

LIVE STREAMING

CCPC live streams our worship services every Sunday morning. Please join us in spirit by going to www.covenantcommunitypc.org/live-stream. You can give, fill out a Connection Card, and also view archives of past services and sermons all from the comfort of your home.

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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...

Changing lives forever!



SUNDAY, APRIL 11TH, 2021 - 10 A.M.

FORWARD FROM BELIEVER
TO DISCIPLE:
BE OBEDIENT

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Power of the Cross/Love, Crucified, Arose" Les Fraaza

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

What if God's call is not to go "back to normal" but to go forward with Christ? In what direction is your life moving? Are you going backwards to your old life, or forward into the Spirit's new adventure? Consider this morning what your next step towards God might be, and commit to strain forward to what lies ahead.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship:

Deuteronomy 30:19-20

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses.

Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying Him, and holding fast to Him, for that means life to you and length of days.

***Hymns:** "Rejoice, the Lord is King" (vs. 1,2) #363
"Majesty"

***Call to Confession:**

Romans 6:11-12

Paul writes, "You also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions." But we have allowed our passions to control us at times this week; and we have refused to die completely to our sins. Therefore, we unite together in our prayer of confession.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Father God, we confess today that we have been too casual about our disobedience. Because we know you will forgive us, we push your boundaries and strain your commands. You tell us to be dead to our sins, but we keep them on life support in case we change our minds. Forgive us for our hesitant discipleship.

We know that our former lives, lived without you, did not bring us joy but shame. We know that in Jesus alone are the unsearchable riches of love, grace and mercy. Strengthen our spirits, so that we, together with your Holy Spirit, may continue on the path of sanctification - looking and living and loving more like Jesus.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

KID'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS—Are you looking for a way to serve at CCPC? We are looking for you! There are so many ways for those who love Jesus and love kids to get involved! We are currently in need of: **Teachers/Leaders, Cleaning Team Members, Prayer Partners, and Activity and Event Prep.** Please contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) if you'd like to get involved!

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS—As in-person attendance and programming continues to grow, we are back to needing volunteers to assist us on Sunday mornings. For those who feel comfortable doing so, we invite you to contact Drew Bouche (drew@covenantcommunitypc.org) or Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) if you would like to participate in greeting at The Hub, working in the tech. booth, helping as an usher when needed, or even assisting with the folding of bulletins on the Friday before.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—The men's study is starting on the Book of Hebrews *THIS* Tuesday, April 13 at noon. Books are available at The Hub for \$10. All are welcome to join us in person or via Zoom on Tuesdays. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) for the Zoom information.

PRAYER MEETINGS—Our weekly Prayer Meeting continues *THIS* Wednesday, April 14 at 6pm via Zoom. Join us for a time to petition before the Lord together every Wednesday night. All are welcome! To join the Zoom meeting, go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82054635060?pwd=MTkzOGJqMFRWamxrMy9CSHBwcUMrUT09> Meeting ID: 820 5463 5060 Passcode: 711155

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

KID'S WORSHIP IS BACK!—*TODAY* children 8-years-old and younger will be having Kid's Worship downstairs at the conclusion of the Children's Message. Join us downstairs as we get back in the swing of fun, fellowship, friends, and learning about God's Word!

PARENT CLASS—Are you a parent that struggles with finding the balance with church and extra-curricular activities for your kids (and you)? Looking for some tools and/or encouragement for this ongoing battle for our focus? We invite you to join Dan Frost (in person or via Zoom) on Sunday, April 25, from 4-5pm, for "Christ and Life: Priorities and Balance in the Christian Home." Let's grow together as parents who desire a Christ-centered household, while walking through day-to-day life! Contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org) if you would like to attend.

YOUTH GROUP—All students grades 6th-12th grade are invited to join us in person (or online via Zoom) every Wednesday from 6-7:30pm, including *THIS* Wednesday, April 14. We will be wearing masks and social distancing. Contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

YOUTH I.D.—Youth Institute of Discipleship has *THREE* classes (6th & 7th; Confirmation; 9th & 12th) via Zoom *AND* in person at 9am every Sunday morning.

KIDS I.D.—Kids ID starts in a large group via Zoom and in person, followed by a breakout into two groups (PreK-1st & 2nd-5th grades). Each group will need their own device if you are with us from home. Join us every Sunday at 9am!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCPC 101—Have you been visiting us and want to know more about CCPC, our beliefs, and our ministries? We will cover all these topics and answer all your questions *TODAY* after worship, both in person (in the Bouldin Hall conference room) and via Zoom. If you or someone you know would like to be a part of this informational session, please speak with Drew Bouché.

SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S.—We hope that you have all enjoyed getting to know your partner during this year's mission. Now it's time for the big Reveal Party to take place *NEXT* Sunday, April 18 following worship. In-person participants will be wearing masks and social distancing in Bouldin Hall. Be sure to have your devices ready with the Kahoot! app downloaded for some fun! Please contact Joy Briggs (craig_briggs@frontier.com) to RSVP!

COVENANT CONVERSATIONS PODCAST—We are so excited to announce the brand new podcast hosted by Dan Frost called "Covenant Conversations." This production will cover a number of topics with new guests for every episode! Episode 1 is now available, as Dan sits down with Mark Oestreicher to discuss social media's impact on families and youth, and how to navigate this new world of communication. Though many of the podcast's topics will be pertinent to families, young adults, youth, and children, we will also have a variety of conversations about our faith application in our lives. This podcast is for our entire faith community and beyond, not just parents and kids. Join us for at <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/covenant-conversations>, and stay tuned for its future availability on platforms such as iTunes, Spotify, and Google Podcasts!

CCPC ENDOWMENT GIFTS/MATCHING GIFTS—*THANK YOU* to all of our "Founders" for helping us kickstart our CCPC Endowment! As of April 7, we have met our entire matching goal of \$25,000! This brings our Endowment Fund total (cash, pledges and matching money) to \$59,119.49. And remember, this is just the beginning! We welcome anyone who desires to donate cash in hand or through legacy gifts. Have a birthday, anniversary, or baptism coming up that you would like to donate on behalf? Your gifts plant seeds for our church future! For more information about giving to the endowment fund, please go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/endowment>.

SAVE-THE-DATE: SPRING L.I.F.E.—Our Spring L.I.F.E. (Living In Faith Everyday) session is quickly approaching! We will return to separate adult and kids classes, with the little ones having their time together outside! Mark your calendars for the four Wednesdays in May at 6pm! More information to come!

MISSIONS

DAMASCUS ROAD SCARLET CORD PRAYER MINISTRY—CCPC continues its relationship with Damascus Road, a ministry devoted to saving women from the evil of human trafficking in Wisconsin. Their "Scarlet Cord" prayer ministry is one way in which we help support the organization, but more specifically the women involved. We invite you to "adopt a woman" in prayer by signing up and picking up an informational card that is available *TODAY* in the Narthex. Please consider the power of prayer and how you can have an amazing spiritual impact in the lives of those freed from bondage! Come visit the table after worship!

*Assurance of Pardon:

Romans 6:17-18, 23

"Thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ... For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

The Sacrament of Baptism: Today we celebrate the baptisms of Brooks Daniel Rose, son of Joey and Taylore Rose, and Aubrey Marie Koskey, daughter of Zach and Kaylee Koskey.

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed

(See page 4 for words)

Children's Message

Period of Fellowship

*Hymn:

"Baptized in Water" (vs. 1,2,3)

#482

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

NRSV Bible

Special Music:

"We Will Glorify/Thou Art Worthy" Deb & Kent Perrin,
Sara Johnson & Herb Westlund

New Testament Reading: Romans 6:15-23

NRSV Bible

Sermon:

Forward from Believer to Disciple: Jim Gates
Be Obedient

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn:

"Take My Life" (vs. 1,5,6)

#697

The Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

(See page 4 for words)

Offering

Offertory Music:

"Rejoice! Jesus Reigns" Marcy Fehrman
& Les Fraaza

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Postlude:

Les Fraaza

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 (or in the pew back).
- † Feel free to use the Cry Room (you will be able to see & hear the service) and/or Nursery located across from the sanctuary

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: Amanda Fuls

Acolytes: The Nelson Girls

HUB Greeters: Glenn & Barb Lamping

Special Music: Deb & Kent Perrin, Sara Johnson, Herb Westland, and Marcy Fehrman

Elder Greeter: Gary Freels

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)

Jim Burgener
(Home)

Cheryl Lenz
(St. Joseph's Marshfield)

Don Hawkins
(Home)

Griffin Spence
(Home)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
9AM	KID'S & YOUTH I.D.	5:30PM	MISSION MEETING	NOON	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	3PM	FOOD PANTRY
10AM	WORSHIP	6:30PM	ADMIN. MEETING			6PM	YOUTH GROUP
11:15AM	CCPC 101					6PM	PRAYER MEETING
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
						9AM	KID'S & YOUTH I.D.
						10AM	WORSHIP
						11:15AM	SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S. REVEAL

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.