



COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

FAITH ON TRIAL

UNFINISHED: THE BOOK OF ACTS



SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.

FAITH ON TRIAL:
THE APPEAL
OF FAITH

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:

Isaiah 6:1-3

In the year that King Uzziah died, Isaiah saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings ... and they were calling to one another:

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

***Hymn:** "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" (vs. 1,4) #1

*Call to Confession:

Isaiah 6:5

When Isaiah encountered the Lord, he cried, "Woe to me! I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." Like Isaiah, when we behold the goodness of God, our sins become all the more apparent. Let us, too, confess those sins to God.

*Prayer of Confession:

Triune God, your very identity models for us perfect love, peace and unity. In the union of Father, Son and Spirit we come to understand rightly-ordered love. But we are also reminded of how very far from that union we remain. In our country today, we know that issues of race, class and history maintain deep divisions. In our communities and workplaces, long standing grievances dampen our passion for your grace. Even with our friends and families, we often struggle to reflect the love that defines your relationship, O Three-in-One.

Forgive us for the selfishness and divisions that separate us from one another and from you. Inspire us to the radical love of others that triumphs over sin, a love embodied in our Savior Jesus. May we follow his example, even as we are forgiven by his grace.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

*Assurance of Pardon:

Isaiah 6:6-7

Isaiah writes, "then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." Believe the gospel; Jesus is the fire of God that takes away our sins and makes us righteous before God. Thanks be to him! **Amen!**

Children's Message

Period of Fellowship:

Proclaiming the Word

Old Testament Reading: Daniel 2:1-10, 17-24, 46-47 NRSV Bible

Special Music: "The Gospel of Grace" Jay St. Clair

New Testament Reading: Acts 25:1-22 NRSV Bible

Sermon: Faith on Trial: The Appeal of Faith Jim Gates

Responding to the Word

***Hymn:** "O Christ, The Great Foundation" (vs. 1,2) #361

The Sacrament of Communion

(Please have your juice and bread ready)

Offering

Offertory Music: "You Are Mine" Sue Thompson

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

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! We invite you to participate on that given month in songs, instructions for games, and activities. Then, document your experiences via video and/or photos for a chance to secure a Family Fun Give-Away! Every Wednesday (starting *THIS WEEK* June 10) at 9am via Zoom, we will gather and discuss the adventures in faith that you are having. Know someone with kids who doesn't have a VBS experience at their church? Please share this awesome opportunity! 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! Ladies in our Lunch Bunch browsed about fifty different church and organization cookbooks to determine what we'd like ours to look like and have made several preliminary decisions about the book. The book will be printed locally, and we are now ready to work on the collection of recipes. 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_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.

Have fun going through your favorite recipes! We will also be needing help with organizing and finalizing all these recipes. If you are interested in helping, please let contact Colleen Geurink (cgeurink@charter.net or 715-359-6038). Our goal is to have the books ready by Thanksgiving to be available as Christmas gifts.

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.

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).

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

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM—The men's Bible study will be meeting *THIS* Tuesday, June 9 at 12pm via Zoom, as well as every 2nd and 4th 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, June 10 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=WEU3MzBQdjE5UEovcDEwT2pNS29Pd309>

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).

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).