

# THE IN-TIME KING



CHRISTMAS  
*Eve*  
2021



**COVENANT  
COMMUNITY**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Covenant Community Presbyterian Church  
December 24, 2021  
5pm & 7pm

**Prelude:** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" Pat Moucha  
"Christmas Angels"

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

Tonight we remember the birth of Messiah, and look forward to His return. Amidst all the self-imposed busyness of this season, may tonight be a moment of peace. We invite you to prepare your hearts and your lives for the Son of God.

### **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Lighting of the Candles**

**Special Music:** "Happy Birthday, Jesus" Elli Briggs

**Advent Candles:** The Dreger Family (5pm)  
The Bouffleur Family (7pm)

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 his kingdom.**

Praise be to God;  
**Emmanuel has come!**

**\*Carols:** "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" (vs. 1) #119  
"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (vs. 1) #121  
"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs. 1,3) #133

### **\*Prayer of Adoration:**

Who are we, Lord God, that you should come to us? Yet you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son. As we prepare to celebrate his birth, make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word, and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

### \*Period of Fellowship:

Welcome one another in the name of Jesus.

**Special Music:** "The Friendly Beast" Kid's Choir (5pm)  
"All is Well" Kent & Deb Perrin (7pm)

## Proclaiming the Word

**Old Testament:** Isaiah 7:10-17 Page 636  
**New Testament:** Luke 2:1-20 Page 58  
**Sermon:** The In-Time King Jim Gates

## Responding to the Word

**Special Music:** "All is Well" Kent & Deb Perrin (5pm)  
"A Communion of Carols" Choir/Handbell Choir (7pm)

\***Carol:** "Away in a Manger" (vs. 1,2,3) #115

\***Christmas Affirmation:** Apostles 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.

### Offering

**Offertory Music:** "O Holy Night" Pat Moucha

### \*Doxology

## Bearing and Following the Word into the World

### Lighting of the Christmas Candles

\***Carols:** "Silent Night" (vs. 1,2,3) #122  
"Joy to the World" (vs. 1,2,4) #134

### \*Benediction

**Postlude:** Les Fraaza

## Welcome to CCPC!

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

For those of you visiting with us for the first time, we'd like to give you a gift! Please see the table in the Narthex for a copy of C.S. Lewis' "The Great Divorce." Take one as a thank for being with us this Christmas Eve!

## 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. Our next CCPC 101 class will take place Sunday, January 13 after service. Please speak with Jim Gates or Drew Bouché, note your interest on the Connection Card, or phone the church office (715) 359-6467. You are welcome here!

## Get Connected with Us!



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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.

# Announcements

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 PROGRAMMING:



This Sunday, December 26, come enjoy our Lessons and Carols service, as we celebrate the birth of Christ by retelling the story in Scripture and song. The Lessons and Carols format dates back to

1918 and is a wonderful way to enter into the Christmas story. Note that we will not have ID on December 26 (returns on January 9th). We will also not have Children's Worship (returns January 2).

## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2022:



Our Stewardship Campaign 2022, "Stronger," continues! Turn in a pledge card or make your commitment on our website. As of this past Wednesday, December 15, we've had 126 pledges totaling \$423,458 of our \$424,000 goal! Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

## GIVING ENVELOPES:

The 2022 boxes of giving envelopes are available at the Hub. This year we will not be having personalized numbers, so just ask the Hub attendant for a box that you can take home!

## OUTDOOR NATIVITY SCENE:



We have a full-sized, outdoor Nativity scene setup outside the Narthex doors. We invite all to use it for family photos after this evenings service, as well as throughout the month of December (note:

you will need to take your own picture). Swing by any time, day or night (it will be lit up), and capture a memory during the Advent season!

# Missions

## PINE RIDGE, SD MISSION TRIP:



Mission trips are back! This summer we will travel to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and work with Wings as Eagles ministries as we share hope with the children of the poorest community

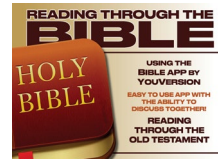
in the US. The trip will take place July 23-31 and is open to youth and adults (6th graders and up). We will allow 3rd-5th graders provided they are accompanied by a parent or adult relative, 21 or older. To learn more or to register, visit our website: <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/pine-ridge>.

## REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT:

If you are interested in being a part of the resettlement of refugee families in Central Wisconsin, contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org), Ruth Wrynski (715-409-0582 or ruthiewry@charter.net), Joanne Lapinske (715-573-5556 or hostmomjo@yahoo.com), or Lynda Reis (773-351-8980 or mybana@yahoo.com).

# Bible Studies & Small Groups

## BIBLE READING PLAN-OLD TESTAMENT:



Last year we read the New Testament together on the Bible app. This year, we're tackling the Old Testament together! Starting Monday, January 3, we will jump into the Old Testament starting with Genesis. Each day we will read 3 chapters, or just 3-4 pages. Reading together on the Bible App means you can ask questions as we read, and each day Jim posts some comments or reflections about the day's texts. To join in, download the free Bible App (aka YouVersion) from the Apple or Google stores and click on the link included in your emails, or call the church for help anytime. If you want to follow along without the app, simply read three chapters a day starting with Genesis 1-3 on January 3rd!

