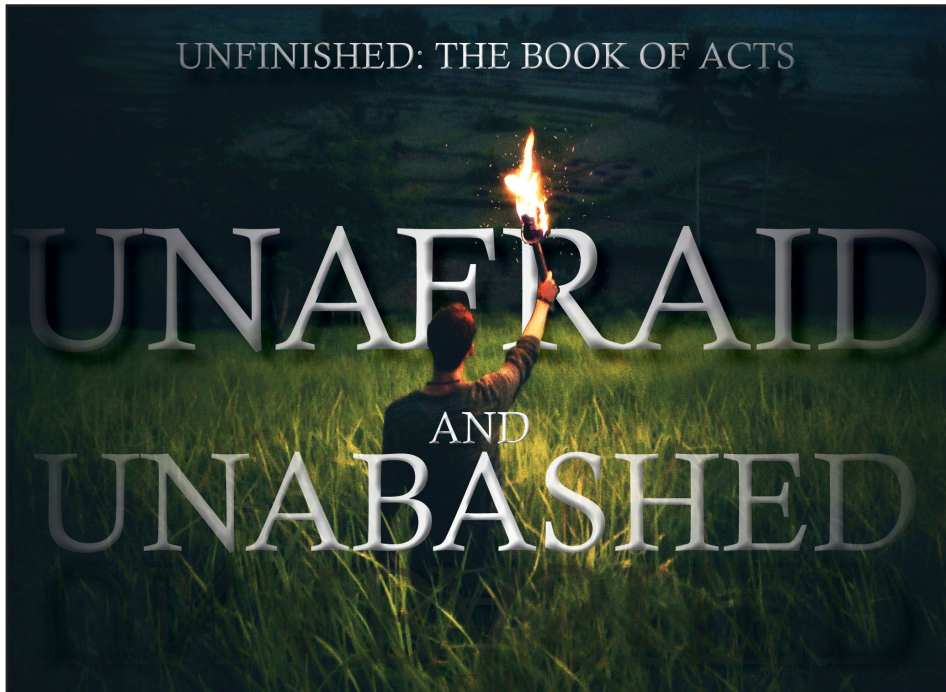




COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



SUNDAY, MAY 17TH, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.

UNAFRAID & UNABASHED:
COURAGE FOR
THE WHOLE TRUTH

LIVE STREAMING

CCPC live streams our 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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Gathering Around the Word

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

This year we will read through the Book of Acts together, considering how the story of the early church might shape and guide our own congregation's story. Like Acts itself, we are Unfinished. Study this week's Acts passage and note the additional readings for the week at www.covenantcommunitypc.org/unfinished-sermon-series.

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship:

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

***Hymn:** "Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing" (vs. 1,2,3) #319

***Call to Confession:** 1 John 1:8-9

"If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Confident of this promise, we bow our heads together in our prayer of confession. Let us pray.

*Prayer of Confession:

Lord Jesus, we know that you sought out Paul in his sins, cleansed him in baptism, and gave him new life in you. So too, you sought us out and made us new creations. This week, however, we have turned back to our old ways and lives and habits. Forgive us for regressing so easily to earthly thoughts and actions, when we have been given heavenly purpose.

Remind us that we are already washed; we are already cleaned; we are already forgiven. Then strengthen us to live in this new reality, never looking back upon our old lives. Let our lives this week bring honor to Your Name above all names.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

*Assurance of Pardon:

Acts 22:16

The message of Ananias to Paul comes to us as well: "Get up, be baptized, and have your sins washed away, calling on his name." Calling on the name of Jesus and baptized into his family, we receive the good news: our sins have been washed away! Thanks be to God! **Amen!**

Children's Message

Celebration of Graduates

Proclaiming the Word

Special Music: "We Gather" Jay & Barb St. Clair

Old Testament Reading: 2 Chronicles 32:6-8 NRSV Bible

New Testament Reading: Acts 21:37-22:29 NRSV Bible

Sermon: Unafraid & Unabashed: Jim Gates
Courage for the Whole Truth

Responding to the Word

***Hymn:** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" (vs. 1,2) #451

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory Music: "A Mighty Fortress" Marcy Fehrman & Les Fraaza

Connection Card and giving are available on the live stream web page.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Announcements

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (vs. 1,6) #687

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROGRAMMING UPDATE—On May 13, the WI Supreme Court struck down the “Safer at Home” order, effective immediately. Because of the uncertainty about safety and the suddenness of this decision, we are not prepared to open our building to regular programming at this time. On Monday, May 18, our Session will meet via Zoom to discuss the situation and make decisions about what comes next. This is a developing situation, so please stay tuned to your email or the church website for the most up-to-date decisions about church events. You can also call the church at 715-359-6467 with questions. Our elders and I specifically request your prayers for wisdom and guidance as we navigate these uncharted waters!

