



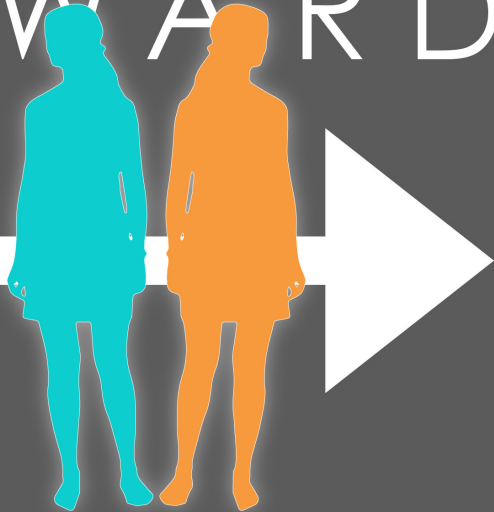
COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

FORWARD

FROM PAST
TO FUTURE



— GOD'S CALL TO MOVE —>

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 2020 - 10 A.M.

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GREAT-GRANDMOTHERS

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: "Lord, Be Glorified" JeHae Kim-Bixby

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: Micah 5:2, 4-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, **From you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.**

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God, **And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.**

***Hymn:** "For All the Saints" (vs. 1,2) Herb Westlund

***Call to Confession:** Philippians 3:19

"For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ ... their minds are set on earthly things." We too have felt the lure of earthly things this week, the false urgency of the temporary and the attraction of the past. Therefore, let us gather together and proclaim the things that are eternal and of eternal worth, as we make our prayer of Confession.

*Prayer of Confession:

Lord God, we confess to looking backwards to our past when you call us to step forwards into your future. This week, we have remembered our old lives and old selves, placing confidence in them again rather than in you. But we know that the past has no power for us, and no power over us. We are already new creations in Christ! Grant us the power of your Holy Spirit, so that we may put on the new self, washed in the waters of baptism, and march forward under the banner of the kingdom of God.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

*Assurance of Pardon:

Ruth 4:14-15

"Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you today without a kinsman-redeemer; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life." Jesus is our go'el, our kinsman-redeemer, and he has conquered sin and death and restored us to life! Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

Children's Message

Period of Fellowship

Proclaiming the Word

Old Testament Reading: Ruth 4:13-22 NRSV Bible

Special Music: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Deb Perrin

New Testament Reading: Philippians 3:1-21 NRSV Bible

Sermon: Forward from Past to Future: Jim Gates
Great-Grandmothers

Responding to the Word

***Hymn:** "Find Us Faithful" Herb Westlund

Jay St. Clair Ordination

CCPC Stewardship 2020

Offering

Offertory Music: "In Christ Alone" JeHae Kim-Bixby

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

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Announcements

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "For All the Saints" (vs. 5) Herb Westlund

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCING OUR ONLINE DIRECTORY—We now have an online directory which includes both pictures and contact information! This directory is part of the same Church Center application we use for online giving and reservations for worship, so it will look familiar to many. If you've not used Church Center before, when you visit the link below you will be asked for a cellphone number or an email. If we have that number or email on file for you, then you will get a passcode that allows you to log in. This prevents strangers from accessing our directory. Moreover, your data will only appear if you individually choose to "opt-in." You can also choose which parts of your information are visible to other church members (for example, you might choose to make your email address visible but hide your phone number). Obviously, the more of us who "opt-in," the more useful this tool will be. So, please take a moment and visit our church center page and get started! Call or email the church office with questions. Go to <https://covenantcommunitypc.churchcenter.com/directory/people> to get started.

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 **TOMORROW**, October 19!

IN-PERSON WORSHIP RESERVATIONS—Reservations for next Sunday, October 25 will open **TOMORROW** (Monday) October 19 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 CONCLUDES—Join us in person or via Zoom from 6-7pm **THIS** Wednesday, October 21 for the final class of "Christ & Caesar: House Divided." Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

MISSIONS

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!

COLLECTING FOR THE SALVATION ARMY!—We are collecting blankets (single size), pillows and pillow cases for the Salvation Army. If you have donations, please bring them to the church at any time or contact Jean Rogers (hndcv1307@gmail.com or 715-212-1444) with questions.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

WOMEN'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 20, 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). All women are welcome!

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 (concluding this week) 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).