

## LIVE STREAMING

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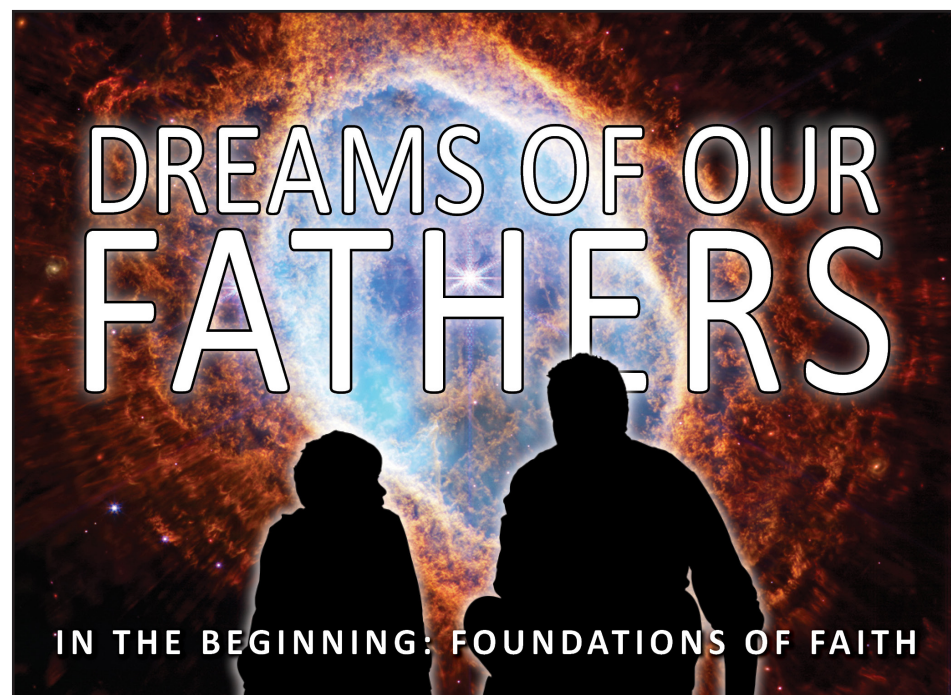
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# COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



SUNDAY, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 - 10 A.M.

## DREAMS OF OUR FATHERS: HEAD GAMES

# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**Prelude:** "Fairest, Lord Jesus" JeHae Kim-Bixby & 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:** "Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him" Bell Choir & Les Fraaza

**Call to Worship:** Genesis 42:1-5

**\*Hymn:** "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" (vs. 1,2,3) #354

## **\*Call to Confession:**

*Peter writes, "The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance." Thankful for God's patience, today we acknowledge our sin and confess it together.*

## **\*Prayer of Confession:**

**Lord Jesus, we know that there is much in our lives which we ought to have done, or left undone, this week. We confess all our shortcomings today; we have sinned.**

**But today we wish to offer more than just a confession. Our desire is to demonstrate true repentance – to turn away from our old lives and turn towards you. Holy Spirit, equip us for the work of pivoting, so that our path leads us in the direction of Christ. Lord God, thank you for patience that makes our repentance possible.**

*(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)*

**BRIDGE ST. SOBER LIVING HOUSE VOLUNTEERS**— The Mission Committee is looking for folks to cook and serve meals at the Sober Living Center every month (1st & 4th Tuesday and 1st & 4th Wednesday). Meals will be for 15-20 people. Guidance on how to do all of this can/will be arranged. You can sign up for these opportunities at the Community Board in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, contact Kari Kufahl (kari.kufahl@gmail.com; 715-218-2498).

**FUNERAL MEAL TEAM**— CCPC has an amazing team of volunteers that prepare serve food to family and visitors of funerals held at the church. If you would like to be a part of this time, or if you would like to prepare desserts and sides for the meals, please contact Bev Werner (715-298-2052 or blw.cats@gmail.com).

## YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

**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 is now open 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.

**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 respectively), and Wednesday night L.I.F.E. at 6pm. We're continuing our journey through the life of Jesus in the Gospels. May's theme is "Heroic", a look at how Jesus is our hero and how he makes us heroes out of us too! *Note: I.D. for kids will have it's last day before the summer break on Sunday, May 21, while kids L.I.F.E. will end on May 24.*

**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. *NOTE: Youth Group continues through the summer, so make Sunday and Wednesday evenings part of your plans. We will have a schedule of additional activities coming out in the next week or two.*

## CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

### **THROUGH MARCH 2023:**

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

### **MAY 7 ATTENDANCE:**

AM In-Person Total: **192**  
AM Livestream Total: **76**  
PM In-Person Total: **39**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PLANNED GIVING WORKSHOP**— Join us *NEXT* Sunday, May 21 after worship in Bouldin Hall for a planned giving workshop. Kyle Nolan of the Presbyterian Foundation will speak to us about estate planning and the inclusion of CCPC in those preparations. If you have any questions, you can reach out to the Endowment Committee Co-Chairs; Ashley Hawley and Jerry Whitburn.

