

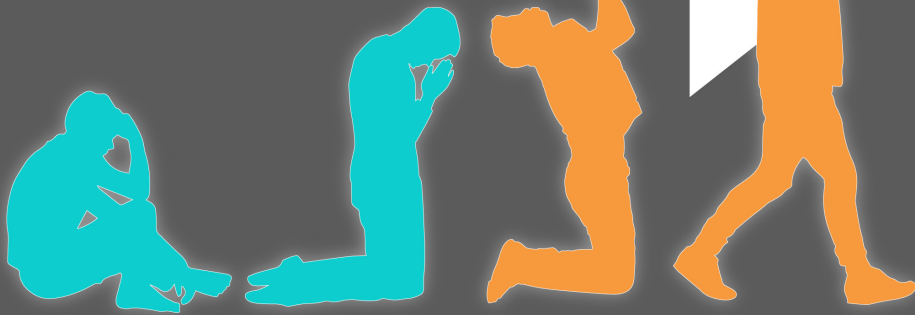


COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

FORWARD
FROM BROKENNESS TO WHOLENESS



— GOD'S CALL TO MOVE —

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, 2021 - 10 A.M.

FORWARD
FROM BROKENNESS TO WHOLENESS:
TURN INTO

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:

JeHae Kim-Bixby

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:

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

***Hymn:** "Standing on the Promises" (vs. 1,4) Leader: Jay St. Clair

***Call to Confession:**

In Daniel 6, Daniel is arrested for practicing his faith, but refuses to stop. In Acts 5, the apostles are arrested and beaten, and they give thanks for the honor of suffering for Jesus. Our path as a church is much easier than Daniel's, or the apostles', but they raise an important question: if following Jesus was illegal, would you be convicted? Let us reflect on this as together we offer our prayer of confession.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord Jesus, we pray today that we could be found worthy of suffering for your name. We want to live out your radical message of grace, hope and love in such a way as to make the world uncomfortable. Forgive us for all the ways we allow ourselves to be conformed to our world; instead, transform us today by the renewing of our minds. Too often we simply blend in; today, we pray you would help us to stand out – to be different.

Holiness is a standard we cannot attain on our own; but through the power of the Holy Spirit, we know it is possible to live obediently to you, and to make

life-changing invitations for others to do the same. Guide us to the next steps of our own relationship with you, and place on our hearts today the names of those to whom we are being sent, as ambassadors of your heavenly kingdom.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

***Assurance of Pardon:**

2 Corinthians 5:20-21

"So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." Believe the gospel; in Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

Congregational Response: "Blest Are They" (vs. 5, Chorus)

Children's Message

Period of Fellowship

Proclaiming the Word

Old Testament Reading: Daniel 6:5-13 NRSV Bible

Special Music: Jay St. Clair

New Testament Reading: Matthew 5:1-12 NRSV Bible

Sermon: Forward from Brokenness to Wholeness: Jim Gates
Turn Into

Responding to the Word

***Hymn:** "In My Life (Be Glorified)" (vs. 1,3) Leader: Jay St. Clair

The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory Music: JeHae Kim-Bixby

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:** "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE— *THIS* Wednesday, February 17 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 for both in-person and live-stream worship.

CCPC ENDOWMENT GIFTS/MATCHING GIFTS—Join us in kicking off our CCPC Endowment Fund this year! We invite you to consider a "Founder's Gift" of \$500. We are also blessed to have been given a matching gift donation of \$25,000 towards the fund! The minimum gift to be matched must be no less than \$2,500. Pledges for this matching gift must be made by April 15, 2021, with payment deadline set for December 31, 2021. For more information about giving to the endowment fund, please go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/endowment>.

