

LIVE-STREAM

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THY WILL BE DONE: DEPUTIZED DISCIPLES

Numbers 11:24-30 & Mark 3:7-19a

October 15, 2023

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Alleluia/The Majesty & Glory of Your Name" JeHae Kim-Bixby

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

Mark's account of Jesus' life closely parallels the Lord's Prayer. This section, Mark 3:7-6:6, sees Jesus' ministry spread beyond Jewish Galilee and beyond himself. As the kingdom expands, we get glimpses of what the world can be when people choose God's will to be done over their own. Each week we pray, "Thy Will Be Done." What does it mean to choose God's will over yours today?

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles:

Call to Worship:

Numbers 11:25 & Mark 3:13-14

"Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders;

And when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again."

"He went up the mountain and called to him those whom he wanted and they came to him.

And he appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles to be with him, and to be sent out to proclaim the message."

***Hymn:** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" (vs. 1,2) #835

***Call to Confession:**

Mark 3:11-12

"Whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and shouted, 'You are the Son of God!' But he sternly ordered them not to make him known." We too, know the Son of God, but we have been called to proclaim the message. Together let us ask for forgiveness for the ways we have fallen short as his disciples.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Jesus, we confess this week that although we know You are the Son of God, we don't always make you known. We sometimes put our will above your will, God, and we put our desires above the things you desire for us. Please forgive us and be with us this week as we strive to be disciples for your kingdom.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

WRAPPED IN WARMTH — Our Hearts of Hope families will be coming to the church to receive all of their brand new winter clothing on November 7 and November 9 from 3:30-8pm. If you would like to help in any way, contact Sue Thompson (715-571-2797 or sue@mtsllc.net).

HEARTS OF HOPE TJ MAXX BAGS — As Hearts of Hope season kicks off, we are looking for more TJ MAXX totes to be used for distributing gifts. We will have a spot in the Narthex in the coming weeks that you can drop these totes off after purchasing them at the store. They do not necessarily need to have holiday designs! We are grateful for any of these donations!

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Our women's Bible study will meet *THIS* Tuesday, October 16 at 12pm. The women meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. We are studying the Book of Isaiah. Join us and bring a friend!

RETIRED SINGLES SMALL GROUP — Our retired singles small group will be meeting at The Great Dane *THIS* Wednesday, October 18 at 11:30am. The small group typically meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1pm here at the church. Contact Bonnie Rogers (rogersski1@gmail.com or 715-370-7618) with any questions about the upcoming gatherings.

ADULT L.I.F.E. — Adult L.I.F.E. continues *THIS* Wednesday, October 18th 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!

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.

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. — 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.

CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

THROUGH AUGUST 2023:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$369,240**

Actual Operating Revenues: **\$368,539**

Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$367,681**

Actual Operating Expenses: **\$352,243**

OCTOBER 8 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **226**

AM Livestream Total: **76**

PM In-Person Total: **32**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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 on decorations and ornaments Thursdays, including *THIS* Thursday, 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).

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!

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS & OUTREACH — CCPC will be hosting an Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness Program & Outreach *THIS* 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. See today's insert for more information and to sign up to participate.

KIDS & YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS — CCPC Kids and Youth Ministries are going strong this fall! In light of this, we are looking for co-leaders for Wednesday nights. We have slots available for adults to join our volunteer rotation with Youth Group (middle school/high school) or with Kids Ministry (pre-K through 3rd Grade). These are wonderful opportunities to pour into the next generation. Please reach out to Jim Gates or Amanda Fuls if you are interested and want to know more.

KRINGLES & KIDS — During our Kringle ordering season at CCPC (orders due October 29), please consider purchasing Kringles for our Hearts of Hope families. In lieu of Christmas cookies this year, we would like to gift each of our families with these delightful treats. Complete an order form at The Hub and indicate that order is for Hearts of Hope. Our goal is 85 Kringles!

SEATS & FEETS — We are once again looking for a large quantity of *NEW* socks and underwear to be given to our Hearts of Hope families. A basket is located in the Narthex to drop off your donations. We are specifically looking for: *Boys* underwear - 4t, 5t, 6, 8, 10/12, and men's size small, medium, large; *Girls* underwear - 6, 8, 12, 14/16, and all women's sizes.

*Assurance of Pardon:

Let us take comfort in knowing that the Spirit dwells in us. God's will is greater than our own; we are forgiven, loved. Friends, just as Christ called the apostles, you too have been called. Let us be filled with the Word today so we can go forward and proclaim the message.

Amen.

*Gloria Patri:

See Screen

Children's Pop-Up Praise: "This Little Light of Mine"

(All children can join us on the stage to sing along)

Period of Fellowship

***Hymn:** "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" (vs. 1,3) #191

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 11:24-30 Page 129

Special Music: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" Handbell Choir

New Testament Reading: Mark 3:7-19a Page 37

Sermon: "Thy Will Be Done: Deputized Disciples" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "Go to the World!" (vs. 1,2,3) #295

The Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory Music: Johann Benda "Concerto in G Major II. Grave"

Robert Schubert on Violin
& JeHae Kim-Bixby on Piano

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "There is a Redeemer" (vs. 1) #443

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 across from the sanctuary
- † Activity bags for children are available in the Narthex.
- † Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for donuts, cookies, juice, coffee, and fellowship!

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!

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

Thank you to all who serve the church on Sunday mornings!

Worship Leader: Deb Tice

Acolytes: Alex Janis & Isabelle Lancelle

Greeters: Bonnie & Dave Neitzel

Elder Greeters: Julie Nelson
& Shelby Waraksa

The Hub: Joan Jackson

Live Stream: Jack Dupuis

Slides: Luke Coenen

Usher Lead: Jerry Trebus

Gatekeeper: Larry Geurink

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Mary Zuidema
(Renaissance in
Wisconsin Rapids)

Dave Vachowiak
(Forest Park Village)

Howie Pries
(Home)

Tom Scott
(Home)

Joyce Michna
(Fond du Lac)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

TODAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION	7PM	DARTBALL AT MOUNT OLIVE	12PM	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	11:30AM	RETIRED SINGLES SMALL GROUP AT GREAT DANE
10AM	WORSHIP			6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL					6PM	ADULT/KIDS LIFE
6PM	WORSHIP					6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
						6:30PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
						7PM	CHOIR PRACTICE
THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
12PM	FESTIVAL OF TREES PREPARATIONS			9:30AM	"BREAK EVERY CHAIN" ANTI- HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS & OUTREACH PROGRAM	9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					10AM	WORSHIP
						4PM	BAND REHEARSAL
						6PM	WORSHIP

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.