



COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



FROM CAREFREE TO
COMMITMENT

— SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST, 2020 - 10 A.M. —

FORWARD

FROM CAREFREE TO COMMITMENT:
MY PLEDGE TO YOU

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: "Panis Angelicus" (O Bread of Life) Marcy Fehrman & 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: Luke 19:9-10

Today salvation has come to this house, because we, too, are sons and daughters of Abraham.

For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.

***Hymn:** "Great God of Every Blessing" (vs. 1,2) Sue Thompson & Tina Spiegel

*Call to Confession:

The story of Zacchaeus reminds us of the power of repentance, as he tells Jesus, "If I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." But we cannot repent from what we do not acknowledge. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sin to God and others as the first step in our work of repentance.

*Prayer of Confession:

Lord, we know that the almighty dollar conflicts with you as the Almighty God. Money itself isn't evil, but the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Forgive us for any ways this week where money or material things found a place of primacy in our hearts. Forgive us for confusing wealth and value, both in our lives, and in the lives of others.

Give us kingdom eyes, that we might see all that we have through the lens of Christ. Then, may we use what we have been given in order to honor you and celebrate your good gifts in our lives. This we pray in the name of Jesus our Savior.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

*Assurance of Pardon:

Philippians 3:21

Hear again the promise of salvation to Zacchaeus and ourselves: "Today, salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham." We too are children of the covenant, of God's holy commitment, and God has sought us out and saved us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

Special Music: "Just as I Am" Maiah & Elli Briggs

Children's Message

Period of Fellowship

Proclaiming the Word

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 18:20-32 NRSV Bible

Special Music: "Surely the Presence of the Lord is In this Place" Sue Thompson & Tina Spiegel

New Testament Reading: Luke 19:1-10 NRSV Bible

Sermon: Forward from Carefree to Commitment: My Pledge to You Jim Gates

Responding to the Word

***Hymn:** "Will You Come and Follow Me" (vs. 1,2) Sue Thompson & Tina Spiegel

The Sacrament of Communion

CCPC Stewardship 2020

Offering

Offertory Music: "Nearer My God, to Thee" 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:** "Standing on the Promises" (vs. 1) Sue Thompson & Tina Spiegel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S COMMUNION—Today we will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion. To participate at home, please have your juice and bread ready and available for today's live stream service. In-person worshippers will have prepackaged elements available to them.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS—This year's Stewardship Commitment Card has been sent out via mail. Please take time to prayerfully consider what financial commitment you would like to make to the church for the coming year, then return the card to the church by *THIS* Sunday, November 8th. You can turn in your card in one of three ways:

- 1) **Mail it or drop it off at church. If you mail in your card, address it to: John Jacobs, 1806 Weston Ave., Schofield, WI 54476;**
- 2) **Complete the online pledge card. You can find that here: <https://covenantcommunitypc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/179281>;**
- 3) **Bring it with you to worship *THIS* Sunday, November 8, and lay it on the Table during the worship service.**

Please note - if you choose option 1 or 2 above, a symbolic card will be placed on the Table on November 8 to reflect your pledge! Contact Jim Gates (jjim@covenantcommunitypc.org) or John Jacobs (john@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

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.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP RESERVATIONS—Reservations for next Sunday, November 8 will open *TOMORROW* (Monday) November 2 at 9am. Please go to www.covenantcommunitypc.org/reservations for the 10am service. You can also call the church office at 715-359-6467.

MISSIONS

HEARTS OF HOPE OPEN HOUSE THIS WEEK!—We are still looking for volunteers to assist in the distribution of winter clothing during our Hearts of Hope Open House ... *THIS WEEK*, 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.

BLANKETS NEEDED FOR THE SALVATION ARMY!—We are need of more blankets (single size) for contribution to the Salvation Army. If you have donations, please bring them to the church at any time or contact Jean Rogers (hdncv1307@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, November 3, at noon. Remember that you can purchase the study book for \$9 by visiting the church building, or by contacting Jim Gates (jjim@covenantcommunitypc.org). All women are welcome!

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

SAVE-THE-DATE: KID'S GAME NIGHT—Elementary kids... **THIS IS FOR YOU!** Join us on Zoom for a fun night of game... and maybe some prizes (to be mailed if you win). This will take place Wednesday, November 11 at 6pm. More information to come!

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>.

OTHER

SCRIP PROGRAM—For all of your upcoming gift needs, 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). **Note that delivery is TODAY!**