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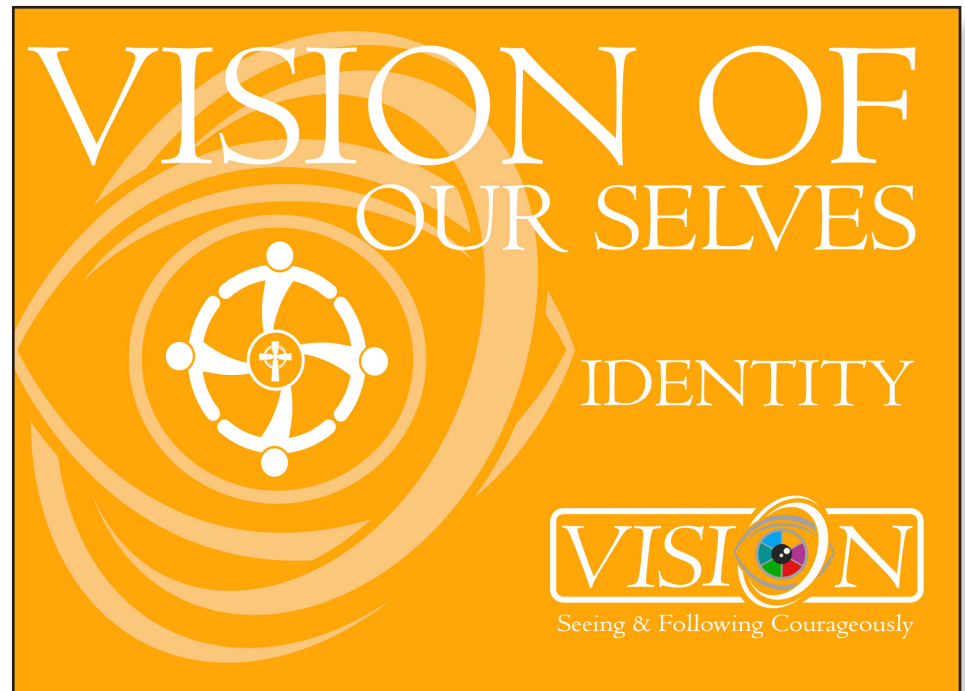


COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...

Changing lives forever!



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 2022 - 10 A.M.

VISION OF OUR SELVES:
A SELF LIKE JESUS

Prelude: "All Creatures of Our God and King" Lynn Theilig

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

Scripture challenges us to walk by faith, not by sight; to see the world through the eyes of Christ. What present, and future, does Jesus see when looking at our world? At your life? Where does God's vision compliment or conflict with the dreams you have for yourself, or the expectations others have for you? Prayerfully reflect this morning on how you might come to see God's vision with greater clarity.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship: Matthew 11:29-30 (**Heart**)

*Jesus says, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
For I am gentle and humble in heart,
And you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

***Hymn:** "I Danced in the Morning" (vs. 1,4,5) #157

***Call to Confession:** Philippians 2:5-8 (**Mind**)

"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross." Let's pray.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Holy Spirit, you instruct us to have the mind of Christ, but we do not easily embrace the humility that so defined our Lord. We puff ourselves up, while love builds up others. Forgive us.

Help us to empty ourselves and be filled with our Savior's humility and obedience. Equip us to think and feel like Jesus, to choose like Jesus, to act like Jesus, and to relate to others like Jesus. This we pray in His name.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

BIBLE READING PLAN - OLD TESTAMENT — We continue through the Old Testament on the Bible App. To join in any time, download the free Bible App (aka YouVersion) from the Apple or Google stores and click on the link included in your emails, or call the church for help anytime. If you want to follow along without the app, simply read three chapters a day, continuing **TOMORROW** with Numbers 27-29 (use today as a catch up day).

ADULT LIFE — We will not have L.I.F.E. this week because of Ash Wednesday, but will start a new course on March 9 that will dive into Apologetics. As always, this will be at 6pm (meals will not be served for the remainder of the spring).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Our women's Bible Study continues to meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, including **THIS** Tuesday, March 1 at 12pm in Bouldin Hall, and on zoom. We are currently looking at the minor prophets. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

"MIDDLE" SINGLES SMALL GROUP— Our small group for singles (those in the "middle" - not in their 20s and not retirement age) meets **WEEKLY** on Sundays during I.D. (9am) in the small conference room (next to Dan Frost's office). Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

NEW SMALL GROUP FOR RETIRED SINGLES— We are launching a new CCPC small group for people who are single and retired. **This group will meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1pm in the Cry Room, beginning March 16.** If you have questions or would like to learn more, please contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org)!

SALT & LIGHT YOUTH GROUP — Students who are in 6th through 8th grades gather on Wednesdays at 6pm for Salt & Light Youth Group (**NO meeting this week due to Ash Wednesday service. Resumes March 9**), with 9th through 12th graders meeting on Sunday nights, including **TONIGHT!** Contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

KID'S I.D. & KID'S L.I.F.E.— We will be starting "Page-Turner" theme in March for Kid's I.D. (*Sundays at 9am*) and Kid's L.I.F.E. (*Wednesdays at 6pm*), which is a look at Jesus' ministry. Parents, be checking your email for weekly/monthly details and be sure to check out our YouTube channel and Facebook Parent's Group! We upload teaching videos, keep parents connected, and continue our conversations from Sunday mornings/Wednesday evenings. *Note: There will be NO Kid's L.I.F.E. this Wednesday, March 2 due to the Ash Wednesday service. We will resume at 6pm on March 9.*

HIGHLIGHTS FOR MARCH & APRIL

- Ash Wednesday - **March 2**
- Online Auction Begins - **March 5**
- Invitation Sunday - **March 6**
- Reception and Gala - **March 12**
- Secret A.G.E.N.T.S. Reveal - **March 13**
- Eggstravaganza - **April 9**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE— Join us *THIS* Wednesday, March 2 for our Ash Wednesday service. This is 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.