## ADULT LIFE - C.A.S.K.E.T. OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY:



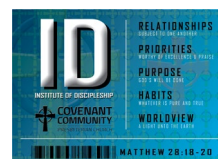
2022 is the year of the Old Testament at CCPC! Join us on Wednesday nights starting Jan 5 for a 8-week overview of the only Bible read and used by Jesus. If you've struggled

to understand how the books of the OT fit into our modern Christian faith, or if you simply want a deeper understanding of the structure, genres and themes of Jesus' Bible, this is the season of LIFE for you. We will utilize the CASKET acronym from Dr. Carol Kamenski to help summarize the story. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions. And don't forget about dinner at 5:30pm! Buy your meal tickets Wednesday nights at the Hub or on our website.

## TUESDAY BIBLE STUDIES:

Our Women's and Men's Bible Studies continue to meet each Tuesday at 12pm in Bouldin Hall, and on zoom, to study the Minor Prophets (Women - 1st and 3rd Week, Men - 2nd and 4th Week). All are welcome! Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

## ADULT I.D. (INSTITUTE OF DISCIPLESHIP):



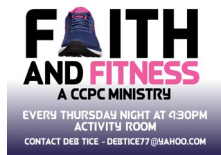
Our Adult I.D. resumes Sunday, January 9. We will continue our "God is Closer Than You Think" class in the Cry Room, and all are invited. New topics and themes for that class will come in



February - stay tuned! Note that our Bible Project class will not meet in the coming semester.

Also starting on January 9, we have a new small group for singles (those in the "middle" - not in their 20s and not retirement age) that will meet during I.D. in the small conference room. Contact Jim Gates with questions.

### FAITH & FITNESS GROUP:



CCPC's Faith & Fitness group meets every Thursday (resuming January 6) at 4:30pm in the Activity Room downstairs. It combines physical fitness, fellowship, and discipleship into an impactful time

for all. There is low-key aerobics followed by a devotional. Join us as we move into a new year of spiritual and physical growth! Contact Deb Tice with any questions (debtime77@yahoo.com or 715-574-7663).

### CELEBRATE RECOVERY:



Celebrate Recovery is a Bible-centered recovery ministry that meets at the church (Bouldin Hall) EVERY Tuesday at 7pm for those looking for healing and restoration from addiction, depression,

anger, abuse, grief, and any other form of heavy burden. C.R. is a safe, discrete, loving group that can walk beside you throughout this process of growth. Meetings are open to anyone! Please contact Drew Bouché (drew@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

## Youth, Children, & Family

### SALT & LIGHT YOUTH GROUP:



Students who are in 6th through 8th grades gather on Wednesdays at 6pm (resuming January 12) for Salt & Light Youth Group, with 9th through 12th graders meeting on Sunday nights at 6pm (resuming January 9). Contact Dan

Frost with any questions.

### KID'S I.D. & KID'S L.I.F.E.:



For each of the first three months of 2022, we will have a new theme that is tied together between Kid's I.D. (Sundays at 9am resuming January 9) and Kid's L.I.F.E. (Wednesdays at 6pm resuming January 5). Stay tuned for

more information and be sure to check out our YouTube channel and Facebook Parent's Group! We upload teaching videos, keep parents connected, and continue our conversations from Sunday mornings/Wednesday evenings.

## LIVE STREAMING

CCPC live streams worship services every Sunday morning. Please join us in spirit by going to [www.covenantcommunitypc.org/live-stream](http://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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# CELEBRATING OUR LOVED ONES

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THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE GENEROUSLY DONATED TO THE CCPC MISSIONS FUND IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF THOSE THEY LOVE.

IN MEMORY OF KARTER FITZGERALD,  
BY TONY & ADAM MOUCHA

IN MEMORY OF THEIR BROTHER JEFF,  
BY KELLY POSPYCHALA & SARAH MOUCHA

IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN & THEIR SIGNIFICANT OTHERS  
BY THE POSPYCHALA & MOUCHA FAMILIES

IN MEMORY OF MARILYN & ROBERT LAMPING,  
IN MEMORY OF RAY & MARGARET JOHNSON,  
IN HONOR OF NATHAN & VANESSA'S MARRIAGE,  
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IN MEMORY OF KAREN VLIETSTRA,  
BY JACK VLIETSTRA

IN MEMORY OF ZACHARY BRIGGS,  
BY CRAIG BRIGGS FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF BOB WERNER (BROTHER),  
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IN MEMORY OF NOAH SALYERS (GRANDSON),  
BY AARON & SHELBY WARAKSA

IN MEMORY OF ALLEN FULS,  
BY KAY FULS

IN MEMORY OF TOM BEESE,  
IN MEMORY OF CARL, IRENE, & LORRAINE BEESE,  
IN MEMORY OF LARRY & MARGARET LUDWIG,  
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IN MEMORY OF DEAN MRAZ (BROTHER),  
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BY AMY SHERFINSKI

IN MEMORY OF DAVE FINANGER,  
IN MEMORY OF RYAN KOHNHORST  
BY KARI KUFAHL

IN HONOR OF RON & LUCY GATES,  
IN HONOR OF STEVE & DIANNE BENTZ  
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