CCPC'S CARE CLOSET IS CURRENTLY CLOSED FOR DONATIONS—During the COVID-19 situation, we are not able to receive donations of used clothing for our Care Closet.

DONATE TO HOPE LIFE CENTER—Due to our circumstances with the Covid-19 pandemic, CCPC was unable to have our yearly Baby Bottle drive for Hope Life Center. In light of this, we invite you to visit Hope's website to donate and support this amazing local organization. Please go to <https://give.cornerstone.cc/hopewi> to give financially, or go to www.hopewi.com/Home to learn more about their important work in our community.

DVDS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WITHOUT INTERNET ACCESS—CCPC will be making available DVDs of our worship services for those who do not have access to the Internet. If you know someone who does not have the ability to watch our live stream or archived sermons on our website, please contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) or Drew Bouché (drew@covenantcommunitypc.org).

THURSDAY TRIVIA NIGHT—“Thursday Trivia Night” is back again! We will have another evening of fun via Zoom *THIS* Thursday, May 21 at 6pm. Save the time and date and be on the lookout this week for emails and text messages to participate.

THE HERO TREE AT CCPC—CCPC invites you to honor the heroes in our community, and in your personal life, by acknowledging them on our “Hero Tree,” located outside the west entrance of our building. From healthcare workers and grocery store clerks, to parents and neighbors, this recognition is open to anyone that has impacted you in a positive way during this pandemic. Their first name and last initial, along with the person honoring them will be written on a ribbon and hung on the tree. We will also alert your hero that they have been honored in this way. To have your hero ribbon placed on the tree, please go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/hero-tree>.

1-MINUTE DAILY PRAYER—As the entire world navigates the COVID crisis, we know that there is no greater power than prayer. Coming to God in the name of Jesus for healing, hope, strength, and wisdom can move mountains, especially when we do it in one voice! Join us every evening at 8pm for 1 minute of prayer for the world, our nation and community, as well as our loved ones and friends. Let us kneel together and allow God to be in control!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT L.I.F.E. (LIVING IN FAITH EVERYDAY)—Our spring L.I.F.E. series, “Church in Your Street” concludes *THIS* Wednesday, May 20 via Zoom at 6pm. For further instructions on how to participate, be on the lookout for

this week's Covenant Connection email, or go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/wednesday-night-life-zoom> for video and notes from previous classes!

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM—The women's Bible study will be meeting *THIS* Tuesday, May 19 at 12pm via Zoom, as well as every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. You can learn more about that Zoom program on our website at <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/using-zoom>. If you have not been a part of these studies in the past but would like to join us now, simply contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

BOOK CLUB VIA ZOOM—The Book Club invites you to join them via Zoom! The discussion will be about “The Adventures of Tom Sawyer” by Mark Twain and will take place Tuesday, May 26 at 6:30pm.

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KID'S L.I.F.E. (LIVING IN FAITH EVERYDAY)—Kid's Spring L.I.F.E. concludes *THIS* Wednesday, May 20 via Zoom! Our Mighty Mites (preschoolers) are connecting at 4pm, while our K2's/CREW 345 (elementary students) will meet at 6pm. Be on the lookout in this week's Covenant Connection email for specifics about how to join us!

YOUTH GROUP VIA ZOOM—All students grades 6th-12th grade are invited to join us online, using Zoom, *THIS* coming Wednesday at 6pm. There will be more information to come via emails and texts, so be on the lookout! If you would like to see video messages from previous weeks, please go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/youth-group>. If you have any questions, contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org).

YOUTH I.D. VIA ZOOM—All of our 6th-8th graders are invited to join us via Zoom for I.D. (Institute of Discipleship) every Sunday at 9am. ***We will continue to have I.D. for the remainder of our time being at home.*** Be on the lookout for email invitations and text messages! If you have any questions about how your student can participate, please contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org).

KID'S I.D. VIA ZOOM—Kid's I.D. (Institute of Discipleship) will continue to take place every Sunday morning at 9am using Zoom! ***We will continue to have I.D. for the remainder of our time being at home.*** Parents, make sure you check your email and pay attention to text messages related to this virtual class. If you have any questions about how your kids can participate, contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org).

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday	6:30 p.m.	Session via Zoom
Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study via Zoom
Wednesday	4:00 p.m.	L.I.F.E. for Preschoolers via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	L.I.F.E. for Adults via Zoom
		L.I.F.E. for Elementary Kids via Zoom
		Salt & Light Youth Group via Zoom
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Thursday Night Trivia via Zoom
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Kid's I.D. via Zoom
		Youth I.D. via Zoom
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Live-Stream