INVITATION SUNDAY — Do you have a friend, family member, or coworker that you've been wanting to invite to church? Here's your opportunity to introduce them to our faith family as we kickoff Lent with a new mini series "Vision of God" *NEXT* Sunday, March 6. We'll also have all of our 26th Annual Auction items on display for folks to see! It's a great day to experience our community! Invitation Sunday cards will be distributed as you leave the Sanctuary today, so pick them up and give them to someone you'd like to bring to church.

SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S. REVEAL PARTY— The 2021-22 Secret A.G.E.N.T.S. reveal party will be taking place on Sunday, March 13 after worship in Bouldin Hall. It will be a great time of food, fellowship, and the kids learning who their Secret Agent is! For those who cannot be with us in person, we will have a Zoom component for participation. If you participated in the ministry this year and plan on attending, contact Jason Fandrey (jason.fandrey@gmail.com) to let him know who will be joining you.

JIM GATES SABBATICAL — Jim Gates will be going on sabbatical over a 3-month period this coming summer. This means that he will be unavailable for anything church related and will be away from the building from May 16 through August 14. Jess Wakefield will be filling in for the pastoral duties during that time, and the rest of the church staff will of course be available. If you have any questions, please contact Jim at jim@covenantcommunitypc.org.

MISSIONS

26TH ANNUAL MISSIONS AUCTION & GALA — The 26th Annual Mission Auction & Gala, "Carry the Light," will take place the week of March 5-12. This week-long, *ONLINE* event will conclude with an in-person reception/gala on Saturday, March 12. The reception (hors d'oeuvres/desserts and item viewing) begins at 5pm (*free ticket or online RSVP required to attend; available at the Hub and on our website*) with the gala beginning at 6pm (*tickets/RSVP is not necessary to attend*). For more information on all things auction related, please visit www.covenantcommunitypc.org/auction. **The online auction kicks off THIS Saturday, March 5 at 12am, so be on the lookout for an email with a link to get started and share with friends and family (you can also find the link to bidding on the auction page on our website)!**

PINE RIDGE, SD MISSION TRIP — This summer we will travel to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and work with Wings as Eagles ministries as we share hope with the children of the poorest community in the US. The trip will take place July 23-31 and is open to youth and adults (6th graders and up). We will allow 3rd-5th graders provided they are accompanied by a parent or adult relative, 21 or older. The deadline to signup is March 13. To learn more or to register, visit our website: www.covenantcommunitypc.org/pine-ridge.

*Assurance of Pardon:

Matthew 3:16-17 (Community)

"And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." Like Jesus, we too are washed and baptized into the family of God. Thanks be to God's Beloved Son! Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Children's Message:

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

Period of Fellowship

*Hymn: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" (1,2,4) #753

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9 (Soul) Page 670

Special Music: "Change My Heart/Lord, Be Glorified" CCPC Choir

New Testament Reading: John 20:24-29 (Body) Page 115

Sermon: Vision of Our Selves: A Self Like Jesus Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" (vs. 1,3,4) #353

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer See Page 4

Offering

Offertory Music: Caitlin Kyle

*Doxology

Welcome of New Members: Autumn Frost - Autumn is a senior at Wausau West High School where she is active in drama and music. She will be pursuing a double major in Worship Arts and Elementary Education at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago this fall. Autumn loves to write, sing, and explore the arts in her free time ... when she isn't working at Starbucks.

Don Ryd - Don was born and raised in Chicago and had a long career as a social worker in Wisconsin. He and his wife, Ellyn, have four children, with several grand, and great-grandchildren. They moved to Arizona after retirement in 1996, with Don returning to this area to be closer to family after Ellyn's passing in 2018. He is a born again believer and is looking forward to being a part of CCPC.

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

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction: "O God, You Are My God" #743

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

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 or Drew Bouché, 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/PERFORMERS

Thank you to all who make this morning's worship meaningful!

Worship Leader: Deb Tice

The Hub: Joan Jackson

Acolytes: Zoë Gates &
Allie VanSlyke

Live Stream: Abram Bouché

Slides: Megan Bouché

Elder Greeter: Deb Tice &
Jim Jackson

Fellowship: Dawn Rowland

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following folks who were recently in the hospital or reside in an assisted-care facility.

Tom Scott
(Home)

Dee Jenkins
(Home)

Don Hawkins
(Home)

Cheryl Lenz
(Colonial Center in Colby)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
9AM	I.D.	7PM	DARTBALL	NOON	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	6PM	ASH WED. SERVICE
9AM	SINGLES SMALL GROUP			7PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY		
10AM	WORSHIP						
6PM	HS YOUTH GROUP						
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD			12AM	ONLINE AUCTION BEGINS	9AM	I.D.
4:30PM	FAITH & FITNESS					9AM	SINGLES SMALL GROUP
						10AM	WORSHIP
						6PM	HS YOUTH GROUP

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.