

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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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...

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SUNDAY, MAY 2ND, 2021 - 10 A.M.

FORWARD FROM
DISCIPLE TO APOSTLE:
GO WITH (GOD'S POWER)

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "We Declare Your Majesty" JeHae Kim-Bixby

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

What if God's call is not to go "back to normal" but to go forward with Christ? In what direction is your life moving? Are you going backwards to your old life, or forward into the Spirit's new adventure? Consider this morning what your next step towards God might be, and commit to strain forward to what lies ahead.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles:

Call to Worship: Matthew 9:37

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; Therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

***Hymns:** "We Praise You, O God" (vs. 1,2) #612

***Call to Confession:** Jeremiah 1:7-8

God's words to Jeremiah touch our lives as well. Do not make excuses to avoid going and speaking for God, "For you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you," says the LORD." Today, let us repent of our excuses as together we pray.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord God, we have so many reasons why we are hesitant to be sent for you. We fear not having the right words. We fear what others will think of us, if we come across as "overly Christian." We worry that our actions will drive others away, rather than towards, you and your kingdom. Our mistakes and failings are often public, and we worry about sounding like hypocrites given our own sins.

But you have never called us to be ambassadors of ourselves. The story we tell isn't of our brokenness, but of your wholeness. The skill and strength needed to proclaim your love doesn't come from us, but from the Spirit inside us. As you did with Jeremiah, touch our mouths and grant us courage. Then may our lives indeed reflect the story we proclaim, to the glory of Jesus our Lord.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

DAMASCUS ROAD SCARLET CORD PRAYER MINISTRY—CCPC continues its relationship with Damascus Road, a ministry devoted to saving women from the evil of human trafficking in Wisconsin. Their "Scarlet Cord" prayer ministry is one way in which we help support the organization, but more specifically the women involved. Signups for the ministry are still available at The HUB. You can also visit <https://damascusroadproject.org/> to learn how you can be a spiritual partner for these women.

DAY OF SERVICE—The Mission Committee is planning the Annual Spring Community Service Day for Saturday, May 15th and we are in need of volunteers and work! We will be helping congregational members that need spring yard work done and may also do some cleanup at Rib Mountain State Park, or on the Ice Age Trail (if enough volunteers sign up). Come and join us for a day of fellowship and service! You can register online to volunteer or request work at <https://covenantcommunitypc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/834548>

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—The women's study continues in the Book of Hebrews *THIS* Tuesday, May 4 at noon. Books are available at The Hub for \$10. All are welcome to join us in person or via Zoom on Tuesdays. Contact Jim Gates (jjim@covenantcommunitypc.org) for the Zoom information.

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

SAVE-THE-DATE: VBS 2021—Families are beginning to plan their summer schedule, so make sure to save-the-date for VBS 2021 taking place in the evenings from August 2nd to the 5th. Also, FaithLab 2.0 will be available for families looking for an online option available from June to August. Contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

YOUTH GROUP—All students grades 6th-12th grade are invited to join us in person (or online via Zoom) every Wednesday from 6-7:30pm, including *THIS* Wednesday, May 5. We will be wearing masks and social distancing. Contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

YOUTH I.D.—Youth Institute of Discipleship has *THREE* classes (6th & 7th; Confirmation; 9th & 12th) via Zoom *AND* in person at 9am every Sunday morning. ***NOTE: I.D. will end for the summer break after Sunday, May 23.***

KIDS I.D.—Kids ID starts in a large group via Zoom and in person, followed by a breakout into two groups (PreK-1st & 2nd-5th grades). Each group will need their own device if you are with us from home. Join us every Sunday at 9am! ***NOTE: I.D. will end for the summer break after Sunday, May 23.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY MORNING SEATING—Continuing today, and into the foreseeable future, the "piano side" of the sanctuary will be every other pew (all those labeled with red), while the "organ side" will have every pew open for seating. If you would like to keep more distance between yourself and others, we invite you to sit on the "piano side." If you have received your vaccine, or simply feel more comfortable being closer to others, please sit anywhere you'd like on the "organ side." Please see an greeter or HUB attendant if you have any questions.

TODAY'S COMMUNION—*TODAY*, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion. To participate at home, please have your juice and bread ready and available for today's live stream service. In-person worshipers will have prepackaged elements available to them in the Narthex.

