

## LIVE-STREAM

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## DELIVER US FROM EVIL: OUR DELIVERER

Exodus 18:5-12 & Mark 11:1-25

COVENANT COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 18, 2024

10AM SERVICE

# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**Prelude:** "We Declare Your Majesty" JeHae Kim-Bixby

## Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

The Lord's Prayer concludes with "deliver us from evil," and this is what Jesus will accomplish in Mark 11-16. This final third of the Gospel of Mark is the final week of Jesus' pre-resurrection life, and includes his ultimate victory over sin and death. In this season of Lent, where do you need to experience deliverance from evil? What would it look like for you to partner with Jesus in this work of deliverance?

## Welcome & Announcements

## Lighting of the Candles

**\*Call to Worship:** Exodus 6:6-7

Say therefore to the Israelites,  
**I am the LORD, and I will free you from the burdens of the Egyptians and deliver you from slavery to them.**

*I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment.  
I will take you as my people, and I will be your God.*

**\*Hymn:** "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" (vs. 1,2,3) #35

**\*Call to Confession:** Mark 11:17

Jesus cleanses the Temple, exclaiming, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations, but you have made it a den of robbers." We too are called to be Temples of the Holy Spirit, and we also need Jesus to come and cleanse us today. Let us join together in our prayer of confession.

**\*Prayer of Confession:**  
**Jesus, deliver us from evil. We need deliverance from all that divides us from you and from each other. We need deliverance from spiritual enemies. We need deliverance from our own sinful hearts and choices.**

**Grant us the faith that moves mountains, so that we might forgive all those against whom we hold hurt or anger. Grant us the faith that moves mountains, so that we might be forgiven, and know that we have already received all that we ask for in your name.**

*(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)*

**ADULT L.I.F.E.** — Adult L.I.F.E. continues *THIS* Wednesday, February 21 with our Sermon Discussion Group. All adults are invited to join us from 6-7pm in the Cry Room to dig deeper into today's sermon.

**BIBLE APP STUDY** — Join Jim Gates in reading the entire Bible this year in Chronological order using the Bible App by YouVersion. You can join us at anytime! Just download the Bible App from the Apple Store or Google Play for free and contact Jim Gates for the invitation.

## YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

**YOUTH GROUP** — Middle School Youth meet from 6-7:30pm, and High School Youth meet from 6:30-8pm on Wednesday nights. This week we will be having dinner together at Pizza Ranch! Please bring \$5 to contribute and meet at the church at our regular meet-up times (6 and 6:30pm).

**KIDS L.I.F.E.** — At Kids L.I.F.E., we gather on Wednesdays at 6pm to strengthen our friendship with Jesus and each other. Living in Faith Every Day is a bright spot in our week and there is a group for every age!

**WORSHIP & WIGGLES** — Worship & Wiggles is for 2 and 3-year-olds during Sunday worship. It is designed for our littlest worshipers to make new friends and learn about God's love. Toddlers gather in the Cry Room after the Children's Message dismissal, and have Bible Story time before they "play with a purpose" and participate in the worship service from the Cry Room/Nursery.

**THE GREAT ESCAPE 2024** — We are excited to be returning to The Great Escape in Green Lake, WI July 8-13! All rising 6th-9th graders are invited to go, as a group, for an amazing week of fellowship, worship, team-building, and fun! Cost for each student is \$400, with a \$100 deposit due TODAY. Register on our website. Scholarships are available!

**SAVE-THE-DATE - EGGSTRAVAGANZA!** — One of CCPC's biggest events returns on Saturday, March 23 from 8:30-11am. Join us for a wonderful morning including breakfast, crafts and games, a petting zoo, and TWO egg hunts at 9am and 10am. To sign your kiddos up for the hunts, or if you would like to volunteer for the event, go to [www.covenantcommunitypc.org/eggs](http://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/eggs). Call Kim Baumann at 715-302-0801 if you have any questions about the event or volunteering. You can also mark your interest in helping on the back of today's Connection Card. **NOTE: We are in need of a large amount of easter candy, specifically the kind that can fit in eggs. Please drop them off with Amanda Fuls or in the church office.**

## CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

### ALL OF 2023:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$572,700**  
Actual Operating Revenues: **\$596,803**  
Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$545,900**  
Actual Operating Expenses: **\$546,138**

### FEBRUARY 11 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **242**  
AM Livestream Total: **100**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHANGE TO SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE** — Our 6pm Sunday night service will be moving to 11am on Sunday mornings, beginning *NEXT* Sunday, February 25th! This change will not effect our 10am service, except that you will pass by the 11am service while it is in process on your way to donuts. Moving to Sunday morning will hopefully enable more people to attend; it will also allow us to have children's programming at the 11am hour and reduce the work for our volunteers and staff. February 25 will be our "soft open", and we'll have a month to iron out any details. Then, April 7th will be our "grand opening," hopefully coinciding with some outreach to the community. Of course, visitors are welcome all the time and so are you!

