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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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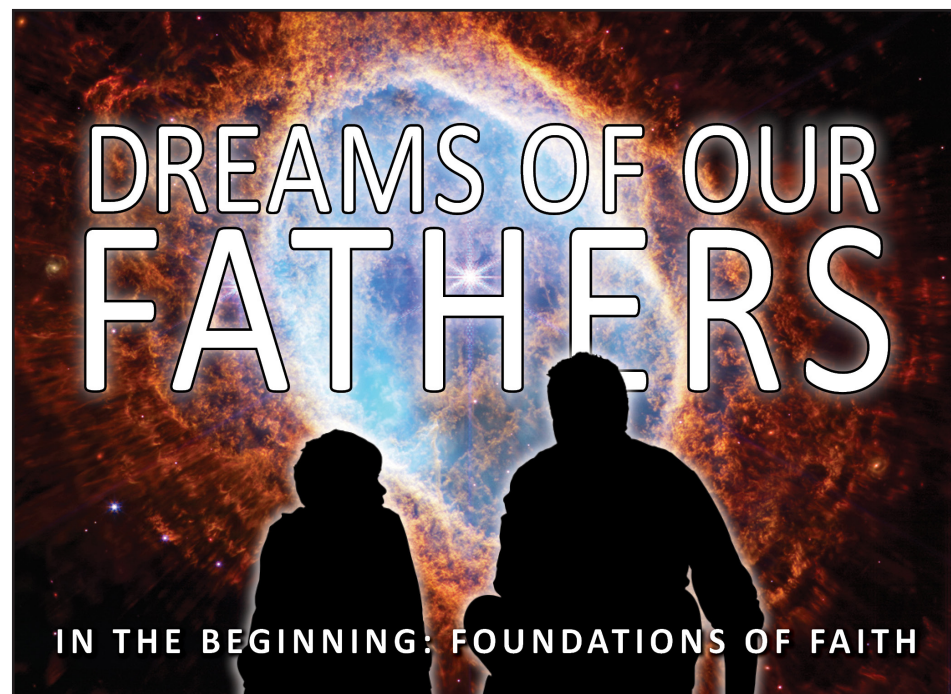
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SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD, 2023 - 10 A.M.

DREAMS OF OUR FATHERS:
BETRAYAL

Prelude: "He is Jesus" Les Fraaza

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: 1 Corinthians 15:20, Psalm 105:1-5

*Christ has been raised from the dead,
The first fruits of those who have died.*

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 wonderful works.

***Hymn:** "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" (vs. 1,3,4) #353

***Call to Confession:**

In the light of God's goodness and grace, all dark places of our lives are exposed. For the Christian, this is a painful blessing. As we drag our sin into the light the light of Christ, we find strength to renounce it and begin afresh with God – to live a shadow-free life. With that goal in mind today, let us make our prayer of confession.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Almighty God, we confess that we have harbored thoughts and committed actions that we would prefer remain hidden – from you and from one another. We have indulged our self-centeredness, betrayed your trust, and sometimes even betrayed one another.

Today we confess, to you and to one another, that we are sinners. We no longer wish to pretend that our lives are perfectly ordered. We abandon the illusion of fooling you, fooling each other, and fooling ourselves.

In our confession, we find your freedom. Thank you for extending your grace and mercy; thank you for accepting us and atoning for our failures and betrayals. May we advance today, and every day, in the light of Christ.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY— Our study on the Gospel of John is concluding this week! Come join us as we wrap up an exploration of the Gospel written by the beloved disciple. Men meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, including *THIS* Tuesday, April 25 at noon. All men, including newcomers, are welcome!

RIGHTNOW MEDIA DEVOTIONAL— Join Jim Gates and others in a devotional entitled "Made New" (a 15-day series on Colossians chapter 3) using RightNow Media. You will need to setup your RightNow Media account to participate (check your email inbox for an invite or contact the church office). If you have questions, contact Jim (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

FAITH & FITNESS — Just in time to get in shape for the summer, Faith & Fitness returns *THIS* Thursday, April 27 at 4:30pm in the Activity Room downstairs. This is a wonderful opportunity for *ALL* to fellowship with others, partake in a devotional together, and break a sweat with a light workout! This will take place every Thursday through May 25. Contact Deb Tice (debtrice77@yahoo.com) with any questions.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY— Celebrate Recovery Ministries is a Bible-centered, recovery ministry that meets every Tuesday at 6pm in Bouldin Hall. It is for those who struggle with *ANY* hurts, hangups, or habits... from grief and depression, to addiction and emotional struggles. Meetings are open to anyone! Contact Drew Bouché (drew@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

CCPC YOUTH GROUP — Students who are in 6th through 8th grades gather on Wednesdays at 6pm (including this week) for CCPC Youth Group. All 9th-12th graders will meet Sunday evenings from 4pm-5:30pm, prior to our evening service, including *TONIGHT*. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

KID'S MINISTRY PROGRAMMING — CCPC Kid's Ministry includes I.D. (Sunday mornings at 9am), Kid's Worship and "Wiggles" (during morning and evening services), and Wednesday night L.I.F.E. at 6pm. We're continuing our journey through the life of Jesus in the Gospels. April's theme is "Rise and Shine", a look at how Jesus conquered death and rose again! Contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions. Come be with us!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023 — As summer approaches and plans need to be made, mark your calendars for Sunday, June 25 through Thursday, June 29 from 6-8pm for CCPC's Vacation Bible School 2023! This year's theme will take the kids on a cosmic adventure with "Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light." Registration will be available on our website beginning May 7!

