

## LIVE STREAMING

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# COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 - 10 A.M.

# IN THE BEGINNING: TWO SEEDS

# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**Prelude:** "He Has Made Me Glad/This is the Day" JeHae Kim-Bixby

## **Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:**

*The first words of the Bible are "in the beginning." We know that God was there at the beginning of all things; and that even today, God is the source of new beginnings. As we prepare for worship, consider where Christ has already been the source of blessing in your life, and in what parts of your life you hope the Spirit will inspire something new to spring forth.*

## **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Lighting of the Candles**

#### **Call to Worship:**

John 1:14, 17

*And the Word became flesh and lived among us,  
And we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of  
grace and truth.*

*The law indeed was given through Moses;  
Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*

**\*Hymn:** "Come, Thou Almighty King" (vs. 1,3,4) #2

**\*Call to Confession:** John 1:10-11

*"He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him." Even this week, we have lived in moments as though we did not know or accept Jesus. Today, we turn away from those sins and towards the source of grace and truth. Let us pray.*

#### **\*Prayer of Confession:**

*Lord God, you designed us to be with you forever, but our sin caused us to be cast out of your home. Even then, you had a plan to crush the evil one and redeem.*

*Because of Jesus, we are welcomed back into your communion. Still, we sometimes look longingly to our sinful past. Renew your daily mercies to us, and focus our eyes only on you, so that with the world behind us, and the cross before us, we can journey homeward.*

*(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)*

**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY** — Our study of the Gospel of John continues *THIS* Tuesday, October 11 for the men (meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month). All guys welcome!

**BIBLE READING PLAN - OLD TESTAMENT** — We continue through the Old Testament on the Bible App. To join in any time, download the free Bible App (aka YouVersion) and go to the link provided below or in our Covenant Connection Monday emails. Today is a catch-up/reflection day as we continue in the Major Prophets *TOMORROW* with Ezekiel 17-20. Use the following link: <https://bible.com/p/51396291/4dfaa88fcc0a98d97dcfaa7afab02c42> Contact Dan Frost ([dan@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:dan@covenantcommunitypc.org)) with any questions.

## YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

**SALT & LIGHT YOUTH OCTOBER 14 EVENTS**— *GIRLS:* All 6th through 12th grade girls are invited for a night filled with fellowship and creative Bible journaling. This will take place at the church from 6-9pm. All supplies will be provided. *BOYS:* All 6th through 12th grade boys are invited for a night filled with football, fellowship, and tailgating at the D.C. Everest Football game from 6-10pm.

We ask that you register for these events, including adults that would like to help us out by volunteering to chaperone. Click below to do so: <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/events-2022>

**SALT & LIGHT YOUTH** — Students who are 6th through 12th are invited to Salt & Light Youth Group on Wednesday nights from 6-7:30pm, including this week, October 12! Go to ([www.covenantcommunitypc.org/youth-ministry](http://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/youth-ministry)) to learn more about this ministry and all the events coming up! Contact Dan Frost ([dan@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:dan@covenantcommunitypc.org)) with any questions.

**KID'S MINISTRY PROGRAMMING** — Kid's I.D. (Sundays at 9am), Kid's Worship/Wiggles (during service), and Kid's L.I.F.E. (Wednesdays at 6pm) share the same Bible story each week, but with different emphasis. Join us for these amazing times of growth for your kiddos and see their relationship with Jesus flourish! Contact Amanda Fuls ([amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org)) with any questions.

## HIGHLIGHTS FOR OCTOBER

- Lunch Bunch - **Oct. 13**
- Youth Boys Tailgating - **Oct. 14**
- Old Guys Rule - **Oct. 13**
- 2023 Stewardship Kickoff - **Oct. 16**
- Youth Girls Journal Crafting - **Oct. 14**
- Youth Live Action Among Us - **Oct. 27**

## CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

### **THROUGH AUGUST 2022:**

Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$372,881**  
Actual Operating Expenses: **\$365,904**  
Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$368,129**  
Actual Operating Revenues: **\$365,845**

### **OCTOBER 2 ATTENDANCE:**

AM In-Person Total: **196**  
AM Livestream Total: **64**  
PM In-Person Total: **33**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BOOK CLUB - READING "NOBODY" BY JOE JOHNSON** — The CCPC Book Club is planning an all-congregation event to read and discuss "Nobody: Perseverance of a Sharecropper's Son" by our brother Joe Johnson. Joe has generously agreed to provide a signed copy to those who would like to participate in this event, which will take place Monday, January 23 from 6:30-8:30pm. To reserve your copy, please sign up at The Hub!

