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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH, 2023 - 10 A.M.

DREAMS OF OUR FATHERS:
FAITHFULNESS

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Prelude: "The Power of His Love" 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: Exodus 34:6-7

*The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,
Keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation,
forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.*

***Hymn:** "Come Thou Fount" (vs. 1,2,3) #475

***Call to Confession:** Psalm 26:1,3

David writes, "Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted the LORD without wavering. ... For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you." We correctly lack David's confidence, knowing that we have not always walked in faithfulness this week. Therefore, we offer our prayer of confession.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord Jesus, you are faithful; your steadfast love is everlasting. In your life, not once did you entertain sinful thoughts or make selfish choices. We struggle to make it through the week without such decisions. You offer love and grace to your enemies and died for us while we were yet sinners. We struggle to offer love and grace even to those closest to us. You were steadfast in all circumstances. Our faith can stumble over the smallest obstacles.

Forgive us for our sins this week, and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit, so that we can grow into a people whose faithfulness reflects your own. Thank you for the work you have already done, and for the victories we saw this week over our sin. Continue to shape us into consistent and courageous Christians who convey your character to all around us.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

MEN'S & WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY — From May 2 through May 23, men and women (*TOGETHER*) meet on Tuesdays from 12pm-1pm. We will be studying 2 Timothy in Bouldin Hall. All are invited to join us!

ADULT L.I.F.E. — Glenn and Barb Lamping will be leading us in a new Adult L.I.F.E. class every Wednesday, May 3 through May 24 from . "This Is The Day" is an inspirational series from Tim Tebow, in which he shares stories from his life to show us what it means to act in God's glory. He challenges us to step out in courage and make the most of today. Join us in the Adult Education room downstairs each Wednesday from May 3-May 24, from 6-7pm.

FAITH & FITNESS — Just in time to get in shape for the summer, Faith & Fitness continues *THIS* Thursday, May 4 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.

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 in space with "Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light." Registration will be available on our website beginning May 14 for ages 3 through rising 5th graders. We are looking for volunteers to help the week leading up to VBS... and the week of. There are lots of ways to be involved, including meal preparation, decorating, or even being a crew leader and escorting the kids from station to station. Contact Kim Baumann at 715-302-0801 if you are interested.

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. Contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions. Come be with us!

THROUGH MARCH 2023:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$141,910**
Actual Operating Revenues: **\$134,143**
Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$153,548**
Actual Operating Expenses: **\$132,533**

APRIL 23 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **216**
AM Livestream Total: **110**
PM In-Person Total: **37**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW ROOF COMPLETION— We are thrilled about the completion of our brand new roof at CCPC! Thank you to our Administration Committee, Superior Roofing & Remodeling, and those who generously donated to make this all happen! We look forward to a dry summer!

WELCOME INTERN ABI FRAAZA— Abi Fraaza will begin a summer-long internship here at CCPC, beginning May 7. She will assist in youth programming and attend both conferences in June and July. If you would like to send her a message, she can be reached at abi@covenantcommunitypc.org.

DREW BOUCHÉ'S NEW SCHEDULE— CCPC's Communications Coordinator, Drew Bouché, has recently started a new work schedule. He will no longer be present on Sundays, but can be reached at the office Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm, or by email at drew@covenantcommunitypc.org.

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 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).

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY— Every year, CCPC partners with Hope Life Center in Wausau to raise funds for their ministry. Join us May 7-28 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 return to the church.

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, sign up at the Hub or 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:

Philippians 2:8-11

Paul reminds us of the good news, that Jesus "humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Through the humiliation and exaltation of Jesus, we are forgiven and we are saved. 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:** "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning" (vs. 1,2,3) #350

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 39:1-23 Page 36

Special Music: "Back to the Church in the Wildwood" Voices of Glory

New Testament Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 Page 197

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "For All the Saints" (vs. 1,2,4) #326

Welcoming our 2023 Confirmation Class into the Church

Clayton Bouffleur, Jonathan Gates, Alex Jelen,
Benjamin Muscinske, Takota Rowland, Ellie Vanzo

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer See page 4

Offering

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

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "Our God is an Awesome God" (x2) #616

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 Leaders: Confirmands

The Hub: Deb Wakefield

Acolytes: Confirmands

Live Stream: Craig Spangler

Elder Greeter: Bob Gebauer
& Scott Bouffleur

Slides: Josh Werner

Usher Lead: Jerry Trebus

Greeters: Confirmands

Fellowship: Terry & Vicki Anderson

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			12PM	MEN & WOMEN BIBLE STUDY	6PM	KID'S/ADULT L.I.F.E.
9AM	CONFIRMATION BREAKFAST			6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
10AM	WORSHIP					6PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
11:15AM	WOMEN'S SM. GRP.					7PM	ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL						
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					10AM	WORSHIP
						11:15AM	WOMEN'S SM. GRP.
						4PM	BAND REHEARSAL
						4PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
						6PM	WORSHIP

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