

## LIVE STREAMING

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# COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...

**Changing lives forever!**



SUNDAY, JULY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 - 10 A.M.

WE THREE KINGS: DAVID -  
BEYOND REPROACH

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### **Prelude:**

JeHae Kim-Bixby

### **Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:**

*The three kings of the united kingdom of Israel – Saul, David, and Solomon – are fascinating, important, and deeply flawed spiritual leaders. You can read their stories in 1 Samuel 8 through 1 Kings 12. Why are these stories preserved by the Spirit in our Scriptures, and what can we learn about God and Christ through them?*

### **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Lighting of the Candles:**

### **Call to Worship:**

Psalm 19:14

*Let the words of our mouths*

*And the mediation of our hearts*

*Be acceptable to you, O LORD,*

*Our rock and our redeemer.*

**\*Hymn:** "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" (vs. 1,2,3) #730

### **\*Call to Confession:**

*Scripture tells us that we are to be above reproach, without even a hint of sin amongst us. Though we aspire to this goal, we have not fully attained it. Therefore, we confess our sins to God and to one another. Let us pray using these David's words from Psalm 38.*

**\*Prayer of Confession:** (From Psalm 38)

*O Lord, do not rebuke us in your anger, or discipline us in your wrath. For our iniquities have gone over our heads; they weigh like burdens too heavy for us. For we are ready to fall, and our pain is ever with us. We confess our iniquity; we are sorry for our sin.*

*Do not forsake us, O LORD; O Our God, do not be far from us; make haste to help us, O Lord, our salvation.*

*(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)*

**\*Assurance of Pardon:** Psalm 38:15

*"It is for you, O LORD, that we wait; it is you, O Lord our God, who will answer." Hear the good news; God's answer to our sin was to send Jesus to earth. In Jesus' life, death and resurrection, we are forgiven! Thanks be to Him. Amen.*

**WOMEN'S COMMUNITY COLLECTION IN AUGUST**—Beginning Sunday, August 1, the Mission Committee is organizing a donation drive to collect items of need for the Women's Community's food pantry. Items needed include: dish soap, laundry soap, paper towels, toilet paper, canned fruit, strawberry jam, granola bars, cooking oil, brownie mix, and muffin mix. There will be collection boxes at both entrances beginning that first Sunday in August and will remain until the end of the month.

## BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

**NO WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**—There will be no women's Bible study this week. We will resume with the men's study next week, but at noon on Wednesday, July 28, rather than Tuesday, July 27.

**NO PRAYER MEETING**—There will be no prayer meeting this week. We will resume on Wednesday, July 28 at 6pm via Zoom.

**VBS: FOR ADULTS ONLY**—Join Jim Gates in the sanctuary from 6-7pm on August 2-4 to learn what the Bible says about:

1. *Women in Leadership in the Church (August 2)*
2. *Gender Identity (August 3)*
3. *Hell and Judgment (August 4)*

You can come on any or all nights; the topics are not related! These "Hot Topic" classes are designed for you to pick and choose which are of the most interest to you. Invite a friend and come discuss!

## YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

**SALT & LIGHT PARENT'S MYSTERY NIGHT**—Come and help us solve the mystery in a fun, "who-done-it" event for the whole family (4th through 12th graders can participate) *THIS* Wednesday, July 21, starting at 6pm. This Clue-style game will include teams, interrogations, and "weapons" (Nerf guns, water balloons, and the like). Please join us for a great time of fellowship and family! Contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org) to RSVP.

**VBS 2021**—This summer's Vacation Bible School will be an exploration of the known, and unknown mysteries of God's creation... US! Join us on Monday, August 2 through Thursday, August 5 from 6-8pm for "I Wonder"... where they will ponder: "I wonder what makes my story unique?"; "I wonder what gifts God gave me?"; "I wonder what I can learn from others?"; "I wonder how I can spend time with God?" Go to [www.covenantcommunitypc.org/vbs](http://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/vbs) to learn more and get your kiddos signed up! **Also, we are in need of volunteers to help facilitate the four evenings of fun! Please see the back of today's Connection Card in your bulletin to sign up!**

## PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS FOR JULY & AUGUST

- Woodchucks Game - **TODAY**
- Adult VBS - **August 2**
- Parent Mystery Night - **July 21**
- Youth Mini Golf - **August 11**
- Vacation Bible School - **August 2**
- Back-to-School Sale - **August 13**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JIM GATES AND JOHN JACOBS OUT-OF-OFFICE**—Please be aware that beginning *TODAY*, through Monday, July 26, Pastor Jim Gates and Office Manager John Jacobs will be out of the office and unavailable. If you have any financial inquiries or questions regarding the building and calendar, remaining staff will do the best they can to assist. If you have any pastoral needs in Jim's absence, please contact Jess Wakefield at 715-573-4648 or [jess@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:jess@covenantcommunitypc.org).

