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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27TH, 2020 - 10 A.M.

FORWARD
FROM ME TO WE:
BE SUBJECT TO ONE ANOTHER

LIVE STREAMING

CCPC live streams our 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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Gathering Around the Word

Prelude: "For Unto Us a Child is Born" Les Fraaza

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

What if God's call is not to go "back to normal" but to go forward with Christ? In what direction is your life moving? Are you going backwards to your old life, or forward into the Spirit's new adventure? Consider this morning what your next step towards God might be, and commit to strain forward to what lies ahead.

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship:

As God guided the magi to the worship of Jesus,
So too may the Lord guide the nations of the earth to Christ.

As visitors from afar came to meet and honor the newborn king,
May people far and wide find themselves seeking the light of the Son of God.

As Christmas marks the Word made flesh,
So may we, the body of Christ, live filled with the life of the Spirit and the love of the Son, until at last all people come to see Him in the flesh.

Come, Lord Jesus!

***Hymn:** "The First Nowell" (vs. 1,4) Leader: Herb Westlund

***Call to Confession:** Ephesians 5:8-9

Paul encourages us, saying, "For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light – for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true." Let us take this time and remember our calling to be children of light, as we make our confession together.

***Prayer of Confession:** Ephesians 5:1-2

Lord God, we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendor. The radiance of your incarnate Word pierces the night that covers the earth and signals the dawn of justice and peace. In the same way, chase away our darkness today. Forgive us for the deeds we fear to bring into the light, and guide us to your Son again, as of old you guided the wise men to a home in Bethlehem. Then may we join all the saints in humbling ourselves and exalting the name of Jesus.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

***Assurance of Pardon:** Ephesians 5:1-2
"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." Believe the good news; because of Jesus, we are the beloved children of God! Thanks be to Him. **Amen.**

Congregational Response: "Angels, We Have Heard on High" (Chorus)

Children's Message

Period of Fellowship

Proclaiming the Word

Old Testament Reading: Hosea 11:1-11 NRSV Bible

Special Music: "The Little Drummer Boy" Maiah & Elli Briggs

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 5 NRSV Bible

Sermon: Forward from Me to We: Jim Gates
Be Subject to One Another

Responding to the Word

Hymn: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" (vs. 1,3) Leader: Herb Westlund

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory Music: "Christmas Angels" Pat Moucha & Les Fraaza

Connection Card and giving are available on the live stream web page.

Doxology

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Announcements

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (vs. 1,3)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN-PERSON WORSHIP RESERVATIONS—Reservations for next Sunday, January 3 will open *TOMORROW* (Monday) December 28 at 9am. Please go to www.covenantcommunitypc.org/reservations for the 10am service. You can also call the church office at 715-359-6467.

NO RESERVATIONS BEGINNING JANUARY 10!—Beginning Sunday, January 10, we will no longer be requiring reservations for our Sunday worship services. We will continue to require masks, while utilizing all available space to make sure folks can be safe while worshipping.

NATIVITY SCENE FAMILY PHOTOS— *TODAY* is the final day for our Nativity Scene photos! We invite your family to swing by at *ANY TIME* to utilize this beautiful backdrop for a picture. Remember to share your photo on social media using [#ccpcadventsnapshots!](https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/people/forms/179281)

2021 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE—Thank you to everyone who submitted a Commitment Card with your 2021 pledge! If you have not done so yet, you can mail those to the church or complete them online here: <https://covenantcommunitypc.org/people/forms/179281>. Our current totals as of December 24 are **123 pledges for \$410,151**.

MISSIONS

CHRISTMAS DINNER DELIVERY—*THANK YOU* to all who helped deliver our Christmas Day meals! This year we served 168 ham dinners to folks around the Wausau area!

HEARTS OF HOPE 2020—An enormous *THANK YOU* to all who participated in this year's Hearts of Hope ministry! Whether sponsoring a child or family, or donating time or treasure, your giving heart has contributed to blessing families with the love of Christ. This year we served 83 families and 267 children!

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM—We continue our Bible study on the first six "minor" prophets: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, and Nahum *THIS* Tuesday, December 29, at noon via Zoom. All men are welcome! Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) for the Zoom information.

PRAYER MEETINGS—Our weekly Prayer Meeting has resumed via Zoom every Wednesday night at 6pm, continuing *THIS* Wednesday, December 30. All are welcome! To join the Zoom meeting, go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82054635060?pwd=MTkzOGJqMFRWamxrMy9CSHBwcUMrUT09>
Meeting ID: 820 5463 5060 Passcode: 711155

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

NATURE WALK & SCAVENGER HUNT—*TODAY* is the last day to enjoy the Nature Walk & Scavenger Hunt (until 7:30pm)! This wonderful trail is located across the street from Bob and Melanie Hocker's home at 148700 Burma Road, Mosinee. Maps and instructions are available digitally at <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/nature-walk>. No reservations are necessary. Call Bob and Melanie at 715-581-1278 if you have any questions.

YOUTH GROUP VIA ZOOM—*We will not be having Youth Group THIS Wednesday, December 30.* We will resume gathering on January 6.

YOUTH I.D.—*There is NO YOUTH I.D. TODAY or NEXT Sunday, January 3.* We will resume I.D. at 9am on Sunday, January 10 (see announcement below).

KIDS I.D.—*There is NO KIDS I.D. TODAY or NEXT Sunday, January 3.* We will resume I.D. at 9am on Sunday, January 10 (see announcement below).

OFFERING IN-PERSON OPTION FOR 9AM ID STARTING JANUARY 10—Beginning January 10, we will offer an in-person option for all our children and youth ID classes (from 9-10am). This will be for 3yr-olds through 12th graders, including Confirmation. Of course, we will continue to also offer online options for all these ages/classes as well. Masks are required for all classes. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Fuls (5th grade and younger) or Dan Frost (6th grade and older).