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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH, 2022 - 10 A.M.

VISION OF GOD: A GOD LIKE US

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart/Rejoice, The Lord is King" JeHae Kim-Bixby

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:

Isaiah 55:6, 8-9

*Seek the LORD while he may be found,
Call upon him while he is near;*

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

***Hymn:** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" (vs. 1,3,4) #1

***Call to Confession:** Isaiah 55:7
Isaiah writes, "Let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Believing in this good promise, we bring our confession to God.

***Prayer of Confession:**
2,000 years ago, Lord Jesus, you came in a manner we did not expect, and many failed to recognize you. Still today, you are in our midst, but we miss your appearing. Instead of looking for a holy God, who is consumed with passion for the poor, the lost, the broken, and the forgotten, we look for you to look like us.

Today, Lord Jesus, we ask that you correct our vision. We want to recognize you as you are, and not as we imagine you to be. Then may we become more like you; holy, and wholly yours.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP— On Sunday, April 3rd at 11:15am, our new women's small group meets for the first time! This group will meet every Sunday after worship from 11:15-12:15. All women are welcome! Contact Joan Jackson (jokajax@yahoo.com) to learn get connected!

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 provided below, or call the church for help anytime. We will begin the Book of Joshua TOMORROW, which is the start of the Books of History. This will entail a new study link: <https://bible.com/p/49781498/b8f46b537e9e68ba73d8d930e4353474> This will be available in Monday's email, as well.

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

KID'S I.D. & KID'S L.I.F.E.— We are continuing our monthly themes in March with: Jesus' Ministry (Page-Turner). Kids will be able to connect the dots of what is being taught, why it matters to God, and what we can do about it. Contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

STAYCATION - PICK YOUR PATH ADVENTURE— If we can't go to the islands for our Spring Break, we will bring the islands to us! CCPC Kids will be hosting a Pick Your Path Adventure on Wednesday, March 23 in the evening (more details to come). Children (and adults) will find your way to a final destination... Lavapalooza! Be careful, every choice you make will impact your adventure! ALL ages are welcome to participate. Contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

STAYCATION - YOUTH OUTINGS — Salt & Light Youth will be having three days of fun for those not heading out of town for Spring Break:

March 21 - Bowling at Coral Lanes; 1-3pm (Free)
March 22 - Movie Time (Movie and Time TBD) (Free)
March 23 - W.O.W. Laser Tag 6-8pm (\$10 a person)

Come be with us for some great memories! Contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

SAVE-THE-DATE: EGGSTRAVAGANZA 2022 — Our in-person Eggstravaganza IS BACK for 2022! Join us on Saturday, April 9, beginning at 9am, for a pancake breakfast, fun spring activities (including a petting zoo!), as well as timed indoor egg hunts and a mobile egg hunt in our community. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks!

ACTIVITY BAGS FOR CHILDREN — CCPC offers activity bags to for children, located in the Narthex. If you do not feel comfortable bringing your kiddo to Children's Church, but would like to keep them busy during worship, we invite you to take one! *Note: Please return unused items in the bag to the rack at which you found them.*

HIGHLIGHTS FOR MARCH & APRIL

- Youth Staycation - **March 21,22,23**
- Kid's Staycation - **March 23**
- Eggstravaganza - **April 9**
- Maundy Thursday - **April 14**
- Good Friday - **April 15**
- Easter Sunday - **April 17**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S. REVEAL PARTY TODAY— The 2021-22 Secret A.G.E.N.T.S. reveal party will be taking place *TODAY* after worship in Bouldin Hall. It will be a great time of food, fellowship, and the kids meeting their Secret Agents! For those who cannot be with us in person, we have a Zoom component for participation.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE SURVEY — This September 11, we plan to launch a new worship service on Sunday nights at 6pm. This will be contemporary in style (think guitars, drums, etc) but with the same Scriptures, sermon and preacher as our main Sunday morning service. Look for a survey coming the week of March 20 with info about how to get involved! If you have questions, please contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

MISSIONS

26TH ANNUAL MISSIONS AUCTION & GALA — The Missions Committee would like to thank everyone for their participation in our 26th Annual Missions Auction & Gala. From donated items to food preparation, we've had amazing contributions to another successful fundraiser. If you are a winner of any of our items, please be sure to pick your item up *TODAY*! If you are unable to do so, please contact Kari Kufahl (kari.kufahl@gmail.com; 715-212-9159) to make arrangements. Items not picked up will become property of CCPC.

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 for signup and a deposit of \$100 is TODAY.* You can pay on our website or by dropping the money off with Dan Frost. Go to: www.covenantcommunitypc.org/pine-ridge. **NOTE: The CE Committee is excited to announce that CCPC will credit all middle school and high school students \$100 towards the \$600 cost for them to attend.**

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

ADULT L.I.F.E. - APOLOGETICS — Continuing *THIS* Wednesday, March 16, our Adult L.I.F.E. course is covering logical arguments for components of our faith, known as Apologetics. Join us from 6-7pm and bring a friend to participate in the discussion! 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 THIS week on March 16.** If you have questions or would like to learn more, please contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org)!

***Assurance of Pardon:** *Isaiah 55:10-11*
"For as the rain and snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth... so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it." Hear the good news; Jesus, the Word of God, succeeded in the work of salvation and accomplished the purpose of God. Thanks be to him! **Amen.**

***Congregational Response:** "There is a Redeemer" (vs. 1) #443

Children's Message:

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

Period of Fellowship

***Hymn:** "I Need Thee Every Hour" (vs. 1,4) #735

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 55:6-11* Page 685

Special Music: "His Mercy Is More" CCPC Choir

New Testament Reading: *Mark 4:35-41* Page 39

Sermon: *Vision of God: A God Like Us* Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" (vs. 1,2) #35

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer See page 4

Offering

Offertory Music: "Give Me Jesus" JeHae Kim-Bixby

***Doxology**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction:** "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" (vs. 3) #35

Postlude: JeHae Kim-Bixby

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 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

Gatekeeper: Charlie Lewis

Elder Greeter: Jay St. Clair &
Luke Coenen

Live Stream: Chris Rhyner

Slides: Luke Coenen

Greeters: Judy & Larry Geurink

Fellowship: Carol & Tom Anklam

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	1PM	RETIRED SINGLES SMALL GROUP
9AM	SINGLES SMALL GROUP			7PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	KID'S/ADULT L.I.F.E.
10AM	WORSHIP					6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
11:15AM	SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S. REVEAL PARTY					6PM	KID'S/BELL CHOIR
6PM	HS YOUTH GROUP					7PM	CHOIR PRACTICE
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD			5PM	AUCTION RECEPTION (RSVP)	9AM	I.D.
4:30PM	FAITH & FITNESS			6PM	AUCTION GALA (NO RSVP)	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.