



# COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...  
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# FAITH ON TRIAL

UNFINISHED: THE BOOK OF ACTS



SUNDAY, JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.

FAITH ON TRIAL:  
HOPE AND LOGIC

## LIVE STREAMING

CCPC live streams our worship services every Sunday morning. Please join us in spirit by going to [www.covenantcommunitypc.org/live-stream](http://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](http://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/unfinished-sermon-series).

### Welcome & Announcements

#### Call to Worship:

Acts 26:23

Today we testify with the same message as the prophets and the saints:  
**That the Messiah must suffer,**

And that, by being the first to rise from the dead,  
**He would proclaim light both to Jews and Gentiles.**

Now we proclaim the holy mystery:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

\*Hymn: "Come, Live in the Light" (vs. 1,2) #749

\*Call to Confession: Acts 26:9

Paul confesses that he did "many things against the name of Jesus of Nazareth." This week, we too have dishonored his name by our sinful thoughts and acts. Therefore, we join together in our prayer of confession.

\*Prayer of Confession:

**Holy God, your mercies are new every morning. Do a new thing in us today. Although we have not followed you with complete devotion, you have loved us with complete abandon. Although we have not fully honored the name of Jesus, you claim by name as your children. Wake us up to the extravagance of your grace, so that we might turn away from our old lives and live entirely for and with you. This we pray in the mighty name of Jesus of Nazareth.**

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

### \*Assurance of Pardon:

Acts 26:18

Jesus said to Paul, "I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me." We are those who have received the gospel, the forgiveness of our sins, and a place among the saints in Christ. Thanks be to him! **Amen!**

### Children's Message

### Installation of Elders and Deacons:

## Proclaiming the Word

New Testament Reading: Acts 25:23-26:32 NRSV Bible

Sermon: Faith on Trial: Hope and Logic Jim Gates

## Responding to the Word

\*Hymn: "Be Still, My Soul" (vs. 1,2) #819

### Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

### Offering

Offertory Music: "Time of Healing" Caitlin Kyle

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

## Bearing and Following the Word into the World

### Announcements

### \*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (vs. 1) #829

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BIRTH NOTICE**—CCPC celebrates the birth of Hattie Jane Lange on June 10, 2020. Hattie is the daughter of Sara Kohlhepp and the *FIRST* grandchild to Dan and Lynne Kohlhepp. Congratulations!

**RETURNING TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE**—After much prayerful deliberation, our Session has approved a plan for returning to in-person worship services in the month of July. You will see a great deal of communication from us in coming weeks with more details on what this reopening will look like. But for now, here's a brief outline of our plan:

- We will offer *TWO* worship services, at 9am and 11am, for those who wish to worship together in the Sanctuary.
- One service (9am) will be "masks required"; the other service (11am) will be "masks optional".
- We will limit attendance at each service to 100 people in the Sanctuary, and reservations will be required for each service (made on the website or via phone).
- No ID, Nursery, Kid's Worship or Fellowship Hour will be offered initially - just worship!
- Worship itself will be different to accommodate social distancing and best practices in a COVID-19 world. This means, sadly, no handshakes or congregational singing as we begin.
- Online worship *WILL CONTINUE* for all who wish to worship that way, and we especially encourage all who are vulnerable to continue to worship via our live-stream.

*Much more to follow in the next few weeks.*

**EPIC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020**—Though we are disappointed that we will not be able to gather together in the summer of 2020, CCPC is excited beyond measure to bring you *THREE* themes to participate in at home! Each month this summer will bring different experience for learning and growing closer to the Lord:

**June:** Faith Lab    **July:** Rocky Railway Express    **August:** Mission - Deep Sea  
You can choose one, or your kids can be bold and do more! Every Wednesday at 9am via Zoom, we are gathering to discuss the adventures in faith that you are having. For more information and to register your kids, go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/vbs>. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Fuls ([amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org))

**CCPC COOKBOOK PROJECT**—It has been 30 years since our church published a cookbook. Several of our volunteers working at the Warming Shelter this winter decided it is time we publish another! We hope all of you will be willing to share your yummy recipes with us!

**You can submit recipes in three different ways:**

1. A printable, hand-written form that we will include in the Covenant Connection weekly email.
2. A Google form ([https://drive.google.com/open?id=1nJxRyjD8PqvAVR-l0Z-peWUq\\_shdHmuqVCmYvhfbtOBU](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1nJxRyjD8PqvAVR-l0Z-peWUq_shdHmuqVCmYvhfbtOBU)). Just complete the form and hit "submit".
3. A Word form included in the Covenant Connection weekly email. Simply double-click on the shaded portions, type in your recipe, save and email to [cgeurink@charter.net](mailto:cgeurink@charter.net).

If you are interested in helping, please let contact Colleen Geurink ([cgeurink@charter.net](mailto:cgeurink@charter.net) or 715-359-6038).

**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>.

## BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM**—The women's Bible study will be meeting *THIS* Tuesday, June 16 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](mailto:jim@covenantcommunitypc.org)).

**WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING VIA ZOOM**—Prayer is the most powerful tool/weapon that the Church possesses. And when this practice is done by many, in one voice, so much beyond our comprehension is possible. In light of this, we will be starting a weekly prayer meeting via Zoom beginning *THIS* Wednesday, June 17 at 6pm. All are welcome! To participate, please go to the address below and enter the meeting I.D. and password:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87640040134?pwd=WEU3MzBQdJE5UEovcDEwT2pNS29Pd09>

**Meeting ID:** 876 4004 0134

**Password:** 470996

## YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org)).