

LIVE STREAMING

CCPC live streams 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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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, 2023 - 10 A.M.

THE COVENANT COUPLE: FIRE & BRIMSTONE

Prelude: "In the Name of the Lord" JeHae Kim-Bixby

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

The first words of the Bible are "in the beginning." We know that God was there at the beginning of all things; and that even today, God is the source of new beginnings. As we prepare for worship, consider where Christ has already been the source of blessing in your life, and in what parts of your life you hope the Spirit will inspire something new to spring forth.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles:

***Presenting of the Colors**

Call to Worship: Psalm 118:1,4

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

His steadfast love endures forever!

Let those who fear the LORD say,

His steadfast love endures forever!

***Hymn:** "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" (vs. 1,2,3) #415

***Call to Confession:** Romans 12:2

Scripture instructs us, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." This challenge is one we have not met perfectly this week. Therefore, let us join together in our prayer of confession.

***Prayer of Confession:**

You know, Lord Jesus, how easy it is for us to conform to the world around us. Without constant vigilance, we begin to accept as normal the selfish and sinful patterns of our secular culture. This week, we all had moments of conformity, where we ignored your word and your expectations of righteousness.

But you, Jesus, never made that mistake. Your earthly life modeled the way of righteousness, just as you opened the way to righteousness. Forgive us for thinking that the way of the world could bring us more life. Help us to be uncomfortable in our culture, and at peace with you.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY— Our study on the Gospel of John continues! Come join us for an exploration of the Gospel written by the beloved disciple. Men meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, including *THIS* Tuesday, February 14 at noon. All men, including newcomers, are welcome!

BIBLE APP STUDY— Join us for a read through the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) **continuing TODAY with Mark 13**. We use the Bible app from YouVersion, available for free in the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. See the Monday Email for a link, or contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

CCPC YOUTH GROUP (NO H.S.TODAY) — Students who are in 6th through 8th grades gather on Wednesdays at 6pm (including this week) for CCPC Youth Group. All 9th-12th graders meet Sunday evenings from 4:30-6pm, prior to our evening service. **NOTE: We will not have high school Youth Group tonight. We will resume meeting NEXT Sunday, February 19.** Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions. *Invite a friend to join you!*

YOUTH GROUP CONFERENCES 2023 — CCPC Youth Ministry is thrilled to offer an amazing experience for our rising 6th-12th grade students! In the summer of 2023, we will be attending two separate conferences as a group! The Quest Conference, taking place 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. Pick up a brochure at the Hub or go to: <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/youth-conferences>. **Deadline for the initial deposit is February 19.**

KID'S MINISTRY PROGRAMMING — CCPC Kids continue our journey by looking at the life of Jesus in the Gospels. February's theme is "How To..." , what did Jesus teach? This theme is included in I.D. at 9am Sunday mornings, during Kid's Worship and "Wiggles" (evening service), and during Wednesday night L.I.F.E. at 6pm. Contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

SAVE-THE-DATE: EGGSTRAVAGANZA 2023 — Easter is right around the corner and that means that Eggstravaganza will be upon us! Spread the word to family and friends that we will have food, fun, and a whole lot of eggs on Saturday, April 1, here at the church! As always, we're looking for candy donations, so speak with Amanda Fuls to find out more.

CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

THROUGH DECEMBER 2022:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$563,900**
 Actual Operating Revenues: **\$598,110**
 Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$547,971**
 Actual Operating Expenses: **\$550,648**

FEBRUARY 5 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **220**
 AM Livestream Total: **96**
 PM In-Person Total: **31**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE— February 22 is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the season of Lent, as we prepare for the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. Service begins at 6pm and will also be live streamed.

DOOR HANG ADVERTISING DISTRIBUTION— We continue to invite everyone to stop by the Fellowship Hall after service and select a section(s) of the Wausau area (it can be your neighborhood and/or any other area) to pray over and distribute door hang ads! Please mark the large map with the general area/streets at which you'll be distributing along with your name. We also ask that you complete what you've selected. Return extras to the church, but you are welcome to take more, as well. **We have so much more of our area to cover!** See Drew Bouché with questions.

