

LIVE-STREAM

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DELIVER US FROM EVIL: PREPARATION

Psalm 2 & Mark 14:1-11

COVENANT COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 17, 2024

10AM SERVICE

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Near to the Heart of God" 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:** Psalm 2:1-2, 10-11

Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and his anointed.

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the Lord with fear, with trembling kiss his feet, or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way;

For his wrath is quickly kindled.

Happy are all who take refuge in him.

***Hymns:** "How Can I Keep from Singing" (vs. 1) #821
"A Prophet-Women Broke a Jar" (vs. 1,4) #201

***Call to Confession:** Mark 14:4

"But some were there who said to one another in anger, 'Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor.'" Just like those in Bethany, this week we have judged other's actions and we have valued worldly things over Jesus. Let us confess this together.

*Prayer of Confession:

Jesus, we have taken your love for granted this week. We have resembled those who scolded the woman for anointing you with oil. We have judged other's actions while failing to acknowledge you are worth more than anything of this world. We have failed to spend precious time with you. Help us to be reminded of the ransom you paid, which we can never repay. Help us to remember you alone are worthy and prepare our hearts as we prepare for your return.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

ADULT L.I.F.E. — Adult L.I.F.E. continues *THIS* Wednesday, March 20 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 *THIS* Saturday, March 23 from 8:30-11am. Join us for a morning that includes 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 "Worship Party Night!" Our Praise Band will lead us in worship music and we'll enjoy great food and fellowship.**

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."

SAVE-THE-DATE: YOUTH LOCK-IN — It's time for an age-old tradition for our youth, which includes taking over the church building and staying up way too late! The Youth Ministry lock-in will be taking place April 19-20, with drop off at 7pm and pickup at 8am. We'll have adventures in Wausau and great fellowship. Mark your calendars!

CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

THROUGH FEBRUARY OF 2024:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$113,659**
Actual Operating Revenues: **\$120,257**
Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$117,361**
Actual Operating Expenses: **\$104,126**

MARCH 10 ATTENDANCE:

10AM In-Person Total: **196**
10AM Livestream Total: **92**
11AM In-Person Total: **33**

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) TODAY. Food and childcare are available.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE — We look forward to our Holy Week services coming up:

- **Palm Sunday services will NEXT Sunday, March 24 at 10am and 11am.**
- **NO Wednesday programming on March 27.**
- **Maundy Thursday service is on March 28 at 6pm.**
- **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 on Easter Sunday, 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 worship music!

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

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 Kid's Worship, 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. Beginning in April, we want to provide this opportunity to those who are interested in committing to six meet-ups to study a video series with Jim Gates entitled "G.O.S.P.E.L." You can sign up at The Hub or contact Jim (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) to take part. 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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY — The women's Bible study is currently studying the book of Isaiah and meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 12pm, including THIS Tuesday, March 19.

*Assurance of Pardon:

Mark 8:35

Friends, we are forgiven. Jesus has told us, "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it." Share this good news of the gospel! Jesus has gone before you and paid your ransom.

Amen!

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

Children's Message

Period of Fellowship

***Hymn:** "O God, You Are My God" (1x) #743

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 2 Page 489

Special Music: "The Man on the Middle Cross" Deb & Kent Perrin

New Testament Reading: Mark 14:1-11 Page 51

Sermon: "Deliver Us From Evil: Preparation" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "When Peace Like a River" (vs. 1,2,3) #840

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

Ministry Celebration: G.O.S.P.E.L. Series for Small Groups

Offering

Offertory Music: "Here I Am Lord" JeHae Kim-Bixby

***Doxology**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction:** "When Peace Like a River" (vs. 4) #840

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: Greta Spangler
& Thomas Kohnert

Elder Greeters: Joy Briggs
& Shelby Waraksa

Greeters: Hilary & James Schreiber

The Hub: Dianne Abel

Livestream: Craig Spangler

Slides: Chris Jelen

Usher Lead: Jesse Lawton

Gatekeeper: Gregg James

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)

Joyce Michna
(Fond du Lac)

Dave Vachowiak
(Forest Park Village)

Howie Pries
(Pride TLC)

Wynn Jones

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 HOME	3PM	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	1PM	RETIRED SINGLES SMALL GROUP
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
12PM	CCPC 101					7PM	CHOIR PRACTICE
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD			8:30AM	EGGSTRAVAGANZA	8:30AM	BAND REHEARSAL
3:30PM	SPRING INTO READING FOR H OF H FAMILIES					9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION
						10AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
						11AM	PRAISE WORSHIP
						11:15AM	WOMEN'S STUDY

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.