

LIVE-STREAM

CCPC live streams 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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CULTIVATING MATURITY IN 5 SHIFTS: FROM CONTROL TO SURRENDER

Proverbs 9:7-12, 12:15, 19:20-21, 21:11, 27:6
& Luke 9:21-27

COVENANT COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 28, 2024

10AM SERVICE

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" JeHae Kim-Bixby

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

Our culture no longer has defined marks of adulthood for men and women – indeed, we struggle to articulate what maturity means and when people reach it. This challenge is amplified in our spiritual lives and in our relationship with Jesus. What do you think it means to be an adult, and are you one? What does it mean to be an adult in Christ, or to be spiritually mature? Does that describe you?

Lighting of the Candles: "Change My Heart" Wyatt Dupuis

***Call to Worship:**

*Give instruction to the wise, and they will become wiser still;
teach the righteous and they will gain in learning.*

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.*

*For by me your days will be multiplied,
and years will be added to your life.*

***Hymn:** "Will You Come and Follow Me" (vs. 1,4,5) #726

***Call to Confession:**

Today we recognize the places in our lives where pride and self-justification have motivated our ambitions. We take on the posture of "Look at what I have done," instead of "Look what God is doing!" Together, let us adopt a posture of humility as we confess together.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord, we confess that we are sometimes close-minded to your direction and correction. We are motivated by our desire to be in control, instead of seeking the privilege of partnering with You. Open our hearts and minds to receive your correction, accept your truth, and be disciplined in your righteousness.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

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.

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.

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 "Clown Around!" Learn all about the clown arts in disciplines such as balloon animals, magic tricks, juggling, and more!**

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 registration opening on June 1.

CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

THROUGH MARCH OF 2024:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$169,487**

Actual Operating Revenues: **\$177,117**

Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$171,616**

Actual Operating Expenses: **\$148,511**

APRIL 21 ATTENDANCE:

10AM In-Person Total: **258**

10AM Livestream Total: **74**

11AM In-Person Total: **30**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENDOWMENT CELEBRATION TACO MEAL — To celebrate the milestone of reaching \$150,000 in the CCPC Endowment Fund, the committee would like to serve a taco meal NEXT Sunday, May 5 at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a wonderful meal recognizing the importance of CCPC's future and legacy!

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) NEXT Sunday, May 5. Snacks and childcare will be made available. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) or Raissa Dupuis (raissa@covenantcommunitypc.org) to RSVP.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2024 — CCPC is thrilled to be a simulcast host of the 2024 Global Leadership Summit, August 8-9. This 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! **Early-bird pricing includes \$139 for church members and \$179 for all others if you sign up before May 8!** There are additional discounts for groups like teachers and first responders, as well. To learn more and register, go to our website or contact Jim Gates or Raissa Dupuis.

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!

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY — Every year, CCPC partners with Hope Life Center in Wausau to raise funds for their ministry. Join us beginning NEXT Sunday, May 5 through May 26 as we fill baby bottles with change, bills, or checks to help support mothers who are pregnant or have newborn babies. We will have a table setup in the Narthex for you to pickup your bottles, which you can then return to the church up through the 26th.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

CRAFT GROUP CARDS FOR TROOPS PROJECT — The CCPC Craft Group will meet on Thursday, May 9, at 10am to make cards for troops to be able to send home to friends and family. This project will take place at the home of Colleen Geurink (1001 Yawkey Ave., Rothschild). If you would like to contribute any supplies for the project, contact Colleen (715-432-4671 or cgeurink@charter.net) to see what is needed.

*Assurance of Pardon:

In the wilderness, Jesus rejects the offer of control from the enemy. In the garden, Jesus chooses the path of surrender to the authorities. In Jesus' life, we see the full wisdom of God expressed. Believe in the wisdom of God – the good news. Through Jesus, we are forgiven.

Amen!

*Gloria Patri

Children's Message:

Period of Fellowship

*Hymn:

"Be Thou My Vision" (vs. 1,4)

#450

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading:

Proverbs 9:7-12, 12:15,
19:20-21, 21:11, 27:6

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Special Music:

"No Need to Knock"

CCPC Choir

New Testament Reading:

Luke 9:21-27

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Sermon:

"Cultivating Maturity in 5 Shifts:
From Control to Surrender"

Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn:

"Here I Am, Lord" (vs. 1,2,3)

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Welcoming our 2023 Confirmation Class into the Church:

Victoria Anderson

Wyatt Dupuis

Allison Iaffaldano

Aubrey Neal

Ethan Theilig

Will VanSlyke

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer:

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Offering

Offertory Music:

"Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord"

Wyatt Dupuis

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction:

"Go to the World!" (vs. 3)

#295

Postlude:

JeHae Kim-Bixby

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 Leaders: The Confirmation Class

Acolytes: Lucas & Paige Mathies

Elder Greeters: Bob Gebauer
& Sheldon Rouse

Greeters: Ethan Theilig & Wyatt Dupuis

The Hub: Dianne Abel

Livestream: Derek Nelson

Usher Lead: Jeff Kibler

Gatekeeper: Joe Johnson

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
(Stone Crest)

Joyce Michna
(Fond du Lac)

Howie Pries
(Pride TLC)

Bill Mathies
(Rennes)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
8:30AM BAND REHEARSAL 9AM ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION 10AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 11AM PRAISE WORSHIP		6PM CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM KIDS LIFE 6PM MS YOUTH GROUP 6:30PM HS YOUTH GROUP 7PM CHOIR PRACTICE
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
2PM SHEEPSHEAD			8:30AM BAND REHEARSAL 9AM ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION 10AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 11AM PRAISE WORSHIP 11:15AM TACO MEAL 12PM CCPC 101

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.