KID'S AND ADULT SPRING L.I.F.E.—Our Spring L.I.F.E. (Living In Faith Everyday) session will take place every Wednesday in May, beginning THIS week (5th) at 6pm! We will return to separate adult and kids classes, with the little ones having their time together outside (weather permitting)! Kid's L.I.F.E. will be unpacking the "**PATHS of Prayer**" by exploring what praying looks like in community and at home by ourselves. The adult class is entitled, "**The Spiritual World: Angels, Demons, and Things of God.**" This course will be exploring the forgotten spiritual world around us. Please register your kids at (no adult registration): <https://covenantcommunitypc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/834466>

COVENANT CONVERSATIONS PODCAST—Covenant Conversations podcast with Dan Frost, Episode 2, is now available! Dan Frost speaks with Youth Pastor and consultant Brian Aaby about the Christian family finding balance in their full-scheduled lives. Join the conversation at <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/covenant-conversations>

CCPC ENDOWMENT BIRTHDAY DONATIONS—Have someone special in your life that is celebrating a birthday? Donate a gift to our endowment fund in their honor! We have hardcopy cards in the church office that you can personalize and give to them in recognition after your donation is made. You can also go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/endowment> to pay and print off a digital version that you can give after the gift has been donated. Celebrate others while contributing to the future of our church!

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE TOGETHER—Our Journey through Scripture continues right now in the Book of Acts (as of today we are in chapter 20). Download the YouVersion Bible app on the Apple or Google App Store, and jump in with us as we read a chapter a day together. This habit of daily personal devotions is critical for us, and only enhanced as we share our thoughts and reflections with each other! Starting May 11, we will begin reading The Book of Romans. Then, on May 27, we begin reading through 1 and 2 Corinthians. Links will be sent via the weekly email!

MISSIONS

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER—Pick up a Baby Bottle in the Narthex on Mother's Day (May 9) or thereafter, fill it with change, cash or checks, and return it to CCPC by May 30! All donations will support our local Crisis Pregnancy Center. You can also make a donation online via the website to help these moms and moms-to-be!

*Assurance of Pardon:

John 3:16-17

Hear the good news! "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Children's Message

[Children may come forward and be seated on an "X" in the first two rows of pews.]

Period of Fellowship

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10 NRSV Bible
Special Music: "I Need Thee Every Hour" Deb Perrin
New Testament Reading: Matthew 9:35-10:4 NRSV Bible
Sermon: Forward from Disciple to Apostle: Go With (God's Power) Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "Will You Come and Follow Me" (vs. 1,2,5) #726

The Sacrament of Communion

[We celebrate "Open Communion" at CCPC, which means ALL baptized believers here today are welcome to share in our Lord's Feast. Pickup your pre-packaged elements in the Narthex, or have your bread and juice ready at home.]

Offering

Offertory Music: "How Majestic is Your Name" JeHae Kim-Bixby
[Connection Cards are in your bulletin or in the pew in front of you. Please leave your gifts and Connection Cards in the plates as you leave today.]

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "Go to the World" (vs. 1) #295
Postlude: JeHae Kim-Bixby

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 (or in the pew back).
- † Feel free to use the Cry Room (you will be able to see & hear the service) and/or Nursery located across from the sanctuary

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

Do you believe in God, the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe 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.

Do you believe in the Holy Ghost?

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: Dan Frost

Elder Greeter: Julie Trebus

The HUB: Terri Goldsworthy

Slides: Abram Bouché

Greeters: Barb Smejkal
& Jerry Trebus

Scripture: Abram Bouché

Acolytes: Jonathan & Zoe Gates

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Tom Scott
(Home)

Dee Jenkins
(Home)

Jim Burgener
(Home)

Cheryl Lenz
(St. Joseph's Marshfield)

Don Hawkins
(Home)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
9AM	KID'S & YOUTH I.D.	6PM	W&F COMMITTEE	NOON	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	6PM	YOUTH GROUP
10AM	WORSHIP	6:30PM	CE COMMITTEE			6PM	KIDS & ADULT L.I.F.E.
		6:30PM	DEACONS				
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
						9AM	KID'S & YOUTH I.D.
						10AM	WORSHIP (MOTHER'S DAY)

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.