



COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

FAITH ON TRIAL

UNFINISHED: THE BOOK OF ACTS



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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SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.

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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:

Acts 26:14-16

I heard a voice saying to me, "Why do you persecute me?" And I said, "Who are you, Lord?"

The Lord answered, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.

But get up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose,

To appoint you to serve and testify to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you."

So too we as the church are called

As witnesses for the Lord Jesus, testifying to the gospel of grace!

*Hymn: "Christ Be Beside Me" (vs. 1,3) #702

*Call to Confession: Acts 3:19

Peter calls to the people and to us, saying, "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord." As repentance begins with confession, so let us confess our sins together.

*Prayer of Confession:

Holy Spirit, we honor and celebrate you today as the very presence of God-in-us. You are ever at work, molding us as works of art into the image of our Savior Jesus. But we so desperately want to be finished; this process of becoming is so hard and so slow. This week, we have often sought out shortcuts to attain happiness, or peace, or victory, or success, or security, instead of trusting in your redeeming, transformational work. We confess that all of our shortcuts have left us further from you, and further from ourselves. Forgive us. Allow

us to embrace our identity as unfinished people and an unfinished church, so that even our smallest steps might bring us closer to who we are becoming in you. This we pray, Holy Spirit, in the name of our unfinished Savior, Jesus the Christ.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

*Assurance of Pardon:

Acts 13:38-39

Paul says, "Let it be known to you therefore, my brothers and sisters, that through this man forgiveness is proclaimed to you; by this Jesus everyone who believes is set free from all those sins from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses." Thanks be to God! Amen!

Children's Message

Period of Fellowship:

Proclaiming the Word

Old Testament Reading:	Daniel 12:9-13	NRSV Bible
Special Music:	"Knowing You, Jesus"	Deb Perrin
New Testament Reading:	Acts 28:11-30	NRSV Bible
Sermon:	Faith on Trial: Trial Unfinished	Jim Gates

Responding to the Word

*Hymn: "I Need Thee Every Hour" (vs. 1,2) #735

The Sacrament of Communion

Offering

Offertory Music: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" 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: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (vs. 1) #829

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN-HOME COMMUNION TODAY—Today we will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion. To participate, you will need to have your own grape juice and bread! Please have your juice and bread ready and available for today's live stream service!

RETURNING TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP—After much prayerful deliberation, our Session has approved a plan for returning to in-person worship services on July 5. 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).
Please go to www.covenantcommunitypc.org/reservations starting to make your reservation. We ask that you please complete your submission by THIS Thursday, July 2 at noon.
- 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.

For more specific information about in-person worship, we invite you to read or watch material at www.covenantcommunitypc.org/reservations.

EPIC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020—CCPC is excited to bring you *THREE* themes to participate in at home for this year's Vacation Bible School! 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 (continuing *THIS* week, July 1) 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)

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-I0Z-peWUq_shdHmuqVCmYvhftOBU). 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.

If you are interested in helping, please let contact Colleen Geurink (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 30 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).

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, July 1 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).