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GIVE US ... OUR DAILY BREAD: THE KING OF THE JEWS

Mark 6:7-52

November 26, 2023

COVENANT COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...
Changing lives forever!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" JeHae Kim-Bixby

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

Mark's account of Jesus' life closely parallels the Lord's Prayer. This section, Mark 6:7-8:30, is bracketed with the feeding of the 5,000 Israelites and the feeding of the 4,000 Gentiles. As Jesus literally gives the nations their daily bread, his identity as the Messiah is finally revealed to his disciples. In this season of Advent, how are you also receiving your daily bread from Jesus? What does it mean for you to discover his identity as Messiah, and as King of Kings, through his provision for you?

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Lighting of the Advent Candles: The Earney Family Isaiah 9:6-7

The first candle of Advent is the candle of hope. Our hope is in God's Advent, God's coming, in Christ.

Today we celebrate the first coming of Jesus, the King of the Jews, and we hope for his return.

Isaiah spoke of Messiah's coming, saying, "For a child has been born for us; a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders;

And he is named, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and for his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

***Hymn:** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (vs. 1,2) #82

***Call to Confession:**

The disciples said to Jesus, "That would take more than half a year's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?" Jesus then gave thanks for the five loaves and two fish and the number of those that were able to be fed totaled 5,000. Just as the disciples questioned Jesus, we too wonder how the impossible will be made possible. Today, let us ask for forgiveness for the ways we have not trusted God so we may move forward with clean hearts.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Jesus, we come before you today acknowledging that we have doubted you this week. Our actions don't always reflect the trust we say we have in you. Please forgive us for our selfish need to take control. Help us to remember that the impossible is possible with you, that you will go before us and take care of our needs.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

ADVENT BIBLE APP STUDY — We will begin an Advent study on December 1 utilizing the Bible App by YouVersion. The Bible App is available for download on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. You can join the study and conversation by clicking the link provided in Monday's email, or contact Jim Gates to get involved.

TUESDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Our men's Bible study will meet *THIS* Tuesday, November 28 at 12pm. The men meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. We are studying the Book of Isaiah. Join us and bring a friend!

ADULT L.I.F.E. — We continue our adult L.I.F.E. class, "The Angels of Christmas", *THIS* Wednesday, November 29. Join Deb Tice and Kari Kufahl on Wednesdays through December 6 for an interesting look at God's supernatural beings and the story of Christ's birth.

ADVENT CALENDARS & DEVOTIONALS — Pick up a Advent calendar in the Narthex or outside the Fellowship Hall for activities and Scripture to do together with your family. We also have an Advent devotional for individuals or families. Take one or both!

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

YOUTH GROUP — Middle School Youth meet from 6-7:30pm, and High School Youth meet from 6:30-8pm on Wednesday nights. This week we will be playing "Stump the Chump", a team trivia game asking Jim Gates tough questions!

KIDS L.I.F.E. — At Wednesday night L.I.F.E. (every Wednesday at 6pm) our first focus is a friendship with Jesus, and secondly, we encourage children to build relationships with other kids and adult leaders.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 2023 — Christmas program practices will continue on Wednesday nights during Kids L.I.F.E. in November and December. We will also have a dress rehearsal on December 13, and a final practice on Saturday, December 16 in the morning. "A Stellar Christmas" will take place Sunday, December 17 at 2pm and will be livestreamed for family that cannot be there in person!

THE GREAT ESCAPE 2024 — We are excited to be returning to The Great Escape in Green Lake, WI July 8-13! All rising 6th-12th graders are invited to go, as a group, for an amazing week of fellowship, worship, team-building, and fun! Cost for each student is \$400, with a \$100 deposit due February 18. Scholarships are available!

CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

THROUGH OCTOBER 2023:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$465,449**

Actual Operating Revenues: **\$493,176**

Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$453,141**

Actual Operating Expenses: **\$445,578**

NOVEMBER 19 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **215**

AM Livestream Total: **114**

PM In-Person Total: **32**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT SOUP LUNCHEON — Let us enter into the season of Advent by breaking bread with our church family! Join us *TODAY* at 11:15am (morning service) and 5pm (evening service) for our annual Soup Luncheon (and Dinner).

ELDER AND DEACON NOMINATIONS — The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for Elder and Deacon! If you would like to submit someone's name for either role, please contact Tom Wrynski (chair) or Jim Gates.

