

LIVE STREAMING

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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH, 2023 - 10 A.M.

THE NEXT GENERATIONS:
ROADSIDE CONVERSIONS

Prelude: "We Declare Your Majesty" 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: Genesis 28:13-14

*And the LORD stood beside him and said,
**I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac;
 the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your seed,
 And your seed shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread
 abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south,
 And all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your
 seed.***

***Hymn:** "Come! Live in the Light! We Are Called" (vs. 1,2,3) #749

***Call to Confession:**

Even when God shows up in our lives in extraordinary ways, we are still tempted to make our relationship with him ordinary. This week we have tried deal-making with God in large and small ways, as if we could earn or compel the Lord's favor. For this, we make our prayer of confession.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord Jesus, you give to us freely what we can never earn. Yet we so often attempt to negotiate with your grace. We want more control and less responsibility.

Forgive us. Remind us that we come to you with nothing that you need; remind us that everything we have is a gift from you. Today we receive your blessing and offer back only our gratitude, in Christ's name.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

WOMEN'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. Women meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, including *THIS* Tuesday, March 21 at noon. All women, including newcomers, are welcome!

THANK YOU SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S. — Thank you to all the Junior and Senior Secret A.G.E.N.T.S. for another successful mission! A new mission will begin *THIS* Fall, so stay tuned for information about signing up. We appreciate everyone's participation and commitment to pouring into the lives of our young ones!

H.S. YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT - NO M.S. YOUTH GROUP THIS WEEK — All 9th-12th graders will meet for youth group *TONIGHT* from 4pm-5:30pm, prior to our evening service. There will be *NO* middle school youth group *THIS* Wednesday, March 22. They will meet again on March 29. Contact Jim Gates (jjm@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

NO KID'S L.I.F.E. THIS WEEK— There will be *NO* Kid's L.I.F.E. *THIS* Wednesday, March 22. L.I.F.E. will return next Wednesday, March 29.

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— Easter is right around the corner and that means that Eggstravaganza is here! 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! This is a wonderful, *FREE* event sharing Good News of Jesus while enjoying breakfast, *TWO* timed egg hunts (go to our website to sign up), a petting zoo, and lots of surprises! Come celebrate with us!

SAVE-THE-DATE - VBS 2023— As summer approaches and plans need to be made, mark off Sunday, June 25 through Thursday, June 29 for CCPC's Vacation Bible School 2023! More information to come!

THROUGH FEBRUARY 2023:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$92,535**
 Actual Operating Revenues: **\$90,637**
 Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$94,493**
 Actual Operating Expenses: **\$89,331**

MARCH 12 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **171**
 AM Livestream Total: **182**
 PM In-Person Total: **16**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO PROGRAMMING THIS WEDNESDAY — There will be *NO* programming *THIS* Wednesday, March 22 at the church, including kids and youth, as well as the adult choir and bell choir rehearsals. All will resume Wednesday, March 29.

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.

COMMUNITY BOARD — Our Community Board in the Fellowship Hall is a place to communicate/share 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 or Dave and Sara Farrar.***

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

SEEKING MISSION TRIP CONNECTIONS — CCPC's mission team is looking for mission trip connections for an intergenerational distance-mission trip in 2024. If you have a mission partner you'd like to recommend, please let Jim Gates know!

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — We are looking for volunteers to help us in the Office during the afternoon from 1-4pm on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays. We would appreciate help in answering the telephone, taking messages, along with other projects and tasks. Contact Cyndi Schneider, Office Manager, between 9am-1pm Monday through Friday at 715-359-6467 or cyndi@covenantcommunitypc.org.

BRIDGE ST. MISSION CULVER'S DAY — Want to eat some great food while supporting one of our local ministries? Eat at any Culver's in the Wausau area on March 28 and a portion of the proceeds will be going to support the Bridge Street Mission. Fill your belly and help advance the kingdom in Wausau!

***Assurance of Pardon:** Acts 22:16
Hear Ananias' message to Paul as God's word to us today: "Get up, be baptized, and have your sins washed away, calling on his name." As those baptized into the family of God, our sins are washed away as we call upon the name of Jesus. Thanks be to him! Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Children's Message

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

Period of Fellowship

***Hymn:** "We Are Standing on Holy Ground" (2x) #406

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 28:10-22 Page 25

Special Music: "The Miracle of Jesus" Stephanie Finamore & Melanie Hocker

New Testament Reading: Acts 9:1-9, 17-20 Page 127

Sermon: "The Next Generations: Roadside Conversions" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "Christ Be Beside Me" (vs. 1,2) #702

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer See page 4

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:** "Christ Be Beside Me" (vs. 3) #702

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

The Hub: Deb Wakefield

Acolytes: Kenna Nelson
& Victoria Anderson

Usher Lead: Jerry Trebus

Elder Greeter: Julie Nelson
& Shelby Waraksa

Live Stream: Derek Nelson

Fellowship: Terry & Vicki
Anderson

Greeters: Rick & Paula Barnes

Gatekeeper: Larry Geurink

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*)

Mike Petterson
(*Hospice House*)

Stella Lamping
(*Home*)

Cheryl Lenz
(*Colonial Center in Colby*)

Jerry Pearson
(*?????*)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
9AM	I.D./CONFIRM.	6PM	DARTBALL AT HOME	12PM	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	3PM	FOOD PANTRY
10AM	WORSHIP			6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY		
11:15AM	WOMEN'S SM. GRP.						
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL						
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.
						10AM	WORSHIP
						11:15AM	WOMEN'S SM. GRP.
						4PM	BAND REHEARSAL
						4:30PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
						6PM	WORSHIP

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