

LIVE-STREAM

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HE IS *Risen!*

EASTER SUNDAY

COVENANT COMMUNITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DELIVER US FROM EVIL:
DELIVER THE PUNCHLINE
ISAIAH 52:1-10 & MARK 16:1-8

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude 8AM: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"
"Crown Him with Many Crowns"
Les Fraaza & JeHae Kim-Bixby

Prelude 10AM: "Rejoice, Be Glad"
"Christ Arose"
Pat Moucha

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. 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?

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship:

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!
Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!
Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!

***Hymns:** "Christ is Alive" (vs. 1,5) #246
"Jesus Christ is Risen Today" (vs. 1,4) #232

*Easter Prayer of Adoration:

Lord Jesus, in rising from the dead you ransomed our lives and delivered us from our enemy. We know that because you live, we too will live forever. Because of you, we can experience your kingdom on earth today. We can assist in the expansion of your kingdom on earth today. And we will be present with you, on the Day, when your kingdom comes in its fullness in the new heaven and the new earth.

Holy Spirit, equip us for the work of following and proclaiming Jesus. Give us strength and courage as we live and love between the day of Christ's resurrection and the day of our resurrection.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

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.

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

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 "Would You Rather!" Join us for a one-or-the-other evening of decision making!**

SAVE-THE-DATE: MIDDLE SCHOOL 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 Middle School (6th-8th) Youth Ministry lock-in will be on April 19-20, with drop off at 7pm and pickup at 8am. We'll have adventures in Wausau and great fellowship. Mark your calendars!

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 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: VBS 2024 — As you begin to plan your summer months, save-the-date for an underwater adventure at VBS 2024 entitled, "Scuby: Diving Into Friendship with God." This year, it will take place Sunday, July 14 to Thursday, July 18 from 6-8pm. Stay tuned for more information and registration opportunities.

CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

THROUGH FEBRUARY OF 2024:	MARCH 24 ATTENDANCE:
Budgeted Operating Revenues: \$113,659	10AM In-Person Total: 188
Actual Operating Revenues: \$120,257	10AM Livestream Total: 140
Budgeted Operating Expenses: \$117,361	11AM In-Person Total: 25
Actual Operating Expenses: \$104,126	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S. REVEAL PARTY — All Jr. and Secret Agents (and families) are invited to a special, top-secret reveal party on Sunday, April 14 at 12pm in the Activity Room downstairs. Come and be with us for snacks, fellowship, and the all-important reveal of who the kid's Secret Agents are! Jr. Agents that are able to identify the correct person will be in the running for a gift basket. Please RSVP to Raissa Dupuis (raissa@covenantcommunitypc.org).

"WHEN I'M GONE" EVENT — Join us Sunday, April 21 for an important morning of information and expertise pertaining to all aspects of end-of-life decisions. At 9am, we will have panel discussion with professionals in areas such as estate planning, funeral preparations, and more. You will have an opportunity to visit booths and talk to the experts in the Fellowship Hall after worship. This is a great opportunity for adults of ALL AGES to learn more about and important topic.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2024 — CCPC is thrilled to be a simulcast host of the 2024 Global Leadership Summit, August 8-9. This amazing 2-day event is an opportunity to grow as an individual, a member of our local community, or a professional. From teachers, students, coaches, artists, medical professionals, and non-profit leaders ... to CEOs, managers, and more ... this event is for everyone! To learn more about registration, early-bird pricing, and more, go to our website or contact Jim Gates or Raissa Dupuis.

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. Download it today!

CCPC SOFTBALL — Softball season is just around the corner and the roster building is underway! If you have any interest in playing for the CCPC team on Sunday evenings during the summer (at the Kelly Club), please contact Dustin Vreeland at dvreelan@mtu.edu.

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!

SPRING CLEANING AT THE CHURCH — It's that time of the year! We are looking for volunteers to help us spruce up our amazing building on Saturday, April 27, beginning at 9am. We will have all kinds of tasks, both inside and outside of the building. If you are interested in helping, please sign up at The Hub or contact Dave and Sara Farrar at 715-846-8838 or farrara1dave@frontier.com.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

WOMEN'S & MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — This Bible study takes place every Tuesday at 12pm (women every 1st and 3rd of the month and men every 2nd and 4th). The groups are diving into the book Isaiah.

*Proclaiming the Mystery of Faith:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus: dying, you destroyed our death, rising, you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory. This is the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Praise be to Him! Amen.**

*Congregational Response:

"The Day of Resurrection!" (vs. 1,3) #233

Children's Message

There is no Kids Worship following the Children's Message. Kids can worship with their family. If they are of preschool age, join us for "Worship & Wiggles" in the Nursery.

Period of Fellowship

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 52:1-10 Pg. 683

Special Music: "This Glorious Easter Day"
CCPC Choir

New Testament Reading: Mark 16:1-8 Pg. 54

Sermon: "Deliver Us From Evil: Deliver the Punchline"
Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" (vs. 1,2,3) #248

The Sacrament of Communion

Ministry Celebration: Praise Worship Service

Offering

Offertory Music 8AM: "The Strife is O'er"
JeHae Kim-Bixby & Les Fraaza

Offertory Music 10AM: "Thine is the Glory"
Pat Moucha

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "Hallelujah Chorus"

Postlude: Les Fraaza

Please join us in Bouldin Hall for a special worship performance by our Praise Band!

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.

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!

8AM SERVICE

Worship Leader: Stephanie Finamore
Greeter: Kari Kufahl
Acolytes: Nella Fischer
The Hub: Deb Wakefield
Elder
Livestream: Craig Spangler
Greeters: Bonnie Achterberg & Jerry Trebus
Slides: Drew Bouché
Usher Lead: Jeff Kibler

10AM SERVICE

Worship Leader: Stephanie Finamore
Greeter: Sarah Maciaz
Acolytes: Ana & Addi Schreiber
The Hub: Joan Jackson
Elder
Livestream: Jack Dupuis
Greeters: Bob Gebauer & Julie Trebus
Slides: Luke Coenen
Usher Lead: Craig Briggs

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)
Dave Vachowiak (Forest Park Village)
Wynn Jones
Howie Pries (Pride TLC)
Joyce Michna (Fond du Lac)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>	
8AM	EASTER SERVICE			12PM	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
10AM	EASTER SERVICE			6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY
11AM	PRAISE BAND PERFORMANCE				
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>		<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>	
1PM	RETIRED SINGLES SMALL GROUP	2PM	SHEEPSHEAD		
6PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE				
6PM	KIDS LIFE				
6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP				
6:30PM	HS YOUTH GROUP				
7PM	CHOIR PRACTICE				
<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>			
		8:30AM	BAND REHEARSAL		
		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.