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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, 2023 - 10 A.M.

THE NEXT GENERATIONS:
A MARRIAGE JOURNEY

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" 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:

Isaiah 62:3,5

*You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
And a royal diadem in the hand of your God.*

*For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your Builder marry you,
And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.*

***Hymn:** "Faith of Our Fathers" (vs. 1,2,3) See Screens

***Call to Confession:**

Paul writes, "I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by its cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ." We acknowledge that we too can be led astray, and so we gather together to confess our sins.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord Jesus, we promised to be loving and faithful to you, yet we have not met that standard fully this week. In our actions, and in our thoughts, we have not perfectly adhered to a sincere and pure devotion to you.

We repent of our unfaithfulness this week. We turn from others, and turn back to you. Be our firm foundation; be the rock upon which we stand. We devote ourselves to your gospel, your Spirit, and your Lordship today.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

RETIRED SINGLES SMALL GROUP— Our retired singles small group meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1pm, typically here at the church for fellowship and devotionals. **However, THIS Wednesday, March 1 the group will be meeting at Chang Garden in Weston at 1pm** for wonderful food and company. Contact Bonnie Rogers (rogersski1@gmail.com or 715-370-7618) with any questions.

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

CCPC YOUTH GROUP— Students who are in 6th through 8th grades gather on Wednesdays at 6pm (including this week) for CCPC Youth Group. **All 9th-12th graders will meet Sunday evenings from 4pm-5:30pm (including TODAY)**, prior to our evening service. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions. *Invite a friend to join you!*

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.

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 is 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 19 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **202**
AM Livestream Total: **82**
PM In-Person Total: **33**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW COMMUNITY BOARD — We are thrilled to bring a new form of connection and communication here at CCPC in the form of a Community Board located in the Fellowship Hall. This place of information is for work offered and needed, business cards, items for sale or that are needed, and volunteer opportunities outside of our church community. This new ministry will be strictly administered with a drop box for all requests and items. Please do not post anything without leaving a request in the box or speaking to Drew Bouché (drew@covenantcommunitypc.org) or Dave and Sara Farrar (farrara1dave@frontier.com or farrarsara1962@gmail.com). A huge thank you to the Farrars for the idea and contributions!

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 *TODAY*. We will provide food and childcare for this event that typically runs 1 hour and 30 minutes.

DOOR HANG ADVERTISING DISTRIBUTION — We continue to invite everyone to 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! Want an activity to get your family together? Maybe you have a small group or Bible study group that could go out together. This campaign will continue for as long as we need to get the word out around the Wausau area... and we still have so many neighborhoods to cover! Please see Drew Bouché in the Fellowship Hall after worship!

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS — Aspect Foundation is searching for loving families that would like to volunteer to host one of our amazing students for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Families can give a student a place to sleep/study, daily meals, and a loving home. To learn more, contact Susan Zblewski at 715-573-7535 or szblewski@icloud.com or visit www.aspectfoundation.org.

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

2023 MISSION AUCTION & SHOE SALE — Our annual Mission Auction & Shoe Sale, "Hope to the Nations" is *THIS* 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 an escape room for kids (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 — There continues to be 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! Whether it's helping at the meal in the kid's escape room, there is no end to the needs! Speak with Jim Gates to inquire about how you can be a part of the event!

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

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 28 at noon. All men, including newcomers, are welcome!

***Assurance of Pardon:** *Ephesians 1:7-8a*
"In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us."
Believe 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:** "O God, You Are My God" (x2) #743

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 24:1-33, 50-67* Page 19

Special Music: "Fairest Lord Jesus" Handbell Choir

New Testament Reading: *2 Corinthians 11:1-4* Page 184

Sermon: "The Next Generations: A Marriage Journey" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" (vs. 1,2,4) See Screens

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer See Page 4

Offering

Offertory Music: "The Old Rugged Cross" Shannon Lodholz

*Doxology

Welcome of New Members:

Jim Lohff - Jim is joining CCPC by transferring from the former Merrill First Presbyterian church, where he served multiple terms as Elder. He is a lifer in the Presbyterian church, and Presbyterian historical records for Merrill shows Lohff family membership at First Pres Merrill since the 1890's!

Hilary Schreiber - Hilary and her husband James found CCPC in the fall of 2022. They have beautiful twin daughters, Addi and Ana, who are in 3rd grade, and Hilary's mother, Mary, has also been worshipping with us. Hilary is excited to be joining CCPC today!

***Affirmation of Faith:** *Apostles Creed* See Page 4

***Welcome Song:** "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" (vs. 1) #306

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (vs. 1) #611

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: Barb Lamping

Acolytes: Grace & Greta Spangler

Usher Lead: Jeff Kibler

Elder Greeter: Bob Warner
& Deb Tice

Fellowship: Shelby Waraksa

Youth Greeters: Graham & Violet Abt
Lauren & Evelyn Semrow

Gatekeeper: Kyle Baumann

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
(*Hospice House*)

Stella Lamping
(*Home*)

Cheryl Lenz
(*Colonial Center in Colby*)

Jerry Pearson
(*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 WESLEY	12PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	1PM	RETIRED SINGLES SMALL GROUP AT CHANG GARDEN
10AM	WORSHIP			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
4:30PM	HS YOUTH GROUP					7PM	ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE
6PM	WORSHIP						
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD	5PM	ADVANCE SHOE SALE	4PM	SILENT AUCTION & SHOE SALE STARTS	9AM	I.D./CONFIRM.
4:30PM	FAITH & FITNESS			5PM	MEAL BEGINS	10AM	WORSHIP
				6PM	LIVE AUCTION BEGINS	11:15AM	WOMEN'S SM. GRP.
				6PM	KIDS ACTIVITY RM.	4PM	BAND REHEARSAL
						4:30PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
						6PM	WORSHIP

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