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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, 2021 - 10 A.M.

VISION FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH: RELATIONSHIPS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Oh, How He Loves You and Me" 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:

Call to Worship:

Luke 9:35

Overwhelmed and awestruck on the Mount of Transfiguration, the disciples offered their suggestions to Jesus. But God the Father responded, speaking to them and to us:

"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

***Hymn:** "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" (vs. 1,2,4) #1

***Call to Confession:**

The Father, Son and Spirit designed us for participation in their loving relationship; but we often pursue our own self-focus instead of their selfless love. As we offer our confession, we not only turn away from our sin, but towards their love.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Father, you invite us into the covenant of grace, into a new life and family with you and one another. Forgive us for believing that we can direct our own lives without a deep connection with you.

Jesus, you gave your life to make a way for us to enter the kingdom of heaven. Forgive us for seeking life and purpose in other sources outside your kingdom.

Spirit, you strengthen and support us in the most important relationships of our lives. Forgive us for believing that our strength alone is sufficient.

Father, Son, and Spirit, so unite our wills and in your will, and our lives in your life, that everything in our lives might bring honor and glory to you.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING—CCPC is excited to once again give our time to ringing the bell for the Salvation Army Christmas kettle drive! We have blocked off two full days that we as a church are responsible for filling - Saturday, November 27 and December 11 from 10am-4pm at the Cedar Creek Pick N' Save. Signup is in one-hour increments and can be done by going to <https://www.registertoring.com/> and clicking on "I'm Ringing with a Group." Then enter the group code "CCPC." You will be asked to create an account if you have not already done so from previous years. Please call the church with any questions.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

NEW SMALL GROUP FOR SINGLES—If you are single and in the "middle" - older than our young adults and younger than retirement age - we have a new small group starting that's just for you! This group is just forming but will meet either on Sunday mornings during ID or Wednesday Nights during LIFE. If you are interested in learning more, contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org)!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—The women begin a new study of the Minor Prophets *THIS* Tuesday, November 2 at noon. All are welcome to join us for food, fellowship, and discipleship.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY—Celebrate Recovery is a Bible-centered recovery ministry that meets at the church (Bouldin Hall) *EVERY* Tuesday at 7pm. Meetings are open to anyone! Contact Drew Bouché (drew@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

ONLINE DEVOTIONAL - THANKSGIVING & WORSHIP—We're starting a new reading plan *TOMORROW*, November 1 - it's called "Thirty Days of Thanksgiving and Worship." This is another thematic devotional that you can join on the YouVersion Bible app! You can join at any time by downloading the app and using this link (or using this link on your desktop):

<https://my.bible.com/reading-plans/715512278/together/46474139/invitation?source=share&token=bB6J8-oUELJT9fq93LnQ>

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE BEGINS—This year's Christmas program is entitled, "What a Glorious Night," which is a classic retelling of the very first Christmas! If your kiddos (or you) would like to participate, practices begin *THIS WEEK*, November 3 at 6pm. The show is December 19 at 4pm. Contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

DARE 2 SHARE YOUTH CONFERENCE—All Salt & Light Youth are invited to participate in a full day of faith inspiration, Gospel training and fellowship at the Dare 2 Share conference via live-stream in Bouldin Hall! The event will take place from 10:30am to 7pm and is free for all 6th-12th graders. Lunch, Dinner and snacks will be provided throughout the day. Please RSVP by November 10 to Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org).

SALT & LIGHT YOUTH GROUP—Students who are in 6th through 8th grades gather on Wednesdays at 6pm for Salt & Light Youth Group, with 9th through 12th graders meeting on Sunday nights at 6pm, including *TONIGHT*. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW ADULT I.D. CLASS!—Our new, six-week course entitled, "God is Closer than You Think," will reflect on a video series with Pastor John Ortberg on the presence of God in our midst. All adults are welcome to this wonderful study beginning *NEXT* Sunday morning at 9am in the Cry Room.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2022— Commitment Sunday is November 14th this year! You can bring your pledge card to church that Sunday (keep an eye on your mailbox in coming days), or fill one out online beforehand, and we will place all our commitments on the Lord's Table together. Note that there is more information on our website about the campaign, our 2022 budget, and how to pledge or give online. Simply go to: <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/give>. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

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! **Through October, we have raised \$35,000 and are so close 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*, November 3 with dinner (hot ham sandwiches, cheesy hashbrowns, veggies, 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 format that includes 10-15 minutes of teaching followed by small group discussion for the remaining time. We are diving into the G.O.S.P.E.L. Join us any time and check out our website to view previous classes!

SCRIP FOR THE HOLIDAYS— The Thanksgiving and Christmas season is an awesome time to contribute to the church by doing your everyday and seasonal shopping. Visit the SCRIP table for two special delivery dates coming up: Sunday, November 14 pickup with a Sunday, November 7 order deadline; Sunday, December 19 pickup with a Sunday, December 12 order deadline.

MISSIONS

WRAPPED IN WARMTH OPEN HOUSES—Our Wrapped in Warmth Open Houses will be from 4-8pm *THIS* Thursday, November 4 and Friday, November 5. This is when we meet with our Hearts of Hope families and provide them with new winter clothes as needed. If you would like to volunteer, contact Sarah Luedtke at 715-574-1345 or sluedtke@sluedtke.

HEARTS OF HOPE KICKOFF—CCPC's largest community outreach ministry, Hearts of Hope, will be kicking off Sunday November 14! You can adopt a single heart, an entire family, needed food items, or give a monetary donation. All of the heart sponsorships will be done via our website; however, we will have Hearts of Hope representatives available to assist you at The Hub on Sunday mornings. We'll have more information in coming weeks. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry (they are very much needed!), contact Sarah Luedtke at 715-574-1345 or sluedtke@sluedtke.

*Assurance of Pardon:

1 John 3:1

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called the children of God; and that is what we are. ... Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed." Believe the good news; we are restored to the family of God through the victory of Jesus Christ! Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Children's Message:

[Children may come forward and be seated on the stage.]

Period of Fellowship

*Hymn: "I Love You, Lord" (Sing Twice) #627

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1-2, 26-27 Page 1

Special Music: "If We Will Seek the Lord" Covenant Faith Singers

New Testament Reading: Luke 9:28-36 Page 69

Sermon: Vision for Spiritual Growth: Relationships Dan Frost

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining" (vs. 1,2) #192

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer See Page 4

Moment for Stewardship

Offering

Offertory Music: "They Will Know We are Christians by Our Love" JeHae Kim-Bixby

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction: "Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining" (vs. 3) #192

Postlude: JeHae Kim-Bixby