**AN AFTERNOON AT THE BALLPARK**—All are invited to join us at the Wisconsin Woodchucks game *TODAY* at 1:05pm for "Faith & Family Day!" For just \$11 (tickets are available here at the church), we will have box seating, a hot dog or brat, fountain drink, and a Woodchucks hat! It is an afternoon to celebrate our CCPC family, our Christian faith, and the great game of baseball! Please make sure that you have your tickets purchased by 11:30 this morning at The Hub. Please see Amanda Fuls if you have any questions.

**READING THROUGH THE BIBLE TOGETHER**—Join us as we continue through the New Testament with 1 Thessalonians, beginning *TODAY* with chapter 1. This chapter-a-day plan can be done by downloading the Bible app from YouVersion, which is free and easy to find on the Apple or Google App stores. The following link will allow you to sign up for the specific study:  
<https://my.bible.com/reading-plans/17083/together/43678963/invitation?source=share&token=St9rd8rNaD7DnhpWUEs72w>  
You can also skip the technology and dive in with your hardcopy Bible!

**COVENANT CONVERSATIONS PODCAST**—Covenant Conversations Episode 8 is now available! Dan Frost talks with church members Meagan Fandrey, Rachael Rogers, and Drew Bouche. The conversation covers a range of Christian-parenting topics. From church-programming attendance to social media and music, the discussion explores how we strive for our faith to be the center of our family life while understanding and sharing that our imperfection is exactly why this is necessary. Join Dan and his guests on our website or these popular platforms: **Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Stitcher, Podbean, Amazon Music, and our YouTube channel: CCPC Productions.**

**THE CCPC "MAKE A DIFFERENCE" BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALE 2021**—Just in time for school shopping, our "Make a Difference Back-to-School Sale on Friday, August 13 (4-8pm) is an amazing opportunity to stock up on new, brand-name shoes for the whole family. There's also the "Apparel Sample Marketplace"... which is our version of a clothing store! We have Converse apparel backpacks, bags, hats, hoodies, jackets, and tees for both men and women! *ALL* proceeds go towards CCPC's Missions Ministries! Save the date and get here early!

**CCPC SOFTBALL TEAM**—The CCPC softball team invites you to come out to the Kelly Club to support them as they compete. Last week, the team fell short in a 15-14 loss, but had a great showing of CCPC fans! They take the field *TONIGHT* at 5pm.

## MISSIONS

**FUNERAL MINISTRY MEETING**—There will be a Funeral Ministry volunteer meeting *TODAY* following worship in Bouldin Hall. We will plan for upcoming Celebrations of Life in July and August. We invite you to join us as a volunteer! If you are unable to attend, please contact Carol Anklam (715-446-2062).

### \*Gloria Patri

\*Hymn: "We Three Kings" (See Screen)

### Children's Message

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

### Period of Fellowship

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**Old Testament Reading:** 1 Samuel 24:1-22 Page 268

**Special Music:** Deb & Kent Perin

**New Testament Reading:** 1 Timothy 3:1-13 Page 208

**Sermon:** We Three Kings: David - Beyond Reproach Jim Gates

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Hymn: "Take Time to Be Holy" (See Screen)

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer** See page 4 for words

### Offering

**Offertory Music:** JeHae Kim-Bixby

### \*Doxology

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction: "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" (vs. 1) #542

**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.
- † 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

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

And 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.

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:** Deb Tice

**Greeters:** CCPC Youth

**The HUB:** Terri Goldsworthy

**Slides:** Michelle Zblewski

**Elder Greeters:** Gary Freels &  
Jim Jackson

### 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**  
(Colonial Center in Colby)

**Don Hawkins**  
(Home)

### THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

| <u>TODAY</u>   | <u>MONDAY</u> | <u>TUESDAY</u>  | <u>WEDNESDAY</u>                   |
|--|---------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| 10AM WORSHIP<br>11:15AM FELLOWSHIP<br>1:05PM WISCONSIN WOODCHUCKS GAME<br>5PM SOFTBALL |               |                 | 6PM PARENT'S MYSTERY NIGHT         |
| <u>THURSDAY</u>  | <u>FRIDAY</u> | <u>SATURDAY</u> | <u>SUNDAY</u>                      |
| 7PM SHEEPSHEAD   |               |                 | 10AM WORSHIP<br>11:15AM FELLOWSHIP |

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