

LIVE STREAMING

CCPC live streams 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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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, 2022 - 10 A.M.

GROUNDED: RECREATION & SACRIFICE

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Holy Ground" 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: Genesis 8:15-17
God said to Noah,
"Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you.

Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh ...
So that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth."

***Hymn:** "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" (vs. 1,2,3) #354

***Call to Confession:** Genesis 8:21
Although we have tried mightily to be faithful this week, each of us has fallen short in some way. As God says in Genesis 8, "the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth." We come by our selfishness naturally. For this reason, we gather to make our prayer of confession.

***Prayer of Confession:**
Lord God, we know that we cannot overcome our inclination to evil without your help. Our self-interest is often lurking in the background of our lives, suddenly appearing here or there in an argument, in a moment of indiscretion, or in a thought we choose to entertain. We are not wholly self-centered; but on our own, we cannot escape our self-centeredness, either.

Lord, as followers of Jesus you give us new hearts that incline to good. Help us to live from our new hearts rather than from our old, that we might be a fully Christ-centered community.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

FAMILY MISSION CAMP 2023 — The 2023 Family Mission Camp will be at Spencer Lake Christian Center in Waupaca. We have partnered with local and global organizations to make an impact at home, and around the world. This will take place August 18-20. For more details and to register your family, go to: <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/all-family-mission-trip>.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

ADVENT STUDY ON THE BIBLE APP — Starting TOMORROW, November 21, we will begin a new Advent-themed daily devotional together. As usual, this is utilizing the free Bible app (available on the Apple App Store or Google Play Store). Use the link below to join (included in tomorrow's Covenant Connection email). <https://bible.com/p/54911513/ce342e12c1428436d48a3beae8f2b3be>

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY — Our study of the Gospel of John continues THIS Tuesday, November 22 for the men (meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month). All men are welcome!

WEDNESDAY L.I.F.E. — There will be NO L.I.F.E. this Wednesday, November 23. From November 30-December 14, we will discuss "Three Things that Terrify Christians". Those are: praying in public, sharing the gospel, and finding it in the Bible. If you've ever worried about any of these, you're in good company. Join us on Wednesday nights from 6-7pm to conquer your fears and become an instant expert in all three areas!

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

SALT & LIGHT YOUTH SERVING MEALS — The Salt & Light Youth will be serving Thanksgiving meals at First Presbyterian Church of Wausau (406 Grant St.) THIS Wed., November 23. They will be meeting at First Pres. at 4pm (through 7pm). Pizza will be provided for the kids. Youth Group will resume November 30 at 6pm.

SALT & LIGHT YOUTH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION DAY — Salt & Light (6th-12th grade) girls will be baking and decorating cookies at the church on Saturday, December 3, while the boys will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Pick N Save from 9am-12pm. We will follow that up with our Salt & Light Christmas Party from 12-3pm at the church, which will include an ugly sweater competition! If you have any questions, please contact Dan Frost at dan@covenantcommunitypc.org. Sign up in Bouldin Hall or at <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/youth-ministry>

KID'S MINISTRY WEEKLY PROGRAMMING — Kid's I.D. (Sundays at 9am), Kid's Worship/Wiggles (during the morning/evening service), and Kid's L.I.F.E. (Wednesdays at 6pm) share the same Bible story each week, but with different emphasis. Contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

THROUGH OCTOBER 2022:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$460,634**
Actual Operating Revenues: **\$480,254**
Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$456,993**
Actual Operating Expenses: **\$450,648**

NOVEMBER 13 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **229**
AM Livestream Total: **96**
PM In-Person Total: **37**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIRING AT CCPC — CCPC is hiring a 20 hr/week Office Manager. This is a Monday-Friday position, and involves both office management and administrative support. To find out more, visit our website. If you are interested in applying, send your resume to Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org), or contact him with questions.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2023 — Our Stewardship Campaign 2023, "Humble Beginning, Bright Future," continues! Pledge cards are available in the Narthex and at the Hub. You can also make your pledge online by going to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/give>. As of this past Wednesday, November 16, **we've had 127 pledges totaling \$421,141** of our \$450,000 goal! Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

CELEBRATION OF BIRTH — We celebrate the birth of Ethan Roger Geurink, son of Kevin and Sarah Geurink and grandson of Terry and Colleen.