**CCPC COOKBOOK** — The CCPC Cookbook project is back on track! Our mission is to have them printed and ready to sell by Thanksgiving. Wondering how you can be involved? We could still use more recipes. We are especially looking for additions to our "Canning" chapter, but will also take any others. We need proofreaders, planners for the final design, and volunteers to help sell the book. If you would like to be involved, contact Colleen Geurink (715-432-4671 or [cgeurink@charter.net](mailto:cgeurink@charter.net)).

**FESTIVAL OF TREES PREPARATIONS** — The Festival of Trees supporting the Hospice House is back for 2022! This is a very special 25th Anniversary event and CCPC is proud to participate once again. It will be held November 22-26 at the Central Wisconsin Convention and Expo Center. The theme for our tree will be "It's a Wonderful Life" and we are looking for folks to help make ornaments or donate items that could go on the tree. If you would like more details about this wonderful endeavor, check the Monday Covenant Connection email, or contact Colleen Geurink (715-432-4671 or [cgeurink@charter.net](mailto:cgeurink@charter.net)).

## VOLUNTEERING

**SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS** — There are ALWAYS opportunities for volunteering at CCPC, and it is no different this year! Sunday evening help is critical to the function, presentation, and hospitality of our worship services. We are looking for folks to fill these roles for our PM service. Mark your interest on the Connection Card, or contact Drew Bouché ([drew@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:drew@covenantcommunitypc.org)) or Meagan Fandrey ([mfandrey85@gmail.com](mailto:mfandrey85@gmail.com)).

## BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

**LUNCH BUNCH RETURNS!** — All women are invited to a "Welcome Back" gathering of the Lunch Bunch at the church, *THIS* Thursday, October 13 at 12pm. This will be a soup and salad luncheon, so please bring something to share (soup, salad, or dessert). If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Wrynski (715-842-8410; [ruthiewry@charter.net](mailto:ruthiewry@charter.net)) or Colleen Geurink (715-432-4671; [cgeurink@charter.net](mailto:cgeurink@charter.net)).

**FROST SMALL GROUP** — Dan and Angie Frost have started a new small group that meets every Sunday after worship in the Cry Room. This group discusses the sermon, as well as spending time in prayer and fellowship. This small group is an intentional and committed group that will gather to study God's Word, as well as establish relationships outside of the church walls.

**WEDNESDAY L.I.F.E.** — Wednesday L.I.F.E. continues October 12 at 6pm for adults. We are studying C.S. Lewis' "The Screwtape Letters". *Note: You do NOT need to have read the book or been at precious classes to participate. All are welcome!*

### \*Assurance of Pardon:

John 1:10-11

"But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God." Believe the good news; through our belief in Christ Jesus, we are made children of God! Thanks be to God.  
**Amen.**

### \*Gloria Patri

### Bible Sunday Presentation

### Period of Fellowship

### \*Hymn:

"To God be the Glory" (vs. 1,2)

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## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 3:14-24

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### Special Music:

"Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place" CCPC Choir

### New Testament Reading:

John 1:10-18

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### Sermon:

"In the Beginning: Two Seeds"

Jim Gates

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*Hymn:

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" (vs. 1,2,3,4)

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### Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

### Offering

### Offertory Music:

"Lamb of God"

JeHae Kim-Bixby

### \*Doxology

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \*Benediction

### \*Choral Benediction:

"O God, You Are My God"

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### Postlude:

Les Fraaza



## 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
- † Activity bags for children are available in the Narthex.

### 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

**The Hub:** Deb Wakefield

**Elder Greeters:** Scott Bouffleur &  
Deb Tice

**Usher Lead:** Craig Briggs

**Greeters:** Bonnie & Dave Neitzel

**Fellowship:** Scott & Linda  
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### 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)

**Joyce Michna**  
(Fond du Lac)

**Mike Petterson**  
(Riverview Assisted  
Living)

**Stella Lamping**  
(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./CONFIRM.	6PM	DARTBALL AT IMMANUEL BAPTIST	12PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	3PM	FOOD PANTRY
9AM	KID'S MUSIC			7PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	YOUTH GROUP
10AM	WORSHIP					6PM	KID'S/ADULT L.I.F.E.
11:15AM	WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP					6PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
11:15AM	FROST SMALL GRP.					7PM	ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL						
6PM	WORSHIP						
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
12PM	OLD GUYS RULE AT GORSKI'S MOSINEE	6PM	GIRLS YOUTH BIBLE JOURNAL CRAFTING			9AM	I.D./CONFIRM.
12PM	LUNCH BUNCH	6PM	BOYS YOUTH TAILGATING AT DCE FOOTBALL GAME			9AM	KID'S MUSIC
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					10AM	WORSHIP
4:30PM	FAITH & FITNESS					11:15AM	WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP
						11:15AM	FROST SMALL GRP.
						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](http://www.covenantcommunitypc.org), or call the church office at 715-359-6467.