

LIVE STREAMING

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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH, 2022 - 10 A.M.

LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Christmas Medley" Les Fraaza

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship

"A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols" was first presented in 1918 at King's College Chapel in Cambridge, England. It represented "a more imaginative approach to worship on Christmas Eve". Let yourselves be taken back to a simpler time as we spend this worship hour immersed in the Scripture and Music of Christmas.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles: "The First Noel" Zach Fuls

Lighting of the Advent Candles: The Fuls Family

The Word was made flesh,

Alleluia, Alleluia!

And dwelt among us,

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus, Son of the living God, splendor of the Father, Light eternal:

Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus, King of glory, Sun of righteousness, born of the Virgin Mary:

Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Lord:

Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus, joy of the angels, and crown of the saints:

Glory to you, O Lord!

***Hymn:** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" (vs. 1,2,3) #132

Call to Confession:

As we confess our sins, let us throw off all that hinders us and the sin that so easily entangles us, fixing our eyes on Christ and following him as our King.

***Prayer of Confession:**

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

***Assurance of Pardon:** Luke 2:10-11

From the lips of angels, we are told, "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." Believe the good news; Jesus is the Savior born for us, and in his name, we are forgiven! **Amen.**

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.

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.

FAITH & FITNESS — Our Faith & Fitness ministry is an opportunity to get fit, stay healthy, and spend time discussing the Gospel and our Savior! Join us every Thursday evening at 4:30pm (beginning January 5) in the Activity Room downstairs for an hour of exercise and devotions. Contact Deb Tice (debtime77@yahoo.com) 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.

CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

THROUGH NOVEMBER 2022:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$502,862**

Actual Operating Revenues: **\$520,327**

Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$496,338**

Actual Operating Expenses: **\$495,290**

DECEMBER 18 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **222**

AM Livestream Total: **82**

PM In-Person Total: **33**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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. FPC has been celebrating Epiphany with a gathering of wise women enjoying time of fellowship, refreshments and practical gifts for the baby Jesus. 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.

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.

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

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>, or grab a flier at The Hub.

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 sign up at the counter by the name tags.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

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!

**Gloria Patri*

#581

Children’s Message:

(*NO KID’S WORSHIP.* Nursery care is available, as well as the Cry Room. You may want to get a blue or red Worship Bag from the Narthex for your children).

***Period of Fellowship**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First Reading	Genesis 3:8-15	Pg. 3
Carol	“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”	#82
Second Reading	Genesis 22:15-18	Pg. 18
Carol	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vs.1,7)	#88
Third Reading	Isaiah 9:1-7	Pg. 638
Carol	“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” (vs 1,2)	#129
Fourth Reading	Micah 5:2-4	Pg. 865
Carol	“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (vs. 1,4)	#121
Fifth Reading	Luke 1:26-38	Pg. 56
Carol	“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” (vs. 1,3)	#146
Sixth Reading	Matthew 1:18-25	Pg. 1
Special Music	“O Holy Night”	Caroline Kibler
Seventh Reading	Luke 2:8-16	Pg. 58
Carol	“The First Nowell” (vs.1,6)	#147
Eighth Reading	Matthew 2:1-11	Pg. 2
Carol	“We Three Kings of Orient Are” (vs.1,5)	#151
Ninth Reading	John 1:1-14	Pg. 91
Carol	“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (vs.1,4)	#133

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith:	Apostles Creed	See Page 4
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer		See Page 4
Offering		
Offertory Music:	“Hallelujah Chorus”	JeHae Kim-Bixby & Les Fraaza
*Doxology:		

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** “Joy to the World” (vs.1) #134

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!

Elder Greeters: Jim Jackson &
Scott Bouffleur

Gatekeeper: Charlie Lewis

Usher Lead: Jesse Lawton

The Hub: Deb Wakefield

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
(Home)

Stella Lamping
(Home)

Cheryl Lenz
*(Colonial Center
in Colby)*

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TODAY</u></p> <p>10AM WORSHIP 11AM CHRISTMAS DINNER</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MONDAY</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TUESDAY</u></p> <p>6PM CELEBRATE RECOVERY</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>WEDNESDAY</u></p> <p>3PM FOOD PANTRY</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>THURSDAY</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>FRIDAY</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SATURDAY</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SUNDAY</u></p> <p>10AM WORSHIP 4PM BAND REHEARSAL 6PM WORSHIP</p>

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.