

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.



COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH, 2023 - 10 A.M.

THE NEXT GENERATIONS:
A BROKEN BLESSING

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "How Majestic is Your Name" 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:

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,

To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen!

***Hymn:** "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!" (vs. 1,2,3) #839

***Call to Confession:**

Like our spiritual ancestors, we struggle to live at peace with our siblings and neighbors. Today we gather and confess our self-centered thoughts and actions as we make our prayer of confession.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Like Cain and Abel and Jacob and Esau, we easily descend into conflict with those around us – even in our closest relationships. We chase human blessings, rather than divine ones, and forget that your blessing, O God, cannot be exhausted.

Help us make peace with our brothers and sisters even as we come to your altar today. Forgive us for our earthly focus, and grant us a vision of your kingdom where any one's blessing is a blessing to all.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

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. ***This week we will have men and women TOGETHER on March 14 at noon.*** Next week, March 21, we will return to just the women (every 1st and 3rd Tuesday). Men are typically the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S. REVEAL PARTY— To all Sr. and Jr. Agents, we will be having our mission ending reveal party **TODAY** after service in Bouldin Hall. Please join us for food, fun conversation, and of course the big reveal of your Sr. Agents!

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. ***Please note that there will be no M.S. Youth Group March 22 due to spring break.***

KID'S MINISTRY PROGRAMMING— CCPC Kids continue our journey by looking at the life of Jesus in the Gospels. March's theme is "Changing Gears", a look at how Jesus can change anything. 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. ***Please note that there will be no Kid's L.I.F.E. March 22 due to spring break.***

YOUTH GROUP CONFERENCES 2023— CCPC Youth Ministry is thrilled to offer an amazing experience for our rising 6th-12th grade students! 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!***

EGGSTRAVAGANZA 2023 - DONATIONS/VOLUNTEERS— 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! We are looking for food donations of pancake mix, butter, syrup, eggs, and candy. We'll be stuffing plastic eggs on March 16, so candy donations must be turned in by March 15! We're also looking for **ALL KINDS** of volunteers. Speak with Amanda Fuls if you'd like to participate.

CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

THROUGH JANUARY 2023:

Actual Operating Revenues: **\$48,710**

Actual Operating Expenses: **\$47,153**

MARCH 5 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **223**

AM Livestream Total: **122**

PM In-Person Total: **24**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPIRITUAL GIFT INVENTORY — We invite ALL members of our faith family to participate in a Spiritual Gift Inventory. This is a wonderful opportunity to identify your spiritual strengths/gifts and see how they can be applied to serving within our community! Maybe you've been engaged in church programming, leadership, or missions and would like to explore new ways in which you can serve. You can fill out a hard copy version located in the Narthex and at The Hub, or feel free to do it digitally on our website. We'll include that link in our Monday email, as well. If you have any questions, please speak with Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

3 FOR 3 SUPPER CLUBS — During Lent, signup online or at the Hub for our 3 for 3 Supper Clubs! These clubs will be groups of 3 individuals/families that meet 3 times to share a meal together. This is simply an opportunity to fellowship and connect with members of our church family. You can meet in homes, at restaurants, or even have a picnic together. We will publish all the supper clubs after Easter, and then you can schedule your own events!

MAUNDY THURSDAY SEDER MEAL — Join us on Thursday, April 6 at 6pm for a Seder Dinner in the Fellowship Hall. This is a full meal, with all the special ceremony surrounding the observance of the Passover. It was a meal like this, celebrating the Passover, that Jesus shared with his disciples on the night he was betrayed. This service will include communion. If you plan on attending, please sign up at the Hub.

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. 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!

CHURCH CENTER APP — Did you know we have an app for church? We do! The Church Center App can be downloaded in the Apple Store and on Google Play. The app is a great way to access the online directory, as well as online giving, filling out a connection card, and staying up to date with upcoming events. Download it today!

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

MISSION AUCTION ITEM PICKUP — Please see the table in the Fellowship Hall if you still have an item to pick up from last weekend's auction. You can also speak with staff if you have a gift card to pickup.

BRIDGE ST. SOBER LIVING HOUSE VOLUNTEERS — The Mission Committee is looking for folks to cook and serve meals at the Sober Living Center every month (1st & 4th Tuesday, 4th Wednesday). Meals will be for 15-20 people. Guidance on how to do all of this can/will be arranged. You can sign up for these opportunities in 2023 at the counter by the name tags. If you have any questions, contact Kari Kufahl (kari.kufahl@gmail.com; 715-212-9159).

***Assurance of Pardon:** Ephesians 3:18-19
"I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." Thanks be to Jesus, who makes known the fullness of God's mercy, grace and love to us! **Amen.**

***Gloria Patri**

Children's Message

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

Period of Fellowship

***Hymn:** "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" (vs. 1,2,4) #804

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 27:31-45 Page 23

Special Music: "People Need the Lord" CCPC Choir

New Testament Reading: Genesis 27:31-45, Page 24
Ephesians 3:14-21 Page 193

Sermon: "The Next Generations: A Broken Blessing" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "God of Grace and God of Glory" (vs. 1,2,3) #307

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer See page 4

Offering

Offertory Music: "Everlasting Love" JeHae Kim-Bixby

***Doxology**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction:** "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" (vs. 5) #804

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	Usher Lead: Bobby Dupuis
Acolytes: Lucas & Paige Mathies	Slides: Josh Werner
Elder Greeter: Julie Trebus & Jim Jackson	Fellowship: Luke Coenen
The Hub: Barb Lamping	Gatekeeper: David Farrar

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>(Hospice House)</i>
Stella Lamping <i>(Home)</i>	Cheryl Lenz <i>(Colonial Center in Colby)</i>	Jerry Pearson <i>(Home)</i>

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
9AM	I.D./CONFIRM/ KID'S MUSIC	6PM	DARTBALL AT ST. MICHAELS	12PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	1PM	RETIRED SINGLES SMALL GROUP
10AM	WORSHIP			6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	KID'S L.I.F.E.
11:15AM	WOMEN'S SM. GRP.					6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
11:15AM	SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S. REVEAL PARTY					6PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL					7PM	ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE
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/ KID'S MUSIC
4:30PM	FAITH & FITNESS					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.