

LIVE STREAMING

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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...
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SUNDAY, MAY 1ST, 2022 - 10 A.M.

VISION OF THE END CHURCH: ELEVATED WORSHIP

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Grace" Les Fraaza

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: Revelation 7:10,12

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

And thanksgiving and honor and power and might

Be to our God forever and ever! Amen.

***Hymn:** "Allelu" See Screen

***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:**

Father, we confess that we have worshipped earthly things, oriented our lives earthward, and at times, fallen down into the dirt. Please forgive us.

We want to worship you alone, orient our lives heavenward, and rise to glory with Jesus. Help us to encounter you in our worship today, and lift us up to yourself.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

FUNERAL LUNCHEON VOLUNTEERS — CCPC is looking to grow our funeral luncheon volunteer team to assist with setup and serving food for guests after the service. We are looking for two teams of 7-8 people. If you are interested in helping, please signup at the Hub, or contact Tom Daman (tdaman62@gmail.com) or Bev Werner (blw.cats@gmail.com).

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

GROUPS ON BREAK FOR SUMMER MONTHS— Some groups and Bible studies will be going on break for the summer months. The Sunday morning Singles Small group will be ending May 22; I.D. will also end May 22 for all ages; the Tuesday Women's Bible Study will have its last day *THIS* Tuesday, May 3, while the men will end on May 10; and our Faith & Fitness will have its last gathering on Thursday, May 26. *All of these ministries will return in September!*

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 2 Kings 22-25 (tomorrow is a catch up day).

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

SALT & LIGHT YOUTH GROUP — Students who are in 6th through 8th grades gather on Wednesdays at 6pm, including *THIS* week, May 4, for Salt & Light Youth Group, with 9th through 12th graders meeting on Sunday nights (including *TONIGHT*).

KID'S I.D. & KID'S L.I.F.E.— Kid's I.D. (Sundays 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. *NOTE: Kid's I.D. will conclude for the summer on May 22 and Kid's L.I.F.E. will conclude on May 25.*

PARENTING THROUGH THE PHASES — We are excited to provide a wonderful three-day small group experience for parents entitled, "Parenting Through the Phases" this summer during VBS. Drop your kids off and join us from 6:15-7:15pm from June 27 through June 29 for a conversation about parenting through the many phases from birth to high school graduation. Go to www.covenantcommunitypc.org/kids-ministry (the same button as VBS registration) to signup.

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." Go to www.covenantcommunitypc.org/kids-ministry to register your kiddos. You can also see today's Connection Card for opportunities to serve our children.

HIS PLANS, OUR HANDS PERFORMANCE — Bring the whole family for an amazing performance of puppets, dance, video, and humor entitled, "We Won't Be Shaken" by the His Plans, Our Hands Creative Ministry. The show will take place Sunday, May 15 at the Wausau campus of Highland Community Church. This event is *FREE* and will include an ice cream social.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. *We are almost there and are currently at a total of \$24,216!* To donate towards this match, you can simply write "Match" on your check or give on our website. **TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY TO REACH THE GOAL!**

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.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP MUSIC TEAM— CCPC is excited to begin a new contemporary worship service that will take place Sundays at 6pm, beginning September 11. In preparation for this new service, we have hired Contemporary Music Director Orlando diValentin and will be using the summer to recruit musicians/singers to begin rehearsals. If you are interested in being a part of this music team, see today's Connection Card or contact Orlando at orlando@covenantcommunitypc.org.

FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW — CCPC will be hosting a car show in our parking lot on Sunday, June 19th (Father's Day) following service. Join us and invite your family and friends to enjoy up to 85 cars, as well as food provided by the CCPC Softball Team to help raise money for their season. Many of the cars on display are provided by the "Wisconsin Road Knights" auto club, but we invite *ANYONE* to bring their car to show as well. We will have voting and prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd best in show.

MISSIONS

COOKOUT FOR BRIDGE STREET MISSION — The CCPC Mission Committee will be hosting a cook out at Marathon Park (shelter #1) on Saturday, June 18 from 5-7:30pm, through the Bridge Street Mission. We are looking for up to 20 people to help bring hope to the homeless on that day by filling bellies and engaging in fellowship! We will need donations of food, charcoal, paper plates, and more, as well as outdoor games for all to enjoy. Contact Kari Kufahl (kari.kufahl@gmail.com) with any questions and sign up to take part at the Hub.

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER — Pick up a Baby Bottle in the Narthex on Mother's Day (May 8) or thereafter, fill it with change, cash or checks, and return it to CCPC by May 29! All donations will support our local Crisis Pregnancy Center. You can also make a donation online via our website to help these moms and moms-to-be!

THE HAGAR HOUSE OPEN HOUSE — CCPC is proud to be a financial supporter and partner of The Hagar House, a long-term home of respite and restoration for single mothers that will be opening its doors this year! The Hagar House invites all to an open house on Saturday, June 4 from 11am-7pm. It's an opportunity to view the home in which the families will be living, as well as eat some pulled pork for \$9 a plate and participate in raffles and games. All proceeds go to opening The Hagar House doors.

*Assurance of Pardon:

Revelation 7:1

Hear the good news! Those who maintain faith and patient endurance with Jesus "have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

Children's Message:

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

Period of Fellowship

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 1:1-5, 22-28 Page 769

Special Music: "Resurrection" CCPC Choir

New Testament Reading: Revelation 7:9-17 Page 249

Sermon: Vision of the End Church: Elevated Worship Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "O Come and Sing Unto the Lord" (vs. 1,3,5) See Screen

The Sacrament of Communion

Ordination and Installation of Deacons and Elders

Offering

Offertory Music: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Marcy Fehrman & Les Fraaza

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (vs. 5) #610

Postlude: 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 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: Stephanie Finamore **Elder Greeter:** Tom & Carol Anklam
Acolytes: Badley Kyle & Zach Fuls **The Hub:** Terri Goldsworthy
Elder Greeter: Bob Gebauer & Luke Coenen **Gatekeeper:** Bill Rhodes
Live Stream: Derek Nelson
Slides: Chris Rhyner

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Mary Zuidema **Stanley Zyduck** **Cheryl Lenz**
(Renaissance in Wisconsin Rapids) *(Home)* *(Colonial Center in Colby)*
Joyce Michna
(Fond du Lac)
Stella Lamping **Don Hawkins**
(Home) *(Home)*

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
9AM	I.D.			12PM	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	1PM	RETIRED SINGLES SMALL GROUP
9AM	SINGLES SMALL GROUP			7PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	KID'S L.I.F.E.
10AM	WORSHIP					6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
6PM	WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP					6PM	KID'S/BELL CHOIR
6PM	HS YOUTH GROUP					7PM	CHOIR PRACTICE
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					9AM	I.D.
4:30PM	FAITH & FITNESS					9AM	SINGLES SMALL GROUP
						10AM	WORSHIP MUSIC APPREC.
						6PM	WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP
						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.