

LIVE STREAMING

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COVENANT COMMUNITY

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH, 2021 - 10 A.M.

LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude:

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

Call to Worship:

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)

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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.**

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) & SINGLES SMALL GROUP — 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 22, 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 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 our area, contact Jim Gates, 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

**Gloria Patri*

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Children’s Message:

(**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY.** 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
Carol	“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (vs. 2,3)	#121
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	“Go Tell it on the Mountain” (vs.1,3)	#136

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:	“Joy to the World”	Handbell Choir
*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

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 or Drew Bouché, 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/PERFORMERS

Thank you to all who make this morning's worship meaningful!

Worship Leader: Amanda Fuls

Live Stream: Derek Nelson

The Hub: Deb Wakefield

Slides: Michelle Zblewski

Elder Greeter: Deb Tice &
Glenn Lamping

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following folks who were recently in the hospital or reside in an assisted-care facility.

Tom Scott
(Home)

Dee Jenkins
(Home)

Don Hawkins
(Home)

Cheryl Lenz
(Colonial Center in Colby)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u> 10AM WORSHIP 11:15AM FELLOWSHIP	<u>MONDAY</u> 6:30PM BOOK CLUB	<u>TUESDAY</u> 7PM CELEBRATE RECOVERY	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u> 10AM WORSHIP 11:15AM FELLOWSHIP

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.