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**CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24, 2022
6PM TRADITIONAL SERVICE**



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COMMUNITY**

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Covenant Community Presbyterian Church

December 24, 2022

6pm Traditional Service

Prelude: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" Pat Moucha,
"Christmas Angels" JeHae Kim-Bixby,
& Les Fraaza

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: "Messiah" Caroline Kibler

Lighting of the Christ Candle: The Slattery & Phelps Family

After the birth of Jesus, an angel of the Lord appeared to nearby shepherds, keeping watch over their flocks by night. The angel said to them,

"Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.

To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign to you: you will find the child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

*** Carols:** "Angels, We Have Heard on High" (vs. 1) #113
"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" (vs. 1) #119
"Angels from the Realms of Glory" (vs. 1,2) #143

*Prayer of Adoration:

Good and gracious God, on this holy night you gave us your Son, the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Savior of all, lying in a manger. On this holy night draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds that we may find the one for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDIES:

Our Women's and Men's Bible Studies continue to meet each Tuesday at 12pm in Bouldin Hall to study the Book of John (Women - 1st and 3rd Week, Men - 2nd and 4th Week). We will start up again with the women on January 3. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

I.D. (INSTITUTE OF DISCIPLESHIP):

Our I.D. classes for all ages returns on January 8 at 9am! Bring the whole family for an hour of discipleship before our Sunday service.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY:



Celebrate Recovery is a Bible-centered ministry that meets at the church (Bouldin Hall) EVERY Tuesday at 6pm for those looking for healing from hurts, hangups, and habits. 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 4) for Salt & Light Youth Group. In a bit of a change for 2023, 9th-12th graders will meet Sunday evenings from 4:30-6pm, prior to our evening contemporary service. Contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

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

Kid's I.D. at 9am on Sunday mornings, Kid's Worship during service, and Wednesday night L.I.F.E. at 6pm are opportunities for our littles to learn about worship, God's Word, and interaction with our brothers and sister in Christ. All three ministries use a common theme each month with materials for our parents to bring what they learn home! Contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org).

YOUTH GROUP CONFERENCES 2023:



Salt & Light Youth is thrilled to offer an amazing experience attending two separate conferences as a group! The Quest Conference (June 18-23) is for our high school students entering 9-12 grades, while The Great Escape Conference (July 10-15) is for our middle school students entering 6-8 grades. These conferences are way more than just a "summer Bible camp." We grow closer to Christ TOGETHER and bring that experience home to our church. To learn more, please pick up a brochure at the Hub or go to our website.

Missions/Volunteering

FAMILY MISSION CAMP:



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 details and to register your family, grab a flier at The Hub or go to our website.

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER:

We are excited to once again provide a Christmas Day meal for folks in our community. There will be an in-person meal in our Fellowship Hall TOMORROW, from 11am-12pm, as well as deliveries! Church members are welcome to join the in-person meal for the community after worship, but please make sure that you RSVP on the signup sheet by the name tags. If you are willing to deliver meals, contact Sharon Maltbey (715-573-7427).

CCPC AUCTION 2023:



We are proud to announce our 2023 Mission Auction, "Hope to the Nations!" This community outreach event will take place Saturday, March 4 beginning at 4pm and will include silent and live auctions (live will begin at 6pm), an

amazing Tapas from different nationalities at 5pm, and a kids room of crafts and fair games entitled, "It's a Small World." Don't forget about our shoe sale! Name brand shoes and apparel sold at amazing prices! We will have an advance shoe sale on Friday, March 3 from 5-8pm! Come enjoy an evening out while supporting our church Missions Fund. If you'd like to help us contact business in our community for their contributions, please signup at the counter by the name tags.

Bible Studies & Small Groups

BIBLE READING PLAN - THE GOSPELS:

Let your new year's resolution be to spend time in the Bible each day with your church family! Join us for a read through the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) beginning on Monday, January 2. We use the Bible app from YouVersion, available for free in the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. Check our Monday "Covenant Connection" email for a link, or contact Jim at jim@covenantcommunitypc.org.

ADULT L.I.F.E.:

There will be NO adult L.I.F.E. classes in the month of January. We will be taking a break before starting a new class in the coming months. Stay tuned!

*Period of Fellowship:

Welcome one another in the name of Jesus.

Special Music: "Silent Night" Handbell Choir

Proclaiming the Word

Old Testament: Isaiah 9:1-7 Page 638

New Testament: Matthew 1:18-25 Page 1

Sermon: "More or Different?" Jim Gates

Responding to the Word

Special Music: "It's So Still in Bethlehem" CCPC Choir

***Carols:** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (vs. 1) #121
"Away in a Manger" (vs. 1,2) #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, JeHae Kim-Bixby, & Les Fraaza

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 John Ortberg's "What is God's Will for My Life?" Take one as a thank you 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. Please speak with Jim Gates, note your interest on the Connection Card, or phone the church office (715) 359-6467. You are welcome here!

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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, or call the church office at 715-359-6467.

Announcements

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 PROGRAMMING:



This Sunday, December 25, 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 25 (returns on January 8th). We will also do not have Children's Worship (returns January 1).

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2023:

Our Stewardship Campaign 2023, "Humble Beginning, Bright Future," continues! Turn in a pledge card or make your commitment on our website. As of this past Wednesday, December 21, we've had 139 pledges totaling \$463,581 of our \$450,000 goal! Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

CCPC COOKBOOK:



The brand new CCPC Cookbook entitled "Not by Bread Alone" is available for order/pickup TODAY! Those who have preordered/paid for their copy can pick them up at The Hub. We also have copies available to purchase now; however, because of some delays in production, we've only received 50 for this weekend. The remainder of the order will arrive soon! You can also pay on our website. All proceeds will go towards CCPC kitchen upgrades in the future.

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.

EPIPHANY OPEN HOUSE:

The Women of First Presbyterian Church invite the Women of CCPC to celebrate an Epiphany Open House with them on Friday, January 6 at 5:30pm. This will be held Judy North's home at 903 Hamilton St. in Wausau. This year, items will be gathered for the Babies Place, a mission of the Neighbors Place. They are in need of diapers, pull ups, baby wipes, baby hygiene supplies and unopened formula. Checks may be made to The Babies Place in lieu of bringing an item. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to dvjdnrth@mac.com or 715-845-3613 by January 2.