

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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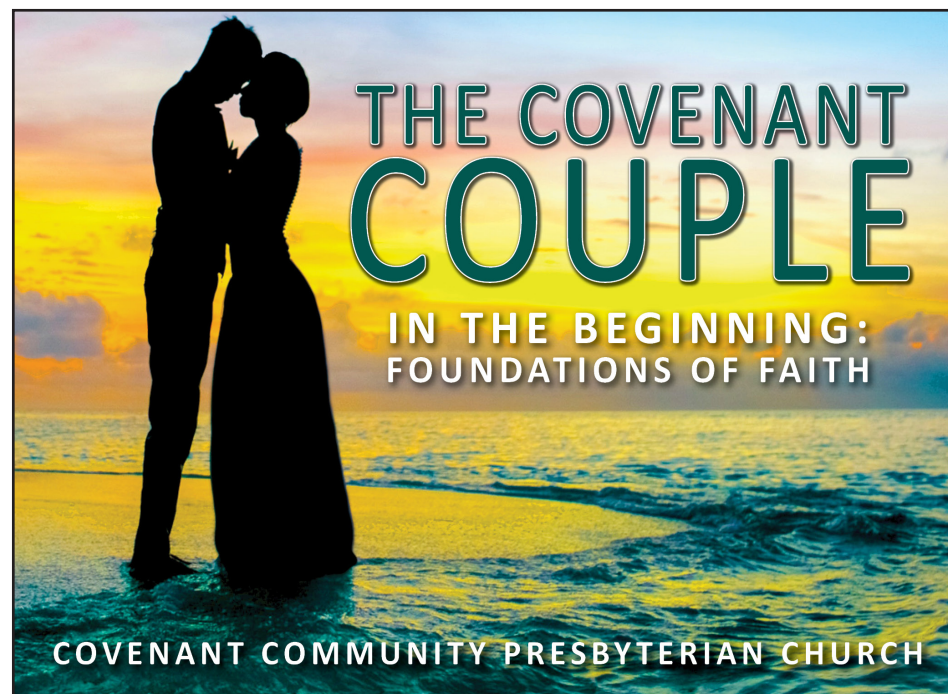
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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 2023 - 10 A.M.

THE COVENANT COUPLE: PASSING FAITH'S TESTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "God of Grace and God of Glory" Les Fraaza

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:

Call to Worship:

1 Chronicles 16:23-24

Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations,

His marvelous works among all the peoples.

***Hymn:** "For All the Saints" (vs. 1,2,3) #326

***Call to Confession:** James 5:16

James tells us to make a public confession of sin, saying, "Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed."

Obedient to this command, we together offer our prayer of confession.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord God, we confess our iniquities to you today. In what we have done, and in what we have left undone, we have sinned. When the tests and trials of faith have come, we have sometimes given up or given in.

But your word says that no testing has come to us that is not common to everyone; moreover, you promise not to test us beyond our strength; you provide a way out so that we can endure in faithfulness. Forgive us for our stumbles, and direct us again to your Son, who is the way, and the truth, and the life. In His name, we pray.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

BIBLE APP STUDY— Join us for a read through the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) **continuing TODAY with Luke 4**. We use the Bible app from YouVersion, available for free in the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) to take part.

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS — **There is no MS Youth Group this week because of Ash Wednesday Service.** All 9th-12th graders will meet **TONIGHT**, prior to our evening service, from 4:30-6pm (**NOTE: HS meeting time will change to 4-5:30pm NEXT Sunday, February 26**). Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions. *Invite a friend to join you!*

KID'S MINISTRY PROGRAMMING; NO L.I.F.E. THIS WEEK — 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 (**NOTE: There is no Kid's L.I.F.E. this week because of Ash Wednesday Service**). Contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

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 registration and the initial deposit has been pushed back to April 2!**

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.

SAVE-THE-DATE: SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S. REVEAL PARTY — To all Sr. and Jr. Agents, we will be having our mission ending reveal party on Sunday, March 12 after service. If you plan on attending in person or via Zoom, please contact Jason Fandrey at jason.fandrey@gmail.com. More details to come!

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 12 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **195**

AM Livestream Total: **94**

PM In-Person Total: **22**

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.

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 *NEXT* 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.

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.

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

2023 MISSION AUCTION & SHOE SALE — Our annual Mission Auction & Shoe Sale, "Hope to the Nations" will take place Saturday, March 4 at 4pm! The event will include the shoe sale and silent auction items (beginning at 4pm), "Around the World" meal (beginning at 5pm), a live auction (beginning at 6pm), and "It's a Small World" kids experience with crafts and fair games (also beginning at 6pm). Tickets for the meal are available at The Hub and on our website! Cost is \$15 for adults and \$7 for kids. Please present proof of purchase at the event if you bought your tickets online. *An advance shoe sale will take place Friday, March 3 from 5-8pm.*

2023 MISSION AUCTION & SHOE SALE VOLUNTEERS — If you are interested in contributing ethnic/national recipes to our "Around the World" tapas (small plate) meal, and/or helping with setup, contact Laura Siebert (laura.siebert1@gmail.com or 715-297-2186). There is always a need for volunteers! From working the cashier desk, to pointing out bids in the crowd at the live auction... we need some assistance everywhere! Contact Jim Gates to inquire about how you can be a part of the event! Finally, if you still have items that you'd like to contribute for silent or live auction items, please contact Bev Werner (blw.cats@gmail.com; 715-298-2052).

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.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

WOMEN'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. Women meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, including *THIS* Tuesday, February 21 at noon. All women, including newcomers, are welcome!

***Assurance of Pardon:** *Psalm 103:10-12*
David writes, "He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us." Hear the good news; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

***Congregational Response:** "The Lord is My Salvation" See Screens

Children's Message

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

Period of Fellowship

***Hymn:** "Shall We Gather at the River" (vs. 1,4) #375

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 22:1-19 Page 17

Special Music: "If You Love Me" CCPC Choir

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 11:8-19 Page 225

Sermon: "The Covenant Couple: Passing Faith's Tests" Amanda Fuls

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "The Church's One Foundation" (vs. 1,2,5) #321

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer See Page 4

Offering

Offertory Music: "He Leadeth Me" JeHae Kim-Bixby & Les Fraaza

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "For All the Saints" (vs. 5) #326

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
Acolytes: Oliver & Emily Fandrey
Elder Greeter: Kari Kufahl & Shelby Waraksa
Greeters: Taylor & Kristie Smith
The Hub: Deb Wakefield
Usher Lead: Craig Briggs
Slides: Josh Werner
Fellowship: David & Sara Farrar

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*)
Cheryl Lenz (*Colonial Center in Colby*)
Jerry Pearson (*Pride TLC*)
Stella Lamping (*Home*)

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 AT ST. MATTHEWS	12PM	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	3PM	FOOD PANTRY
10AM	WORSHIP			6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
11:15AM	WOMEN'S SM. GRP.						
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL						
4:30PM	HS YOUTH GROUP						
6PM	WORSHIP						
<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

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