APRIL 16 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **217**

AM Livestream Total: **116**

PM In-Person Total: **37**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FREE RIGHTNOW MEDIA ACCOUNT— We're excited to share that CCPC now has unlimited access to RightNow Media—the world's largest streaming library of Christian video content. This extensive library has more than 20,000 videos includes Bible studies and resources, content for adults, parents, youth, and kids entertainment and teaching videos. You should have already received an email invitation for *FREE* access to RightNow Media. (If you haven't received it yet, be sure to check your spam or promotions folder.) To get started, simply click the link in that email (or go to <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/join/covenantcpc>), create your free account, and start browsing!

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 immediately following worship *TODAY*. We will provide food and childcare for this event that typically runs 1 hour and 30 minutes.

CCPC SOFTBALL TEAM— The CCPC Softball Team's summer season will be kicking off May 16 at The Kelly Club. If you would like to be a part of the team, please contact Dustin Vreeland (715-581-2703 or dvreelan@mtu.edu).

FCA GOLF OUTING — The Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Northcentral Wisconsin will be hosting their annual golf scramble fundraiser on July 10. They are looking for sponsorships, as well as teams to participate. If you would like to be a part of a team, or help sponsor a team, please contact Jim Gates.

SCRIP SALES AT CCPC— Need items for that Spring cleanup or upcoming summer outings and vacations? Maybe it's time to pull out the grill and stock up on food items for your next gathering. Don't forget about graduation parties and gifts! Scrip is here to help you, while also giving back to the CCPC! Stop by the Scrip table located in the Narthex to purchase cards from any number of restaurants, grocery stores, gas stations, and more! A portion of the profits go back to the church for ministry and building needs.

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

DRIVERS NEEDED — The Deacons are looking to recruit volunteers to assist in driving folks to church that are unable to do so themselves. If you are interested in serving in this way, please sign up at The Hub.

THE HEARTS OF HOPE "PASTA & BOOK NIGHT" — We are so excited to be hosting our Hearts of Hope families and others on Tuesday, May 23 from 5-7pm for our Pasta & Book Night! We have been collecting thousands of new and gently used books to distribute to the children (toddler through high school) on that evening, along with a wonderful pasta meal! If you would like to help organize and handout books, or prepare and serve the food, please contact Sarah Luedtke (sluedtke@sluedtke.com).

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT DONATIONS — The Mission Committee would like to take a collection of personal care items for families that have come to Wausau through the ECDC refugee resettlement program. Items needed include body wash/ soap, shampoo, conditioner, and other personal items, as well as household cleaning supplies, paper products, garbage bags, etc. Monetary donations will also be accepted (drop off at the church office). There are two baskets in the Narthex for a donation drop off. Contact Kari Kufahl (kari.kufahl@gmail.com) with any questions.

***Assurance of Pardon:** *Ephesians 5:8-9, 18, 20*
"For once you were in darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light – for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ... Be filled with the Spirit ... giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

***Congregational Response:** "The Lord is My Salvation" See Screen

Children's Message

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

Period of Fellowship

***Hymn:** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (vs. 1,4) #223

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 37:12-36 Page 34

Special Music: "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" Handbell Choir

New Testament Reading: Matthew 27:3-10 Page 31

Sermon: "Dreams of Our Fathers: Betrayal" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "It is Well with My Soul" (vs. 1,2,4) #840

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (See Page 4)

Offering

[Please fill out a Connection Card and let us know you were with us!]

Offertory Music: "Because He Lives" JeHae Kim-Bixby & Les Fraaza

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "The Day of Resurrection" (vs. 2) #233

Prelude: 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.
- † 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: Terri Goldsworthy

Script. Reading: Victoria Anderson

Live Stream: Derek Nelson

Acolytes: Greta Spangler
& Jaelyn Nelson

Slides: Luke Coenen

Usher Lead: Bobby Dupuis

Elder Greeter: Bob Warner
& Shelby Waraksa

Fellowship: Jerry & Julie Trebus

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
(Home)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
9AM	I.D. CLASSES	6:30PM	BOOK CLUB	12PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	3PM	FOOD PANTRY
10AM	WORSHIP			6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	KID'S L.I.F.E.
11:15AM	CCPC 101					6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
11:15AM	WOMEN'S SM. GRP.					6PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL					7PM	ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE
4PM	HS YOUTH GROUP						
6PM	WORSHIP						
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					9AM	I.D. CLASSES
4:30PM	FAITH & FITNESS					9AM	CONFIRMATION BREAKFAST
						10AM	WORSHIP
						11:15AM	WOMEN'S SM. GRP.
						4PM	BAND REHEARSAL
						4PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
						6PM	WORSHIP

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