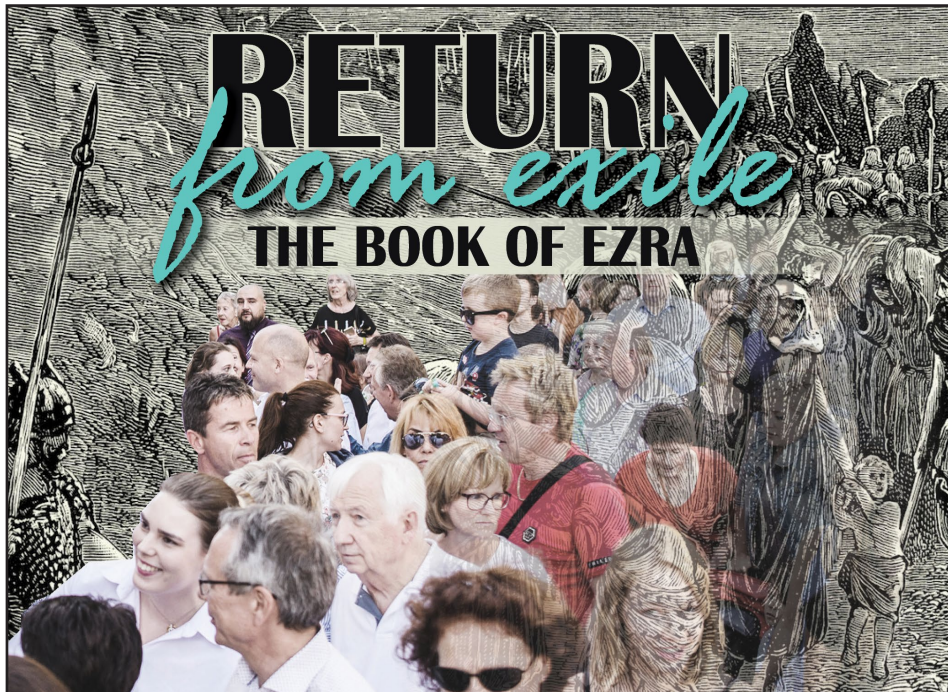




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Changing lives forever!



—SUNDAY, JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 - 9 A.M. & 11 A.M.—

RETURN FROM EXILE:  
THE HEART OF WORSHIP

## 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

**Prelude:** "I Worship You, Almighty God" Les Fraaza

### Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

This summer we "Return from Exile" with the people in the Book of Ezra. This is a long journey, not merely a single event. Have you had an experience of exile? How are you called to return to a spiritual life? Return to church? Return to God? What first steps can you take today on that long journey home to Christ?

### Welcome & Announcements

**Call to Worship:** John 4:23-24

The hour is coming, and is now here,  
when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth,  
for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.  
God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

**\*Hymn:** "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" (vs. 1,4) #396

**\*Call to Confession:** James 5:16

"Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed." So says James, the brother of Jesus, and so we now together make our confession to God and one another. Please speak these words in your heart as I speak them aloud.

### \*Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, we confess today that we struggle to worship only you. Like our ancestors, we have built golden calves, revealing with our calendars and our choices a set of priorities that has failed to place you first. You call us to worship in spirit and in truth, but our spirits are divided and your truth makes us uncomfortable. Worship in church sometimes feels old, stale or strained. And truthfully, we would often rather receive the praise of others than give our praise to you.

Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us. Overwhelm us with your worthiness today, and remind us again of your amazing grace, so that we might not only worship you well now but also offer our entire lives as living sacrifices for you. Then may we join with the joyous saints who daily cast their crowns before you, proclaiming that you are holy, gracious and good.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

**\*Assurance of Pardon:** Psalm 103:10-12  
"He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us." Believe the good news! In Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Today we celebrate the baptisms of Jett Cassius Kerswill, son of Matt and Haley Kerswill, and Griffin Wayne Spence, son of Andrew and Amanda Spence.

### Children's Message

### Period of Fellowship

## Proclaiming the Word

**Old Testament Reading:** Ezra 3 NRSV Bible

**Special Music:** "Here I Am to Worship" Marcy Fehrman & Les Fraaza

**New Testament Reading:** John 4:19-26 NRSV Bible

**Sermon:** Return from Exile: The Heart of Worship Jim Gates

## Responding to the Word

**\*Hymn:** "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above" (vs. 1,5) #41

### Offering

**Offertory Music:** "Heart of Worship" Kent & Deb Perrin

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

## Bearing and Following the Word into the World

### Announcements

### \*Benediction

**\*Choral Benediction:** "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" (vs. 3) #394

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP RESERVATIONS**—Reservations for next Sunday, July 26 will open *TOMORROW* (Monday) July 20 at 9am. Please go to [www.covenantcommunitypc.org/reservations](http://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/reservations) to secure your family's spot for either the 9am or 11am service. You can also call the church office at 715-359-6467. We ask that you have your reservation completed by Thursday, July 16 at noon.

**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](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](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).

**GATEKEEPERS NEEDED**—We are looking for folks interested in serving our faith community as a Gatekeeper during our worship services. This role is a critical component of our safety and security as we gather together. Gatekeepers keep an eye on all the doorways of the church, as well as the parking lot, and are a primary respondent in an emergency during service. If you are interested in this important means of serving, please contact Bill Rhodes at 715-803-0025 or [billrhodes6514@gmail.com](mailto:billrhodes6514@gmail.com).

**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, July 21 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, July 22 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

**CONVERSATION ON RACE DISCUSSION GROUP VIA ZOOM**—Join us every Thursday starting *THIS* July 23 through August 27 at 6pm, via Zoom, as we continue our conversation about race and the Church. This group discussion will be guided by a book study by Latasha Morrison entitled, "Be the Bridge." Books are available for purchase (\$13). If you would like to learn more, or to RSVP, please contact Krista Gates (757-615-1992) or Amanda Fuls (715-573-6296).

## YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

**EPIC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020**—Our Epic VBS 2020 continues in July with "Rocky Railway!" You can still get your kids involved today by going to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/vbs> as we climb aboard and discover how Jesus' power pulls us through. Remember that we connect every Wednesday at 9am, via Zoom, to talk about what we're learning through this experience.

**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)).

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

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| Today     | 6:00 p.m.  | CCPC Men's Softball (Kelly Club)                        |
| Monday    | 6:30 p.m.  | Session   |
| Tuesday   | 12:00 p.m. | Women's Bible Study via Zoom                            |
| Wednesday | 9:00 a.m.  | VBS via Zoom  |
|           | 3:00 p.m.  | Food Pantry   |
|           | 6:00 p.m.  | Salt & Light Youth Group via Zoom                       |
|           |            | Prayer Meeting via Zoom                                 |
| Thursday  | 6:00 p.m.  | Race Conversation Group via Zoom                        |
| Sunday    | 9:00 a.m.  | Masks Required Worship Service<br>(Live-Stream Worship) |
|           | 11:00 a.m. | Masks Optional Worship Service<br>(Live Stream Worship) |