25TH ANNUAL MISSION AUCTION (ONLINE)—This year's 25th Annual Mission Auction will be a little different. From Sunday, March 7 through Sunday, March 14 you will be able to bid *ONLINE* for our amazing items! We invite you to get your creative juices flowing and contribute an item(s) to be bid on (minimum value of \$100). If you choose to do so, we will need specific information submitted electronically to Kari Kufahl at Kari.Kufahl@gmail.com no later than Friday, February 26, with items being at the church by February 28. You can call or text Kari with any questions at 715-870-6615. **Please note that we are not specifically targeting business donations directly this year, so we are relying on YOU and your contacts to help.** You can also learn more by going to our website at <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/ccpc-auction>.

WINTER L.I.F.E. SERIES (KIDS & ADULTS)—L.I.F.E. Kids and L.I.F.E. Adults are coming together for a multi-generational experience occurring every Wednesday from February 24 through March 24 at 6pm. We will be studying Passover and the celebratory meal called a Seder. Jesus and his disciples were partaking in the Seder during what we refer to as "The Last Supper." Passover was traditionally the only Jewish holiday observed in the home and not at the temple. This class is for all to participate in! If you have kids in your home, this is designed for your household to do together. Join us for a Lenten Seder experience either in person or virtually via Zoom. Registration is required, so please go to the following web address to do so: <https://covenantcommunitypc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/720244>
The following is the Zoom login information:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84792922837?pwd=RzZyT09rcTNoVWVja09FOXYrWGZEUT09>
Meeting ID: 847 9292 2837 Passcode: SEDER
Contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) or Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

ORDER SCRIP!—There are three ways to order your Scrip cards for occasions like Valentine's Day! Place your order by submitting a form (found at the Scrip table in the Narthex or in our weekly emails) and sending it to *Ken Zblewski* at kenzblewski@yahoo.com or *Kate Lillie katelyn.lillie@yahoo.com*. You can also call Ken at 715-393-5885 or Kate at 715-581-9666. Another way to order is by using touchless gift giving. This new app, brought you by RaiseRight, allows for gift card orders for others, or you can load them right to your phone for yourself! Download the RaiseRight app to get started. Our CCPC enrollment code is 5AA91AB743865.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

WOMEN'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, February 16, at noon via Zoom. All women are welcome! Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) for the Zoom information.

READING THE GOSPELS TOGETHER: THE BOOK OF MARK—Join Jim Gates in reading through the the Gospels and currently in the Book of Mark. The group is using the Bible app from YouVersion (find in the Apple or Google app store). You do not have to download the app to join the group. Simply go to <https://bible.com/p/37068274/03789ac0ed2773f940795764f2ec0718> and get started via your web browser (or simply read a chapter-a-day in your hardcopy Bible). We are currently in Mark 6, so feel free to join us! Let's read the stories of Jesus together as a church family!

PRAYER MEETINGS—Our weekly Prayer Meeting continues via Zoom every Wednesday night at 6pm, including *THIS* Wednesday, February 17. 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

BOOK CLUB—The Book Club invites you to join them (Hosted by Terry Geurink)! The discussion will be about "Forever Changed" by Jim Servi and will take place Monday, February 22 at 6:30pm. If you would like to participate, please contact Judy Dorn (jajudorn@charter.net) for more information.

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

NURSERY IS OPEN!—The nursery in the Narthex is now open! Please note that we are not providing an attendant, so a parent must be with their child. Adults are expected to wear a mask and social distance; however, the children do not need to do so. By using the nursery, parents must understand and assume all risks for your child and family.

YOUTH GROUP VIA ZOOM—All students grades 6th-12th grade are invited to join us online, using Zoom, *THIS* coming Wednesday at 6pm. If you would like to see video messages and materials from previous weeks, please go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/youth-group>. If you have any questions, contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org).

YOUTH I.D.—Youth Institute of Discipleship has *THREE* classes (6th & 7th; Confirmation; 9th & 12th) via Zoom *AND* in person at 9am every Sunday morning.

KIDS I.D.—Kids ID starts in a large group via Zoom and in person, followed by a breakout into two groups (PreK-1st & 2nd-5th grades). Each group will need their own device if you are with us from home. Join us every Sunday at 9am!