SNOWSHOE AND C.C. SKI EVENT— All are invited to join the Venture Crew on Saturday, February 18, from 6-8:30pm, for an evening of cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Rick and Paula Barnes are volunteer ski instructors with the Wausau Nordic Ski Club and have generously put on this event at Nine Mile Chalet. If you are snowshoeing, the Barnes and Hockers have extra pairs of shoes for you to borrow for free. Ski rentals are \$5, with a ski trail pass being \$8 and the snowshoe trail being \$5. Please let Paula know of your need of ski rentals by February 17. If you have any questions, contact Rick (715-297-5650, rickbarnes@mtc.net), Paula (715-571-7986, rapbarn@mtc.net), or Bob and Melanie Hocker (715-581-1278, rmhocker@gmail.com).

PER CAPITA FEE— The Per Capita fee our church pays to the denomination (for each member) is \$38 in 2023. If you would like to offset this fee, you can make a donation to CCPC and mark your donation as "Per Capita". This can also be donated through our website. CCPC pays our entire Per Capita in the first three months of the year.

CCPC 101—Would you like to know more about CCPC, our beliefs, and our ministries? Thinking about making this your church home? Join us in the Bouldin Hall conference room immediately following worship on Sunday, February 26. We will provide food and childcare for this event that typically runs 1 hour and 30 minutes. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) to RSVP.

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

2023 MISSION AUCTION & SHOE SALE— Our annual Mission Auction "Hope to the Nations" will take place Saturday, March 4 at 4pm! We are now taking item donations (only new items, please). Donation forms can be found at The Hub, or submit your item(s) on our website. Drop your items off with staff, who will make sure they get to the right room. **NOTE: Individual items do not need to be \$100 in value. We will take new items that are of a lesser value. If you are interested in contributing ethnic/national recipes to our tapas (appetizer) meal, and/or helping with setup, please check the box on the back of today's Connection Card, or contact Laura Siebert (laura.siebert1@gmail.com).** You can also check the Connection Card to help put up posters around town.

BRIDGE ST. MISSION SOBER LIVING MEALS— There are plenty of dates open to give of your time and talents to feed the men at the Bridge St. sober living home. You are asked to prepare the meal ahead of time and then serve, with cleanup being taken care of by the residents. Please see the signup at the counter by the name tags. You can also contact Kari Kufahl (kari.kufahl@gmail.com) with any questions.

***Assurance of Pardon:** Psalm 118:21-23
David writes, "I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes." Christ is the cornerstone of our faith, and the author of our salvation. Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

***Gloria Patri**

Children's Message

[Children may come forward and be seated on the stage.]

Period of Fellowship

***Hymn:** "This is My Song" (vs. 1,2) #415

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 19:1-29 Page 15

Special Music: "Follow Me" Herb Westlund

New Testament Reading: 2 Peter 2:1-10a Page 237

Sermon: "The Covenant Couple: Fire and Brimstone" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "Take My Life" (vs. 1,5,6) #697

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer See Page 4

Offering

Offertory Music: "The Battle Belongs to the Lord" JeHae Kim-Bixby

***Doxology**

***Retirement of the Colors**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction:** "Our God is an Awesome God" (x1) #616

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!

Worship Leader: Deb Tice

The Hub: Terri Goldsworthy

Acolytes: Abby Wensel
& Zoë Gates

Usher Lead: Jesse Lawton

Slides: Craig Spangler

Elder Greeter: Bob Gebauer
& Julie Nelson

Fellowship: Calvin Fraaza
& Emily Furlano

Greeters: Ron Pufall & Kay Storm

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
(Aspirus)

Stella Lamping
(Home)

Cheryl Lenz
(Colonial Center in Colby)

Jerry Pearson
(Pride TLC)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
9AM	I.D./CONFIRM.	6PM	DARTBALL	12PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	1PM	RETIRED SINGLES SMALL GROUP
10AM	WORSHIP		MAKE-UP DATE	6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	KID'S L.I.F.E.
11:15AM	WOMEN'S SM. GRP.					6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL					6PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
6PM	WORSHIP					7PM	ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					9AM	I.D./CONFIRM.
4:30PM	FAITH & FITNESS					10AM	WORSHIP
						11:15AM	WOMEN'S SM. GRP.
						4PM	BAND REHEARSAL
						4:30PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
						6PM	WORSHIP

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.