**OVERSIGHT OF CHURCH GROUNDS** — The Administration Committee wants to thank Dave and Sara Farrar, as they will take responsibility for the exterior portion of the church's property. Dave will also be the Administration Committee's liaison for all our building and grounds contractors (from lawn care to electricians). If you have any questions or concerns regarding the church grounds, please contact Dave at 715-846-8838 or [farrara1dave@frontier.com](mailto:farrara1dave@frontier.com).

## MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

**SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS** — As we transition to our new Sunday morning schedule, we continue to look for new faces to join our volunteer teams for both services. If you are interested in greeting, security, video/audio, or Kids Ministry roles in our nursery and Children's Church, please make your mark on today's Connection Card! Even if you are just interested, you are welcome to join us after 10am worship in Bouldin Hall, TODAY, for a "walk-through" of Sunday morning responsibilities.

**CCPC AUCTION 2024** — Our 27th Annual CCPC Auction will take place Saturday, March 2, 2024! As always, the dinner will be served at 5pm before the Live Auction begins. This year we will travel back in time to visit our "Divine Diner" featuring classic comfort foods with an elevated twist. We will have a Sock Hop in the Kids Room with crafts, music, and games to coincide with the live auction. Dinner tickets can be purchased in advance at the Hub or online. Adult tickets are \$20 and kid's tickets (12 and under) are \$15 and include a wristband for the Sock Hop (tickets are available online or at the Hub on Sunday mornings)! As if that weren't enough, we'll be selling shoes beginning at 4. We will have a pre-sale, just for shoes, on Friday March 1st from 5-7pm. Our entire event will be in-person. If, however, you cannot attend and would like to deputize a proxy bidder, we can help with that process.

## BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — The women's Bible study is currently studying the book of Isaiah and meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 12pm, including *THIS* Tuesday, February 20. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Gates at [jim@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

### \*Assurance of Pardon:

Mark 11:25

Jesus says, "Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses." Believe the good news; in Christ, all who forgive are also forgiven. Thanks be to God!

### Amen!

\***Congregational Response:** "Lead On, King Eternal" (vs. 3) #269

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** Today we celebrate the baptism of Ashtyn Mae Schmitt, daughter of Ryan Schmitt and Megan Nowinsky.

### Children's Message

### Period of Fellowship

\***Hymn:** "Prepare the Way, O Zion" (vs. 1,2) #106

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**Old Testament Reading:** Exodus 18:5-12 Page 64

**Special Music:** "What A Friend" CCPC Choir

**New Testament Reading:** Mark 11:1-25 Page 47

**Sermon:** "Deliver Us From Evil: Our Deliverer" Jim Gates

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\***Hymn:** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (vs. 1,2) #65

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer:** See Page 4

**Ministry Celebration:** CCPC Audio/Visual Team

### Offering

**Offertory Music:** "On Eagle's Wings" JeHae Kim-Bixby

### \*Doxology

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### Announcements

### \*Benediction

\***Choral Benediction:** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (vs. 3) #65

## 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 across from the sanctuary
- † Activity bags for children are available in the Narthex.
- † Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for donuts, cookies, juice, coffee, and fellowship!

### 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

**Acolytes:** Piper Dupuis & Sophia Haulotte

**Elder Greeters:** Kari Kufahl  
& Sheldon Rouse

**Greeters:** Judy & Larry Geurink

**The Hub:** Deb Wakefield

**Livestream:** Jack Dupuis

**Slides:** Josh Werner

**Usher Lead:** Bobby Dupuis

**Gatekeeper:** Kyle Shinkle

## 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)

**Dave Vachowiak**  
(Forest Park Village)

**Howie Pries**  
(Pride TLC)

**Wynn Jones**

## THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION	7PM	DARTBALL AT HOME	3PM	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	1PM	RETIRED SINGLES SMALL GROUP
10AM	WORSHIP			6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	ADULT/KIDS LIFE
11:15AM	WOMEN'S STUDY					6:30PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
6PM	BIBLE STUDY					7PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
							CHOIR PRACTICE
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					8:30AM	BAND REHEARSAL
						9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION
						10AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
						11AM	PRAISE WORSHIP
						11:15AM	WOMEN'S STUDY

For more details about CCPC programming, refer to the next couple of pages in this bulletin, go to [www.covenantcommunitypc.org](http://www.covenantcommunitypc.org), or call the church office at 715-359-6467.