

### VISITORS WELCOME

If you are a 1st time visitor, welcome, and we have a gift for you! See the table in the Narthex by the church office, or visit The Hub to get your copy. We hope you find this book informative and inspiring. See you next week!

### FREE BIBLES

CCPC has free Bibles for anyone who would like one. If you don't currently have a Bible, or if your only Bible is ancient, we would like to give you this gift, no questions asked! Pick up your copy at The Hub!

### LIVE STREAMING

CCPC live streams our worship services every Sunday morning. Please join us in spirit by going to [www.covenantcommunitypc.org/live-stream](http://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/live-stream). You can also view archives of past services and sermons.

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# COVENANT COMMUNITY

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



SUNDAY, MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN:  
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

**Covenant Community Presbyterian Church**  
**1806 Weston Avenue in Schofield, WI**  
**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - 10 a.m.**  
**On The Road Again: Pearls Before Swine**

***Gathering Around the Word***

**Prelude:**

*Lynn Theilig*

***Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:***

*This year we will read through the Book of Acts together, considering how the story of the early church might shape and guide our own congregation's story. Like Acts itself, we are Unfinished. Study this week's Acts passage and note the additional readings for the week in the Unfinished brochure or on our website.*

**Announcements** VISITORS: Please fill out a connection card found in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

***Lighting of the Candles:***

***Call to Worship:***

*Psalm 105:1-4*

*O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples,*

*Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wondrous works,*

*Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice,*

*Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.*

***\*Hymn:***

*"Be Thou My Vision" (vs. 1,3,4)*

*#450*

***\*Call to Confession:***

*Matthew 7:6*

*Jesus reminds us to separate the common and the holy, saying, "Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine." Yet we have conflated the holy and the profane in numerous ways this week. Therefore, let us confess our sins together.*

or guardian accompanying them. The cost is \$400 for adults and \$300 for youth. If you are interested in attending, please see the back of today's Connection Card to be contacted for further information. You can also pick up a registration form at The Hub. *Note that we need you to be signed up, with a \$100 deposit by SUNDAY, MARCH 29!*

**FOOD PANTRY SHOPPERS NEEDED**—Volunteers are needed to pickup food orders from Aldi's and/or Dollar Tree and stock our shelves in the Food Pantry area. You can sign up for one or more months. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Gebauer (715-573-6477 or gebauerr@charter.net). *A sign up sheet is available at The Hub.*

**CAR RIDES TO COVENANT**—If you are in need of a lift to and from worship, or would like to participate in providing this service, please consider signing up for "Car Rides to Covenant" at The Hub. If you have any questions about this service group, please contact Bill Rhodes at 715-803-0025 or billrhodes6514@gmail.com.

**BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS**

**NO WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY & LUNCH**—Due to a funeral being held at the church *THIS* Tuesday, March 17, we will reschedule the women's Bible study and lunch to Tuesday, March 31 at 12pm. Contact Jim Gates with questions!

**BOOK CLUB**—The Book Club will be meeting on Monday, March 23 to discuss "There, There" by Tommy Orange. The gathering will take place at Joan Jackson's home (2001 Zimmerman, Wausau) at 6:30pm. If you plan to attend, contact Joan at 715-573-7009 or jokajax@yahoo.com.

**YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY**

**SALT & LIGHT YOUTH GROUP SERVICE PROJECT**—Salt and Light Youth Group continues *THIS* Wednesday, March 18 with a service project! We will be meeting at church at 6pm and heading to the Salvation Army to serve their ministry. We will return to the church at 8pm for rides home. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Frost at dan@covenantcommunitypc.org.

**SERVING IN KIDS MINISTRY**—There are three new ways you can be involved in Children's Ministry without having to teach a lesson or commit a lot of time! *Crazy About Crafts*: Help preparing crafts and activities for children's programming. *GO to Gamer*: Leading and organizing games for Kids Worship. Great for someone with high energy, an athlete or student. *Drama, Drama, Drama*: Organizing and performing skits for Kids Worship. Please contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) for more details, or mark your interest on the back of today's Connection Card.

**OTHER NEWS**

**BUY SCRIP**—March Madness, St. Patty's Day, and Spring break are just around the corner! Stop by the Scrip table to learn more! To accommodate these upcoming events, stop by the Scrip table for restocked Same Day Quick Picks of all your favorites! We have restaurants, theaters, clothing, grocery, sporting goods, home improvement and even Amazon gift cards! \$10 options are available! Over 750-plus national merchants means so much to choose from. Find out more and get all your questions answered by seeing Pam Higgins (715-573-8067) or Kate Lillie (715-581-9666). *Next monthly orders are due March 22, with deliveries on March 29.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

**GREETING BEHAVIORS TO STAY HEALTHY**—As our world continues to combat the spread of the Coronavirus, we can do our part locally and in our church by changing our greeting behavior. Rather than shaking hands during our greeting time, welcome people with a warm smile, or a fist bump at most. Make sure to wash your hands after touching surfaces and before touching your face. Continued prayer is also an important act in this time of increased fear. We will not allow a spirit of fear to control us!

**SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S. REVEAL PARTY - TODAY!**—We close out the second year of our Secret A.G.E.N.T.S. ministry with a "Reveal Party" *TODAY* after worship in the Fellowship Hall. If you were a Secret Agent or Jr. Agent, we invite you to attend and celebrate a year of generational discipleship and connection. See the insert in today's bulletin listing all who participated in this year's ministry. Please prayerfully consider participating next year, as we would love to see the relationships and mentoring grow in the years to come!