ADVENT SOUP LUNCHEON — Let us enter into the season of Advent by breaking bread with our church family! Join us *NEXT* Sunday, November 27 at 11:15am (after morning worship) and 5pm (before our evening service) for our annual Soup Luncheon/Dinner. If you can make a crock of soup or dessert for this event, please speak with Amanda Fuls, or signup by the name tags.

CCPC 101 — Would you like to know more about CCPC, our beliefs, and our ministries? Thinking about making this your church home? We will cover all these topics and answer all your questions *TODAY* in the small conference room, beginning at 4pm. We will provide food and childcare for this event that typically runs 1 hour and 30 minutes. If you or someone you know would like to attend, please speak Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

ELDER & DEACON NOMINATIONS — We are now taking nominations for Elders and Deacons. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) or Rick Barnes (rickbarnes@mtc.net) with your suggestions.

OLD GUYS RULE/LUNCH BUNCH POTLUCK 2022 — The Old Guys Rule and Lunch Bunch are excited to invite everyone to the annual Christmas potluck on Thursday, December 8 at 11:30am. There will be a \$2 fee and we invite all to bring a dish to pass. A signup sheet is available by the name tag. Fees can be paid at The Hub.

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

HEARTS OF HOPE HEART ADOPTION — Our Hearts of Hope heart adoption begins *TODAY!* We invite you to participate with your family, friends, and even coworkers! Pool your resources to purchase a gift, multiple gifts, or to support an entire family! To do so, please stop by The Hub today, or following Sundays, to adopt all the hearts for a specific child, or hearts for the entire family. You can also adopt single gifts *ONLINE* at <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/hearts-of-hope>. We also accept monetary donations, which you can place in the red envelopes in today's bulletin (please return unused envelopes to the baskets in the Narthex and at The Hub. The deadline to have all gifts turned in to the church is December 11.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING — We continue our church tradition of supporting the Salvation Army by bell ringing at the Pick N Save in the Cedar Creek Mall from 10am-4pm on Saturday, December 10. If you and your family would like to sign up for a 1-hour time slot, please go to <https://www.registertoring.com> and use the group code **ccpc19**. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Frost at dan@covenantcommunitypc.org.

*Assurance of Pardon:

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" Believe the good news; in Christ, we are God's new creation, forgiven and beloved. Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

Special Music: "Holy, Holy, Holy" Kids Chimes

Children's Message

Period of Fellowship

***Hymn:** "Soon and Very Soon" (vs. 1, 2) #384

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 8 Page 6

Special Music: "This is My Father's World" Bell Choir & Flute/Barb St. Clair

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Page 181

Sermon: "Grounded: Recreation & Sacrifice" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "O For a World" (vs. 1,2,5) #372

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory Music: "Create In Me a Clean Heart" JeHae Kim-Bixby

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "We are Standing on Holy Ground" #406

Postlude: JeHae Kim-Bixby

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

Acolytes: Grace Spangler &
LJ Martin

Elder Greeters: Bob Warner &
Jim Jackson

The Hub: Gail Daman

Fellowship: Vicki & Terry
Anderson

Gatekeeper: David Farrar

Usher Lead: Jesse Lawton

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
(Pride TLC)

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 HOME	12PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	3PM	FOOD PANTRY
9AM	KID'S MUSIC			7PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	4PM	YOUTH SERVING DINNER AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.
10AM	WORSHIP					6PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
11:15AM	WOMEN'S GROUP					7PM	ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE
11:15AM	FROST SMALL GRP.						
4PM	CCPC 101						
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL						
6PM	WORSHIP						
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!						9AM	I.D./CONFIRM.
						9AM	KID'S MUSIC
						10AM	WORSHIP
						11:15AM	WOMEN'S SM. GRP.
						11:15AM	FROST SM. GRP.
						4PM	BAND REHEARSAL
						6PM	WORSHIP

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