love that is better than we could imagine. Your grace and mercy are from everlasting to everlasting. Lord, we can taste and see that you are good. Come and work your grace in our lives again today, in the name of Jesus the Christ.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

*Assurance of Pardon:

John 8:10-11

Hear Jesus' words to the woman caught in adultery as his words to each of us today: "Where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, sir.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.'" There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ! Instead, through the cross there is redemption for all. Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

Children's Message

Period of Fellowship

Proclaiming the Word

Old Testament Reading: Ruth 4:1-12 NRSV Bible

Special Music: "Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee" Judy Dorn

New Testament Reading: Philippians 3:12-21 NRSV Bible

Sermon: Forward from Past to Future: Redemption Jim Gates

Responding to the Word

***Hymn:** "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" (vs. 1,2) #687

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

CCPC Stewardship 2020

Offering

Offertory Music: "Fairest Lord Jesus" Marcy Fehrman & Les Fraaza

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

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Announcements

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" (vs. 6) #687

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELDER & DEACON NOMINATIONS—Is there someone on your heart that you believe would be a terrific candidate for either an Elder or Deacon? CCPC is looking for folks willing to respond to the call of leadership within our faith family. Please submit your nominations to Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) by Monday, October 19!

IN-PERSON WORSHIP RESERVATIONS—Reservations for next Sunday, October 11 will open *TOMORROW* (Monday) October 5 at 9am. Please go to www.covenantcommunitypc.org/reservations for the 10am service. You can also call the church office at 715-359-6467.

ZOOM LOGIN INFORMATION—As we kickoff our fall programming, much of which will be virtual, we invite you to visit a private webpage with all of our Zoom login information. Please visit www.covenantcommunitypc.org/online-login and get connected this fall!

COLLEGE/TECH STUDENT GIFT CARDS—Parents of those attending college or tech school: The Deacons would like to remember your young adults during Christmas 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!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT L.I.F.E. VIA ZOOM CONTINUES—Join us in person or via Zoom continuing *THIS* Wednesday, October 7 (through October 21) from 6-7pm to discuss a "Christ & Caesar: House Divided," and together we can learn from Jesus what a unique Christian witness might be in our world today. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

CCPC 101—Have you been visiting us before and/or during this season of distancing and lockdown? Want to know more about CCPC, our beliefs, and our ministries? We will cover all these topics and answer all your questions *TODAY* after worship.

MISSIONS

FAMILY SERVICE DAY—Join us for "Live Like Jesus" Family Service Day on Saturday, October 17th from 9am to 1pm. We will gather at CCPC to organize, which will include pairing up with one other family to serve in our community. This service will include fall yard cleanup, after which we will reflect on our experience as a family. We have two separate signups:

Need yard work done this fall - contact Sharon Maltbey (Sharon.maltbey@gmail.com or 715-573-7427)

Will serve by doing the yardwork - contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org or 715-359-6467)

HEARTS OF HOPE OPEN HOUSE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—We are looking for volunteers to assist in the distribution of winter clothing during our Hearts of Hope Open House ... November 5-7. There are four separate blocks of time that you can volunteer for. Contact Sarah Luedtke (sluedtke@sluedtke.com) or Rachael Rogers (rachaelrogers717@gmail.com) for the corresponding shifts:

Thursday, Nov. 5 - 4:30-7pm (Sarah); **Friday, Nov. 6 - 4:30-7pm** (Rachael);
Saturday, Nov. 7 - 9am-12pm (Rachael); **Saturday, Nov. 7 - 1-4pm** (Sarah)

CALLING ALL COOKIE-MAKERS!—We need 100 dozen cookies for our Hearts of Hope Ministry in December. If you would like to help bake, please contact Sharon Maltbey at sharon.maltbey@gmail.com or 715-573-7427.

WARMING SHELTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—CCPC has long worked with, and supported the Wausau Warming Center... and will continue to do so this year. If you would like to be involved, please contact Sharon Maltbey (Sharon.maltbey@gmail.com or 715-573-7427) as soon as possible!

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM—We continue our new Bible study on the first six "minor" prophets: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, and Nahum *THIS* Tuesday, October 13, at noon. Remember that you can purchase the study book for \$9 by visiting the church building, or by contacting Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

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. VIA ZOOM—Youth Institute of Discipleship has *THREE* classes (6th & 7th; Confirmation; 9th & 12th) via Zoom at 9am every Sunday morning. For more information, please visit <http://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/sunday-school-2> for more information, or contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org).

KIDS I.D. VIA ZOOM—Kids I.D. is all about growing closer to God through Bible knowledge. We have special plans for the kiddos so that they are not just sitting in front of a screen! All kids start in a large group via Zoom and then breakout into two groups (PreK-1st & 2nd-5th grades). Each group will need their own device. Join us every Sunday at 9am. Learn more at <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/sunday-school-1>.

KIDS L.I.F.E. VIA ZOOM—Wednesday nights (through October 21) are all about connecting with church friends and developing spiritual habits that help us grow. LIFE will be fun, faith focused, and friend centered! We encourage each kid to have their own device for these Zoom gatherings. To learn more, please go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/kids-life>.

OTHER

SCRIP PROGRAM—Continuing in October, there is a Scrip table set up in the Narthex. This is a self-serve table that includes blank order forms, extra envelopes for those prepaying with check or cash, and a collection box for said forms and payments. Pens will be available with the understanding that you must keep the pen you use. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Higgins (715-573-8067).