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**—This year's Holy Week schedule is as follows:  
*Palm Sunday Service - April 5 at 10am; Maundy Thursday - April 9 at 7pm; Good Friday Service - April 10 at 7pm; Easter Sunday Services - April 12 at 8am and 10am.*

**ASSISTANCE WITH PLANNING CENTER APPS**—As we continue to roll out our new church organization and planning program, *Planning Center Online*, we understand that there is much to learn and get used to. Because of this, we will be offering assistance to anyone who has questions about online payments, scheduling volunteer time, as well as our new "Groups" app for small groups. For the next few Sunday mornings at 9am, please find Amanda Fuls at The Hub if you have any questions about the new system.

**SAVE-THE-DATE: EGGSTRAVAGANZA 2020**—Join us for an egg hunt of egg-normous proportions at CCPC's Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 11 from 8:30–11:30am. There will be a pancake breakfast, petting zoo, four egg hunts for toddlers and elementary-aged children, face painting, and other family fun activities! Please register your children for the egg hunts by going to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/eggstravaganza>. This is a "rain-or-shine," FREE event for the whole community, so invite all your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers!

**EGGSTRAVAGANZA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**—We are on the hunt for volunteers to assist with our Eggstravaganza on April 11. If you would like to greet families at the door, check-in the kiddos for the hunts, oversee fun games and activities, paint faces or flip pancakes... we have a spot for you! All are welcome to help, as this is one of CCPC's biggest community events of the year. If you are interested, mark the back of today's Connection Card and/or go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/eggstravaganza> to sign yourself up for duty!

**EGG STUFFING DONATIONS NEEDED**—If you are interested in contributing items for the children at Eggstravaganza, please speak with Amanda Fuls to find out how you can help!

## SERVICE AND MISSIONS

**PINE RIDGE, SD MISSION TRIP**— We're heading to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota from Saturday, July 25 through Saturday, August 1, 2020. This trip is open to youth and adults, with rising 6-8 graders needing a parent

### **\*Prayer of Confession:**

**Lord God, you alone are holy and good. You invite us to join you, living in the world but not of the world. Too often, however, we struggle to distinguish between the sacred and the common. Forgive us for living in common ways, when we are called to be your holy people. Forgive us for looking to ordinary things for hope, when you offer us Christ Himself. Grant us the grace to live holy lives, and to live wholly for you.**

*(We keep a moment of silence for reflection.)*

### **\*Assurance of Pardon:**

Acts 17:3

Paul teaches us "that it is was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and rise from the dead ... saying 'This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you.'" Believe the good news: Jesus has suffered, has died, and has risen again. In him, our sins are forgiven. Alleluia!  
**Amen!**

### **\*Gloria Patri:**

#581

### **Special Music:**

"I'm Gonna Sing"

Children's Choir

### **The Sacrament of Baptism**

Today we celebrate the baptism of Joseph Earl Baker III, son of Joseph and Crystal Baker.

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles Creed

Do you believe in God, the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe 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.**

Do you believe in the Holy Ghost?

**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.**

## Children's Message:

[Children may come forward for a short lesson and prayer.]

\*\*NOTE Children ages 2-3rd grade are invited to Kids Worship in the activity room downstairs. Parent pick up is required after worship. Kids in 4th grade and up will participate in main worship; there are activity bags or sermon notes in the Narthex.

**\*Period of Fellowship:** *Welcome one another as Christ welcomes you.*

**\*Hymn:** "In Christ There is No East or West" (vs. 1,2,4) #318

*Please fill out top portion of the connection cards found in your bulletin*

## Proclaiming the Word

**Old Testament:** Ezekiel 22:23-26 Page 789

**Special Music:** "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" CCPC Choir

**New Testament:** Acts 17:1-15 Page 137

**Sermon:** On The Road Again: Pearls Before Swine Jim Gates

## Responding to the Word

**\*Hymn:** "This is My Song" #340

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offertory Music:** Lynn Theilig

**\*Doxology**

*Those participating in the Children's Choir are dismissed for practice.*

## Bearing and Following the Word into the World

**\*Benediction**

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

**Postlude:** Lynn Theilig

*Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for donuts, cookies, and coffee.*

## 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
- † Hearing devices are available in the orange box 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.

**THANK YOU**—to all who help make this morning's Worship and Fellowship meaningful: Worship Leader **Deb Tice**; Elder Greeters **Jeff Gramling Luke Coenen**; Greeters **Kay Walkowicz & Sue Taylor**; Fellowship Hour **Jerry & Sherry Pearson**; Gatekeeper **Brian Haak**; Projection Team **Drew Bouché & Luke Coenen**; Live Streaming Operator **Jim Bouché**; The Hub **Drew Bouché**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**—**Dorothy Swazee** (Mountain Terrace), **Stanley Chack** (Mountview), **Cheryl Lenz** (Colby), **Dee Jenkins** (Home), **Greg Falkowski** (Home), **Tom Scott** (Home), and **Don Hawkins** (Home) were in the hospital recently or reside in assisted-care.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

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| <b>TODAY</b>     | 11:15 a.m. | Secret A.G.E.N.T.S. Reveal Party         |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 6:30 p.m.  | Session                                  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 10:00 a.m. | Visitation for Bess Vick                 |
|                  | 11:00 a.m. | Funeral for Bess Vick                    |
|                  | 12:00 p.m. | Funeral Reception                        |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 6:00 p.m.  | Salt & Light Youth Group Service Project |
|                  |            | Bell Choir Practice                      |
|                  | 7:00 p.m.  | Choir Practice                           |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 7:00 p.m.  | Sheepshead                               |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9:00 a.m.  | Institute of Discipleship (I.D.)         |
|                  | 10:00 a.m. | Worship                                  |
|                  | 11:00 a.m. | Children's Choir Practice                |
|                  | 11:15 a.m. | Covenant of Salt Meeting (Bouldin Hall)  |