

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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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH, 2023 - 10 A.M.

THE COVENANT COUPLE: INTERCESSORS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Jesus Saves" JeHae Kim-Bixby

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 Peter 2:9

You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood,

A holy nation, God's own people

In order that you may proclaim the excellence of him

Who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

***Hymn:** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" (vs. 1,2,3) #263

***Call to Confession:**

We are called a royal priesthood and given the responsibility of interceding in prayer on behalf of the world. Yet we have not always been faithful in that work. Trusting in God's mercy, let us pray.

***Prayer of Confession:**

O Lord God, we confess today that we undervalue the privilege of prayer. We are slow to speak to you, and even slower to listen when you speak to us. We neglect our responsibility to intercede in prayer for others. We sometimes doubt whether prayer matters at all.

Your word tells us that you so value your partnership with us, that you have changed your mind because of our prayers. Forgive us for our complacency in prayer and in faith. Help us in our weakness, Holy Spirit, so that we might live and pray and love as we ought.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

they get to the right room. **NOTE: Individual items do not need to be \$100 in value. We will take new items that are of a lesser value. If you are interested in contributing ethnic/national recipes to our tapas (appetizer) meal, and/or helping with setup, please check the box on the back of today's Connection Card, or contact Laura Siebert (laura.siebert1@gmail.com). You can also check the Connection Card to help put up posters around town.**

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 7 at noon. All women, including newcomers, are welcome!

BIBLE APP STUDY— Join us for a read through the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) **continuing TODAY with Mark 6**. We use the Bible app from YouVersion, available for free in the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. See the Monday Email for a link, or contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

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.

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 4:30-6pm (including *TODAY*), prior to our evening service. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions. *Invite a friend to join you!*

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 the initial deposit is February 19.**

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**

JANUARY 29 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **167**

AM Livestream Total: **102**

PM In-Person Total: **38**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — The annual congregational meeting will take place at the end of worship *TODAY*. We invite all members to join us and have your voice heard regarding our church and leadership. 2022 Annual Reports are available for you to follow along and get all the important information of this past year!

DOOR HANG ADVERTISING DISTRIBUTION — We invite everyone to stop by the Fellowship Hall after service and select a section of the Wausau area (it can be your neighborhood and/or any other area) to pray over and distribute door hang ads! Commit to as little or as much area as you and your family would like to do. 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! See Drew Bouché with questions.

SCOUT SUNDAY — Join us *NEXT* Sunday, February 12 for Scout Sunday at CCPC. This service will involve all of our scouting groups, along with special information about getting involved! Come and celebrate the history and value of scouting, along with its faith-based roots.

SNOWSHOE AND C.C. SKI EVENT— All are invited to join the Venture Crew on Saturday, February 18, from 6-8:30pm, for an evening of cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Rick and Paula Barnes are volunteer ski instructors with the Wausau Nordic Ski Club and have generously put on this event at Nine Mile Chalet. If you are snowshoeing, the Barnes and Hockers have extra pairs of shoes for you to borrow for free. Ski rentals are \$5, with a ski trail pass being \$8 and the snowshoe trail being \$5. Please let Paula know of your need of ski rentals by February 17. If you have any questions, contact Rick (715-297-5650, rickbarnes@mtc.net), Paula (715-571-7986, rapbarn@mtc.net), or Bob and Melanie Hocker (715-581-1278, rmhocker@gmail.com).

OLD GUYS RULE/LUNCH BUNCH— The Old Guys Rule men's group will meet *THIS* Thursday, February 9 at Pizza Ranch at noon. The Lunch Bunch will also meet on Thursday at noon here at the church. Women are invited to bring a lunch and help out with craft projects, as well as spend some time in prayer and devotionals. Contact Bob Warner (973-222-7112, bobw4860@gmail.com) for the men and Ruth Wrynski (715-409-0582, ruthiewry@charter.net) for the women.

PER CAPITA FEE — The Per Capita fee our church pays to the denomination (for each member) is \$38 in 2023. If you would like to offset this fee, you can make a donation to CCPC and mark your donation as "Per Capita". This can also be donated through our website. CCPC pays our entire Per Capita in the first three months of the year.

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

FAMILY MISSION CAMP 2023 — The 2023 Family Mission Camp will be at Spencer Lake Christian Center in Waupaca. We have partnered with local and global organizations to make an impact at home, and around the world. This will take place August 18-20. For more details and to register your family, go to: <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/all-family-mission-trip> or see the insert in today's bulletin. **Deadline for registration and the initial deposit is TODAY.**

2023 MISSION AUCTION & SHOE SALE — Our annual Mission Auction "Hope to the Nations" will take place Saturday, March 4 at 4pm! We are now taking item donations (only new items, please). Donation forms can be found at The Hub, or submit your item(s) on our website. Drop your items off with staff, who will make sure

***Assurance of Pardon:** Romans 8:33-34
"Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us." Believe the good news; even today, Christ intercedes for us with the Father. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Children's Message

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

Period of Fellowship

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading:	Genesis 18	Page 14
Special Music:	"At This Table There is Love"	CCPC Choir
New Testament Reading:	Romans 8:26-34	Page 158
Sermon:	"The Covenant Couple: Intercessors"	Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (vs. 1,2,4) #268

The Sacrament of Communion

Offering

Offertory Music: "Amazing Grace" JeHae Kim-Bixby

***Doxology**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction:** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" (vs. 4) #263

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: Stephanie Finamore Acolytes: Alex Janis & Eli Baumann Elder Greeter: Jim Jackson & Lynda Reis Greeters: Larry & Judy Geurink	The Hub: Dianne Abel Usher Lead: Jerry Trebus Slides: Josh Werner Fellowship: Tom & Carol Anklam Gatekeeper: Brett Kim-Bixby
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PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Mary Zuidema <i>(Renaissance in Wisconsin Rapids)</i>	Joyce Michna <i>(Fond du Lac)</i>	Mike Petterson <i>(Pride TLC)</i>
Stella Lamping <i>(Home)</i>	Cheryl Lenz <i>(Colonial Center in Colby)</i>	Jerry Pearson <i>(Pride TLC)</i>

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
9AM I.D./CONFIRM. 10AM WORSHIP 11AM CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 11:15AM WOMEN'S SM. GRP. 4PM BAND REHEARSAL 4:30PM HS YOUTH GROUP 6PM WORSHIP	6PM DARTBALL AT HOME	12PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6PM CELEBRATE RECOVERY	3PM FOOD PANTRY 6PM KID'S L.I.F.E. 6PM MS YOUTH GROUP 6PM BELL CHOIR PRACTICE 7PM ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
12PM OLD GUYS RULE AT PIZZA RANCH 12PM LUNCH BUNCH 2PM SHEEPSHEAD 4:30PM FAITH & FITNESS			9AM I.D./CONFIRM. 10AM WORSHIP 11:15AM WOMEN'S SM. GRP. 4PM BAND REHEARSAL 4:30PM HS YOUTH GROUP 6PM WORSHIP

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.