

LIVE STREAMING

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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...

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SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD, 2022 - 10 A.M.

VISION OF GOD:
AN IRRELEVANT GOD

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Jesus, Name Above All Names/O, How I Love Jesus" JeHae Kim-Bixby

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

Scripture challenges us to walk by faith, not by sight; to see the world through the eyes of Christ. What present, and future, does Jesus see when looking at our world? At your life? Where does God's vision compliment or conflict with the dreams you have for yourself, or the expectations others have for you? Prayerfully reflect this morning on how you might come to see God's vision with greater clarity.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship:

Psalm 22:22-23

*I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters,
In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.*

You who fear the LORD, praise Him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him; stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!

***Hymn:** "For All the Saints" (vs. 1,3,4) #326

***Call to Confession:** Matthew 10:28

Jesus instructs us, saying, "Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both body and soul in hell." Although we are often consumed with material things, Jesus directs us rather to the things of the Spirit. With that focus today, let us join together in prayer.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord Jesus, we confess that we over value temporary things, and we under value eternal things. We are consumed with concern about what other people think, and rarely concerned with what you think. We name you Lord and Savior, but we often behave as though you are not relevant in our daily decisions.

Jesus, we pray that our faith could grow into an all-inclusive focus on you. You know the number of hairs on our heads; let us similarly count the number of avenues of your grace, until, with David, we pray, "I try to count them – they are more than the sand; I come to the end – I am still with you."

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

SMALL GROUP FOR RETIRED SINGLES— We've launched a new CCPC small group for people who are single and retired. **This group meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1pm in the Cry Room, including THIS Wednesday, April 6.** If you have questions or would like to learn more, please contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org)!

BIBLE READING PLAN - OLD TESTAMENT — We continue through the Old Testament on the Bible App. To join in any time, download the free Bible App (aka YouVersion) from the Apple or Google stores and click on the link provided below, or call the church for help anytime. We continue in the Books of History TODAY, with 1 Samuel 16-18 (tomorrow is a catch up day). Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

EGGSTRAVAGANZA 2022 — Our in-person Eggstravaganza **IS BACK** for 2022! Join us **THIS Saturday, April 9**, beginning at 9am, for a pancake breakfast, fun spring activities (including a petting zoo!), and special prizes... as well as timed indoor egg hunts (9am, 10am, 11am) and a mobile egg hunt in our community. We are expecting a large turnout, so register your kiddos for any of the hunts at www.covenantcommunitypc.org/eggs. If you have candy you would like to donate for all the eggs, or would like to help with any aspect of the event, please contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) if you have any questions.

SALT & LIGHT YOUTH GROUP — Students who are in 6th through 8th grades gather on Wednesdays at 6pm for Salt & Light Youth Group, with 9th through 12th graders meeting on Sunday nights, including **TONIGHT!** Contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

KID'S I.D. & KID'S L.I.F.E.— Kid's I.D. (Sunday at 9am) and L.I.F.E. (Wednesdays at 6pm) help connect the dots of what is being taught, why it matters to God, and what we can do about it. Join us for special times of God's Word, activities, and fun with friends, Contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

ACTIVITY BAGS FOR CHILDREN — CCPC offers activity bags for children, located in the Narthex. If you do not feel comfortable bringing your kiddo to Children's Church, but would like to keep them busy during worship, we invite you to take one! *Note: Please return unused items in the bag to the rack at which you found them.*

SAVE-THE-DATE: VBS 2022 — Mark your calendars for CCPC Kids Ministry's Vacation Bible School 2022! Join us *Sunday, June 26 through Thursday, June 30 from 6-8pm* for loads of fun, education, snacks, and most importantly... learning about God's Word and His amazing gift of salvation! This year's theme is "Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness."

HIGHLIGHTS FOR APRIL & MAY

- Eggstravaganza - **April 9**
- Palm Sunday - **April 10**
- Maundy Thursday - **April 14**
- Good Friday - **April 15**
- Easter Sunday - **April 17**
- Jim Gates on Sabbatical - **May 16**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK 2022— We continue through the season of Lent and look to the glorious day we celebrate that *HE HAS RISEN!* Holy Week is just around the corner and will include Palm Sunday on April 10, Maundy Thursday service on April 14 at 6pm, Good Friday service on April 15 at 6pm, and Easter Sunday services on April 17 at 8am and 10am. Join us and invite friends and family!

MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE— CCPC's only remaining debt to the bank is on our line of credit - the remaining expenses on our Bouldin Hall renovation project. To date, we owe just under \$50,000. We are excited to announce that we have received another matching gift - dollar for dollar up to \$25,000! If met, this will finish off our line of credit. To donate towards this match, you can simply write "Match" on your check or give on our website. **We have until May 1 to try to reach this goal!**

CCPC SOFTBALL TEAM SIGNUP— The Softball season is just around the corner and the CCPC team is looking to bolster its lineup! If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Dustin Vreeland at dvreelan@mtu.edu or 715-581-2703.

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 after worship *NEXT* Sunday, April 10 in the Bouldin Hall conference room. If you or someone you know would like to attend, please speak with Drew Bouché (drew@covenantcommunitypc.org).

JIM GATES SABBATICAL — Jim Gates will be going on sabbatical over a 3-month period this coming summer. This means that he will be unavailable for anything church related and will be away from the building from May 16 through August 14. Jess Wakefield will be filling in for the pastoral duties during that time, and the rest of the church staff will of course be available. If you have any questions, please contact Jim at jim@covenantcommunitypc.org.

MISSIONS

SAVE-THE-DATE: SERVICE DAY - THE MESS IS OUR MISSION — The CCPC Missions Committee is hosting a Service Day, here at the church, on Saturday, June 11 from 9am to 12pm. We would love for this to be a day of spring cleaning here at our building, which will include tasks for *ALL* ages (we would *LOVE* to see kids and youth here to help with the adults). Save the date and come help us spruce up our amazing facilities! More details to come!

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

ADULT L.I.F.E. - APOLOGETICS — Continuing *THIS* Wednesday, April 6, our Adult L.I.F.E. course is covering logical arguments for components of our faith, known as Apologetics. Join us from 6-7pm to participate in the discussion! Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP— Our new women's small group meets every Sunday after worship from 11:15-12:15 in the Cry Room. All women are welcome! Contact Joan Jackson (jokajax@yahoo.com) to learn get connected!

***Assurance of Pardon:** *Matthew 10:32*
Hear the good news! Jesus says, "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven." We who are one with the Son can never be separated from the Father. Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

***Congregational Response:** "There is a Redeemer" (vs. 1) #443

Children's Message:

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

Period of Fellowship

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: *Psalm 22:1-21* Page 500

Special Music: "Heart of Worship" Jay St. Clair & Friends

New Testament Reading: *Matthew 10:26-33* Page 10

Sermon: *Vision of God: An Irrelevant God* Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "God of the Sparrow" (vs. 1,3,6) #22

The Sacrament of Communion

Offering

Offertory Music: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" JeHae Kim-Bixby

***Doxology**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction:** "For All the Saints" (vs. 5) #326

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 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 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: Deb Tice

Acolytes: Ellie McCarron &
Izzabella Prescott

Elder Greeter: Bob Warner &
Jim Jackson

Greeters: Barb Smejkal &
Kay Storm

The Hub: Gail Daman

Live Stream: Derek Nelson

Slides: Jared Fuls

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following folks who were recently in the hospital or reside in an assisted-care facility.

Mary Zuidema
(Pride TLC)

Jack Vlietstra
(Pride TLC)

Stella Lamping
(Home)

Stanley Zyduck
(Home)

Joyce Michna
(Pride TLC)

Tom Scott
(Home)

Dee Jenkins
(Home)

Cheryl Lenz
(Colonial Center in Colby)

Don Hawkins
(Home)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
9AM	I.D.	7PM	DARTBALL	12PM	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	6PM	KID'S/ADULT L.I.F.E.
9AM	SINGLES SMALL GROUP			7PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
10AM	WORSHIP					6PM	KID'S/BELL CHOIR
11:15AM	WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP					7PM	CHOIR PRACTICE
6PM	HS YOUTH GROUP						
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD	10AM	ED ZUIDEMA VISITATION	9AM	EGGSTRAVAGANZA	9AM	I.D.
4:30PM	FAITH & FITNESS	11AM	ED ZUIDEMA MEMORIAL			9AM	SINGLES SMALL GROUP
						10AM	PALM SUNDAY
						11:15AM	WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP
						11:15AM	CCPC 101
						6PM	HS YOUTH GROUP

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.