**HOUSEKEEPING JOB OPENING** — CCPC is looking for a detailed, self-motivated, strong Christian to fill the role of Housekeeper here at the church. This part-time (9 hours per week), hourly position will include cleaning duties throughout the building twice per week. Qualifications include excellent work ethic, experience in professional cleaning, and a servant's heart that is driven to communicate (in word and action) the church's objective of hospitality. To apply, please send your résumé to Jim Gates ([jim@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:jim@covenantcommunitypc.org)).

**CHURCH CENTER APP** — Did you know we have an app for church? We do! The Church Center App can be downloaded in the Apple Store and on Google Play. The app is a great way to access the online directory, as well as online giving, filling out a connection card, and staying up-to-date with upcoming events. Download it today!

## BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

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

**ADULT L.I.F.E.** — Glenn and Barb Lamping are leading us in an Adult L.I.F.E. class every Wednesday through May 24 from 6-7pm. "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. Join us in the Adult Education room downstairs.

**RETIRED SINGLES SMALL GROUP** — Our retired singles small group meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1pm, including this week. Contact Bonnie Rogers ([rogersski1@gmail.com](mailto:rogersski1@gmail.com) or 715-370-7618) with any questions.

## MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

**BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER CONTINUES** — Every year, CCPC partners with Hope Life Center in Wausau to raise funds for their ministry. Join us *TODAY* through May 28 as we fill baby bottles with change, bills, or checks to help support mothers who are pregnant or have newborn babies. We have a table setup in the Narthex for you to pickup your bottles (make sure to write your name and number of bottles taken on the sheet provided), which you can then return to the church up through the 28th.

**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 volunteer for, or participate in the event, go to <https://vbspro.events/p/events/pasta-books> to sign up.

### \*Assurance of Pardon:

2 Peter 1:10-11

*"Therefore, brothers and sisters, be all the more eager to confirm your call and election, for if you do this, you will never stumble. For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you." Believe the good news; through faith in Jesus, we have entry into the kingdom of heaven both in this life and in the life to come! Thanks be to God. Amen.*

**\*Congregational Response:** "The Lord is My Salvation"

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** Today we celebrate the baptism of John Robert Hocker II, son of John and Natalie Hocker.

### Children's Message

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

### Period of Fellowship

**\*Hymn:** "For the Beauty of the Earth" (vs. 1,4,5) #14

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**Old Testament Reading:** Genesis 42 Page 39

**Special Music:** "You Are Mine" CCPC Choir

**New Testament Reading:** 2 Peter 3:3-10 Page 238

**Sermon:** "Dreams of Our Fathers: Head Games" Jim Gates

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*Hymn:** "Soon and Very Soon" (vs. 1,2,3) #384

**Music Appreciation, Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer** Page 4

### Offering

**Offertory Music:** "Jesus Loves Me" Marcy Fehrman & Les Fraaza

### \*Doxology

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \*Benediction

**\*Choral Benediction:** "Soon and Very Soon" (vs. 4) #384



# 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 Leader:** Deb Tice

**Acolytes:** Lucas & Paige Mathies

**Elder Greeter:** Bob Gebauer  
& Deb Tice

**The Hub:** Deb Wakefield

**Live Stream:** Craig Spangler

**Usher Lead:** Jeff Kibler

**Fellowship:** Shelby Waraksa

## 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)*

**Stella Lamping**  
*(Home)*

**Joyce Michna**  
*(Fond du Lac)*

**Cheryl Lenz**  
*(Colonial Center in Colby)*

**Mike Petterson**  
*(Hospice House)*

**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	1PM	RETIRED SINGLES SMALL GROUP
10AM	WORSHIP			6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	KID'S/ADULT L.I.F.E.
11:15AM	WOMEN'S SM. GRP.					6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL					6PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
4PM	HS YOUTH GROUP					7PM	ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE
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.
						11:15AM	PLANNED GIVING WORKSHOP
						4PM	BAND REHEARSAL
						4PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
						6PM	WORSHIP

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