

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 27TH, 2022 - 10 A.M.

A FRESH START: RESET

Prelude: "We Bow Down" 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 Advent Candle: The Barnes Family

In this season, we remember the birth of Jesus and anticipate His coming again.

Advent means "coming."

The first Advent candle is the candle of hope. Our ancestors hoped for the birth of Messiah;

We hope for Messiah's return and the completion of the kingdom of God on earth.

Mary modeled hope for us in the beginning of Luke. Today, we join her in expectantly waiting on God, saying,

"Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

***Hymn:** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (vs. 1,2,3) #645

***Call to Confession:**

Our God is a God of fresh starts, who delights in recreating and restoring. We are a people in need of the fresh start that Christ offers. Let us now accept the gift of grace, as we together make our prayer of confession.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord Jesus, we confess that we are often reluctant to wait expectantly for you. We give lip service to hope, but we would prefer to control our own destiny than entrust it to you. We are easily convinced to take back the reigns that we have "given" you.

Reset our minds and hearts today. Help us to trust your plan instead of making our own. Let us live into hope, as your mother once did, knowing that nothing is impossible with you.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

ADVENT STUDY GUIDE 2022 — This year's Advent Study Guide can be found in the Narthex between the two red chairs, as well as in the Fellowship Hall. Pick one up, (along with an Advent craft project and candle) and come together as a family (or on your own) each week to study God's Word and celebrate the coming of Jesus! You can also print a version of the booklet by going to our website.

ADVENT STUDY ON THE BIBLE APP — We are continuing an Advent-themed daily devotional together 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>

WEDNESDAY ADULT L.I.F.E. — Starting *THIS* Wednesday, November 30, through December 14, our adult L.I.F.E. class 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 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION DAY — Salt & Light (6th-12th grade) girls will be baking and decorating cookies at the church *THIS* 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 Ugly Sweater Christmas Party from 12-3pm at the church! If you have questions, contact Dan Frost at dan@covenantcommunitypc.org. Please sign up at <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/youth-ministry>

CCPC KID'S CHRISTMAS SHOW — CCPC Kids presents "Twas the Night Before" on Sunday, December 18 at 2pm! Our kids and family members are working hard to bring us this amazing story of the anticipation of the coming of our Savior. Let's show our kids and families some support by coming and enjoying the show! This show will be live streamed for those parents/grandparents who are out of town.

SALT & LIGHT YOUTH GROUP — Students who are in 6th through 12th grades are invited to Salt & Light Youth Group on Wednesday nights from 6-7:30pm, including this week, November 30!

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 20 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **193**
AM Livestream Total: **114**
PM In-Person Total: **31**

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. You can also make your pledge online by going to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/give>. As of this past Wednesday, November 22, **we've had 135 pledges totaling \$457,881** of our \$450,000 goal! Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

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 continues! 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 found at The Hub or online at the address above. The deadline to have all gifts turned in to the church is December 11.

COME & SEE PRAYER MINISTRY — Come and See is a sister ministry under the big Hearts of Hope umbrella. It is through this ministry that we offer our Hearts of Hope families the true gift of our faith through a daily commitment of prayer. We match each family to a member of our church who commits to praying for that family for one year. Contact Sue Thompson (715-571-2797; sue@mtslc.net) to become a part of this ministry.

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.

2023 AUCTION PHONE CALL VOLUNTEERS — We are in the beginning phase of our 2023 Mission Auction, which includes distributing information and contacting local businesses and individuals for the purpose of item donations. We are looking for folks who can help make phone calls! If you would like to help with this very important job, please sign up at the counter by the name tags.

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>.

***Assurance of Pardon:** Luke 1:31-33
The angel said to Mary, "You will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the LORD God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Believe the good news – all are welcomed into that never-ending kingdom of Jesus through faith in Him. Praise be to God! Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Children's Message

Period of Fellowship

***Hymn:** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" (vs. 1,3) #39

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 9:1-17 Page 7

Special Music: "Grace Us, O Lord" Covenant Faith Singers

New Testament Reading: Luke 1:26-28 Page 56

Sermon: "A Fresh Start: Reset" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (vs. 1,5,6) #88

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory Music: "Praise to the Lord" Pat Moucha

***Doxology**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction:** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (vs. 7) #88

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

The Hub: Barb Lamping

Acolytes: Lucas & Paige Mathies

Gatekeeper: Larry Geurink

Elder Greeters: Julie Nelson &
Kari Kufahl

Slides: Josh Werner

Usher Lead: Jerry Trebus

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	7PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	YOUTH GROUP
9AM	KID'S MUSIC					6PM	KID'S/ADULT L.I.F.E.
10AM	WORSHIP	6:30PM	BOOK CLUB			6PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
11:15AM	WOMEN'S GROUP					7PM	ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE
11:15AM	SOUP LUNCHEON						
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL						
5PM	SOUP DINNER						
6PM	WORSHIP						
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD			9AM	BOYS YOUTH BELL RINGING	9AM	I.D./CONFIRM.
4:30PM	FAITH & FITNESS			9AM	GIRLS YOUTH XMAS COOKIES	9AM	KID'S MUSIC
				12PM	ALL YOUTH UGLY SWEATER PARTY	10AM	WORSHIP
						11:15AM	WOMEN'S SM. GRP.
						11:15AM	FROST SM. 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, or call the church office at 715-359-6467.