

LIVE STREAMING

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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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH, 2023 - 8 & 10 A.M.

THE NEXT GENERATIONS:
HOLDING ON

Prelude: "Easter Medley" Pat Moucha, Les Fraaza, & JeHae Kim-Bixby
 "Christ Arose" Les Fraaza & JeHae Kim-Bixby

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: "We Are the Reason" Ric Thompson

Call to Worship:

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!
 Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!
 Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!

***Hymn:** "Christ is Alive" (vs. 1,5) #246
 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" (vs. 1,4) #232

***Easter Prayer of Adoration:**

Father God, we praise you that your glory has dawned on us, and brought us into this Day of Resurrection. We rejoiced that the grave could not hold your Son, and that he has conquered death, risen to rule over all powers of this earth. We praise you that he summons us into new life, to follow him with joy and gladness.

By your Spirit, lift us from doubt and despair, and set our feet in Christ's holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life, and all we have may show forth his love. Praise, glory, and thanksgiving to you, our God, forever and ever. Amen.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

I.D. FOR ALL AGES — I.D. for all ages resumes *NEXT* Sunday, April 16 at 9am. Adults will continue the video-and-conversation based curriculum in the Cry Room. Kid's will begin a new theme for April called, "Rise & Shine" in all of their programming. Youth and Confirmation will also continue on the 8th.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Our study on the Gospel of John continues! Come join us for 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 11 at noon. All men, including newcomers, are welcome!

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. **Please note that H.S. will not meet tonight.** Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH LOCK-IN — All our 6-8th graders are invited to join us for our Lock-In, from Friday, April 21 at 7pm to Saturday, April 22 at 8am. We'll take a trip to WOW for Laser Tag and pizza, and of course have a blast with games and movies back at the church. The cost is \$20 and as always, scholarships are available. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) to sign up!

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!

THROUGH FEBRUARY 2023:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$92,535**
 Actual Operating Revenues: **\$90,637**
 Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$94,493**
 Actual Operating Expenses: **\$89,331**

APRIL 2 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **301**
 AM Livestream Total: **96**
 PM In-Person Total: **50**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO KID'S WORSHIP TODAY/NURSERY IS OPEN — There will be no Kid's Worship this morning. Children will stay in the Sanctuary for the 8am and 10am services. However, our nursery is available for use, as well as our Cry Room.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — We will be having a Congregational Meeting *NEXT* Sunday, April 16 after worship for the purpose of electing two new Deacons. We invite all members to join us and have your voice heard.

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 on Sunday, April 23. We will provide food and childcare for this event that typically runs 1 hour and 30 minutes. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) to RSVP.

3 FOR 3 SUPPER CLUBS — Signup online or at the Hub for our 3 for 3 Supper Clubs! These clubs will be groups of 3 individuals/families that meet 3 times to share a meal together. This is simply an opportunity to fellowship and connect with members of our church family. You can meet in homes, at restaurants, or even have a picnic together. We will publish all the supper clubs after Easter, and then you can schedule your own events!

SPIRITUAL GIFT INVENTORY — We invite *ALL* members of our faith family to participate in a Spiritual Gift Inventory. This is a wonderful opportunity to identify your spiritual strengths/gifts and see how they can be applied to serving within our community! You can fill out a hard copy version located in the Narthex and at The Hub, or feel free to do it digitally on our website. If you have any questions, please speak with Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

SERVING/VOLUNTEERING

PASTA & BOOK NIGHT FOR HEARTS OF HOPE FAMILIES — We are so excited to be hosting our Hearts of Hope families on Tuesday, May 23 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).

SERVING ON SUNDAY AT CCPC — We are constantly in need of folks looking to serve our faith community on Sunday mornings or evenings... and even Wednesday nights. From kids/youth teachers/chaperones and nursery workers, to running the livestream/slides and greeting, there are many ways to get involved. Mark your interest on the Connection Card in today's bulletin or reach out to Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org), Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org), or Raissa Dupuis (raissa@covenantcommunitypc.org) to get involved. See where your strengths might lead you by filling out one of our Spiritual Gift Inventory packets located at the table in the Narthex.

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.

***Proclaiming the Mystery of Faith:**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus: dying, you destroyed our death, rising, you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory. This is the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Praise be to Him! Amen.

***Congregational Response:** "The Day of Resurrection" (vs. 1,3) #233

Children's Message:

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

Period of Fellowship

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading:	Genesis 32:22-32	Page 30
Special Music:	"Resurrection Power"	CCPC Choir
New Testament Reading:	John 20:1-18	Page 114
Sermon:	The Next Generations: Holding On	Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" (vs. 1,2,3) #248

The Sacrament of Communion

[We invite all who have been Baptized to participate in the Lord's Supper]

Offering

Offertory Music: "Majesty" Pat Moucha, Les Fraaza, & JeHae Kim-Bixby

***Doxology**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction:** "The Hallelujah Chorus" (We invite all to sing)

Postlude: "Thine is the Glory" Les Fraaza & Pat Moucha

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/PERFORMERS

Thank you to all who make this morning's worship meaningful!

Acolytes: Allie VanSlyke & Eli Baumann (8am)
Grace & Greta Spangler (10am)

Elder Greeters: Jim Jackson, Julie Nelson,
Julie Trebus

Greeters: The Werner Family (8am)
Bonnie Achterberg & Cheryl Falkowski (10am)

The Hub: Deb Wakefield

Counters/Ushers: Jerry Trebus &
Jeff Kibler

Livestream: Derek Nelson (8am)
Craig Spangler (10am)

Slides: Luke Coenen (10am)

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>
8AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		12PM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	3PM FOOD PANTRY
10AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		6PM CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM KID'S L.I.F.E.
6PM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP			6PM MS YOUTH GROUP
			6PM BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
			7PM ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
12PM OLD GUYS RULE AT PIZZA RANCH			9AM I.D. CLASSES/ CONFIRMATION
12PM LUNCH BUNCH			10AM WORSHIP
2PM SHEEPSHEAD			11:15AM WOMEN'S SM. GRP.
			4PM BAND REHEARSAL
			4:30PM HS YOUTH GROUP
			6PM WORSHIP

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.