CCPC COOKBOOKS — Our church cookbook "Not by Bread Alone" is available to purchase for \$30. There are so many recipes to help your family get together this fall for a good meal... and they make a great Christmas gift, as well! All proceeds are going to our kitchen fund. Books are available for purchase on our website.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON/POTLUCK — All are invited to the Annual Luncheon/Potluck, a Christmas tradition at CCPC, hosted by the Lunch Bunch and Old Guys Rule. Join us for wonderful food and Christmas Carols (led by Ron Pufall) on Thursday, December 14 at 12pm (punch at 11:30am). There is a signup at The Hub and we ask for a \$2 contribution per person to cover the cost (paid to Bob Warner or Ruth Wrynski).

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES — Though Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, we will only have two evening services (no a.m.). At 4pm we will have a family-focused service, with traditional worship to follow at 6pm. Invite friends and family!

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

HEARTS OF HOPE — The Hearts of Hope heart adoptions continue! Pick out 1, 2, or all gifts (hearts) for a child, or go in with your family, friends, or coworkers and sponsor an entire family! You can select your heart(s) in the Narthex in person, or on our website. Remember that you can also contribute monetarily using our red envelope donations. Drop off of all gifts is December 10, and the pickup date for families is December 16. Note that we are still looking for volunteers to help us on pickup day! Contact Sue Thompson to get involved (smthomp313@gmail.com).

CHRISTMAS DINNER 2023 — CCPC continues its tradition of providing a free meal on Christmas Day for our community. We will have an in-person meal as well as deliveries to folks all over the Wausau area. Deadline to reserve meals is December 20. If you would like to help in any way, including deliveries, please contact Sharon Maltbey (sharon.maltbey@gmail.com).

COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP 2024 - INFORMATIONAL MEETING — CCPC will be sending a team to Costa Rica June 22-29, 2024, in partnership with Praying Pelican Missions. This trip is open to rising 9th graders and older, and will be participating in homeless ministry, feeding programs, medical clinics, church projects, and one fun excursion! If you would like to learn more about this exciting opportunity, we invite you to attend an informational meeting on Sunday, December 10 after worship.

*Assurance of Pardon:

Let us give thanks, for Christ hears our prayers and forgives us this day. Just as he provided for the many, he continues to provide his love and forgiveness to those who seek to be made new in his precious name. **Amen.**

***Congregational Response:** "Angels We Have Heard on High" (Refrain) #113

Children's Message

(Children may come forward and be seated on the stage.)

Period of Fellowship

***Hymn:** "God of Grace & God of Glory" (vs. 1,4) #307

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

New Testament Reading: Mark 6:7-29 Page 40

Special Music: "Make Room" Deb & Kent Perrin

New Testament Reading: Mark 6:30-52 Page 41

Sermon: "Give Us ... Our Daily Bread: The King of the Jews" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "I Want to be as Close to You" (vs. 1,2,4) #736

The Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer See Page 4

Ministry Celebration: Bridge St. Mission

Offering

Offertory Music: "He is Lord - O Come, Let Us Adore Him" JeHae Kim-Bixby

*Doxology

Welcome of New Members:

Shirley Martin: Shirley is 88-years-old and lives in an independent living facility at which she has a lot of friends and things to do. In her spare time she paints watercolor greeting cards.

Tricia Mirman: Tricia is an RN at a local nursing home and has 3 grown children and 2 grandchildren. She is blessed to also have 2 younger sisters and her mother. Tricia is looking to have a deeper relationship with Christ and looks forward to doing so at CCPC!

***Affirmation of Faith:** "Apostle's Creed" See Page 4

***Welcome Song:** "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" (vs. 1) #306

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "May the God of Hope Go With Us" #765

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 across from the sanctuary
- † Activity bags for children are available in the Narthex.
- † Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for donuts, cookies, juice, coffee, and fellowship!

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: Nathaniel Briggs

Greeters: The Fandrey Family

Elder Greeters: Julie Trebus
& Shelby Waraksa

The Hub: Joan Jackson

Livestream: Derek Nelson

Slides: Craig Spangler

Usher Lead: Craig Briggs

Gatekeeper: Scott Doescher

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)

Dave Vachowiak
(Forest Park Village)

Howie Pries
(Home)

Tom Scott
(Home)

Joyce Michna
(Fond du Lac)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

TODAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION	1:30PM	BOOK CLUB	12PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	6PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
10AM	WORSHIP	7PM	DARTBALL AT HOME	6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	ADULT/KIDS LIFE
11:15AM	ADVENT SOUP LUNCHEON					6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL					6:30PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
5PM	ADVENT SOUP DINNER					7PM	CHOIR PRACTICE
6PM	WORSHIP						
THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION
						10AM	WORSHIP
						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, or call the church office at 715-359-6467.