

LIVE-STREAM

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DELIVER US FROM EVIL: THE SECOND COMING

Daniel 7:11-14 & Mark 13:1-37

COVENANT COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 10, 2024

10AM SERVICE

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" 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

Lighting of the Candles

***Call to Worship:** Mark 13:24-27

But in those days, after that suffering,
The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,
And the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with power and great glory.
And he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds,
From the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

***Hymn:** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (vs. 1,2) #82

***Call to Confession:** Mark 13:33

Jesus commands us to "Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come." But we have lived focused on this life, rather than the next, as though the Day might never arrive. Let us confess our sins, and join together in prayer.

*Prayer of Confession:

Father, you foretold the coming of a new heaven and a new earth. Yet this week we have longed for more of this earth, rather than longing for your kingdom to come.

Jesus, you commanded us to "keep alert," but we have almost forgotten your promise to return. At times this week, we would have been shocked or ashamed if you appeared to gather us and saw what we were doing.

Holy Spirit, you are the deposit guaranteeing our eternal inheritance. Guide and partner with us, so that we can live prepared for the return of our King.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — The men's Bible study is currently studying the book of Isaiah and meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 12pm, including *THIS* Tuesday, March 12.

ADULT L.I.F.E. — Adult L.I.F.E. continues *THIS* Wednesday, March 13 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.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — Celebrate Recovery is a Bible-centered, recovery ministry that meets every Tuesday at 6pm in Bouldin Hall. It is for those who struggle with ANY hurt, hangup, or habit... from a grief and depression, to addiction and emotional struggles. Meetings are open to anyone... from our church or any other walk of life. It is a community group. Contact Drew Bouché (drew@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

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. Sign up at 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 on the back of today's Connection Card.

YOUTH GROUP — Middle School Youth meet from 6-7:30pm, and High School Youth meet from 6:30-8pm on Wednesday nights. **This week is "Teams, Teams, Teams." Come learn how to be the most amazing version of you!**

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 preschoolers during Sunday worship at 10am & 11am in the Nursery/Cry Room. It is designed for our littlest worshipers to make new friends and learn about God's love. They will have Bible Story time before they "play with a purpose."

CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

JANUARY OF 2024:
Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$68,904**
Actual Operating Revenues: **\$71,095**
Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$67,106**
Actual Operating Expenses: **\$57,965**

MARCH 3 ATTENDANCE:
10AM In-Person Total: **201**
10AM Livestream Total: **108**
11AM In-Person Total: **39**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 following the 11am worship (12pm) NEXT Sunday, March 17. Food and childcare will be provided. Please RSVP to Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) or Raissa Dupuis (raissa@covenantcommunitypc.org).

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE — We look forward to our Holy Week services coming up at the end of March! Palm Sunday services will take place on March 24 at 10am and 11am. Maundy Thursday service is on March 28 at 6pm, followed by Good Friday service on March 29 at 6pm. Easter Sunday services will be on March 31 at 8am and 10am, both being traditional services. As an added treat, our CCPC Praise Band will be playing in Bouldin Hall at the conclusion of the 10am service! Stop by with your family and enjoy some wonderful Easter worship music!

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE — Our 9am I.D. hour and 10am Traditional Service is the same, but you will notice that Sanctuary and hallway doors remain closed. This is solely for the purpose of controlling volume between the two services. We continue to encourage 10am worshippers to stay and fellowship after service, but ask that you please do so in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall, not in the hallway outside of Bouldin Hall at the start of our 11am Praise Service.

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS — 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!

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

CCPC SMALL GROUPS — Small groups are a wonderful opportunity to fellowship and grow in faith with brothers and sisters here at CCPC! Beginning in April, we want to provide this opportunity to those who are interested in committing to six meet-ups with your particular group. You can sign up at The Hub or contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) to let us know of your interest. We will follow up and put groups together based on any specific details like day, time, family needs, etc.

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 at anytime! Just download the Bible App from the Apple Store or Google Play for free, and contact Jim Gates for the invitation.

*Assurance of Pardon:

Mark 13:13

Hear the good news: Jesus has already redeemed us from our sins and from the grip of this world on our hearts. We simply must remain faithful to Jesus, for "the one who endures to the end will be saved." Thanks be to God.

Amen!

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

Children's Message

Period of Fellowship

***Hymn:** "O Christ, the Great Foundation" (vs. 1,3) #361

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Daniel 7:11-14 Page 828

Special Music: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" CCPC Choir

New Testament Reading: Mark 13:1-37 Page 50

Sermon: "Deliver Us From Evil: The Second Coming" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "The Days Are Surely Coming" (vs. 1,2,3) #357

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

Ministry Celebration: Worship & Wiggles

Offering

Offertory Music: "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" JeHae Kim-Bixby

***Doxology**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction:** "O Christ, the Great Foundation" (vs. 4) #361

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: Micah Fuls & Nella Fischer

Elder Greeters: Deb Tice
& Scott Bouffleur

Greeters: Beth Kohnert
& Karen Kelbley

The Hub: Deb Wakefield

Livestream: Derek Nelson

Slides: Asher Gates

Usher Lead: Bobby Dupuis

Gatekeeper: Jerry Trebus

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)

Dave Vachowiak
(Forest Park Village)

Wynn Jones

Joyce Michna
(Fond du Lac)

Howie Pries
(Pride TLC)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
8:30AM	BAND REHEARSAL	7PM	DARTBALL AT REDEEMER	3PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	3PM	FOOD PANTRY
9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION			6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
10AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP					6PM	ADULT/KIDS LIFE
11AM	PRAISE WORSHIP					6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
11:15AM	WOMEN'S STUDY					6:30PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
						7PM	CHOIR PRACTICE
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
10AM	CRAFT GROUP					8:30AM	BAND REHEARSAL
12PM	LUNCH BUNCH					9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					10AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
						11AM	PRAISE WORSHIP
						11:15AM	WOMEN'S STUDY
						12PM	CCPC 101

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.