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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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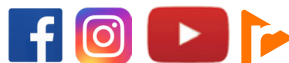
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SUNDAY, JULY 30TH, 2023 - 10 A.M.

ALL IN: THE WINNING HAND

Prelude: "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him" JeHae Kim-Bixby

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

Our world encourages us to divide into the smallest possible affinity groups, to distrust and dislike the others, and even to pursue opportunities for self-isolation. The church has sometimes reflected the culture in this regard. Paul, in writing to the church in Corinth, encourages a different virtue – unity. As we reflect on the call to be United to Christ and to each other, consider what might be the next step in your own journey from division to unity in your life and relationships today.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles:

Call to Worship: Psalm 135:1-4
Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD; give praise, O servants of the LORD, you that stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God.

Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing his name, for he is gracious. For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself, Israel as his own possession.

***Hymn:** "Be Thou My Vision" (vs. 1,3,4) #450

***Call to Confession:** 1 Corinthians 9:24
Paul encourages us to strive for spiritual goals, saying, "Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it!" Unfortunately, we have been all too casual about our pursuit of righteousness this week, and we have not run with perseverance. Acknowledging our shortcomings, we join together in our prayer of confession.

***Prayer of Confession:**
Lord Jesus, you are worthy of our best efforts and deepest devotion. But rather than striving to give you our best this week, we have been satisfied with spiritual participation trophies.
You gave us everything; you won your race at the cost of your very life. Today we turn away from half-hearted devotion and confess again that you deserve the best that we can offer; our very lives, lived in dedication to you.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

RETIRED SINGLES SMALL GROUP — Our retired singles small group will be meeting at Jean Rogers home (201444 Hidden Cove Lane, Mosinee) THIS Wednesday, August 2 for a boat ride and dinner, starting at 4pm. The small group typically meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1pm here at the church. Contact Bonnie Rogers (rogersski1@gmail.com or 715-370-7618) or Jean Rogers (715-212-1444) with any questions about the upcoming gatherings.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — Celebrate Recovery Ministries is a Bible-centered, recovery ministry that meets every Tuesday at 6pm in Bouldin Hall. It is for those who struggle with ANY hurt, hangup, or habit... from a grief and depression, to addiction and emotional struggles. Meetings are open to anyone... from our church or any other walk of life. It is a community group. Contact Drew Bouché (drew@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

CCPC YOUTH GROUP — Youth Group continues through the summer with rising 6th-8th graders meeting from 5:30-7pm on Wednesdays, and rising 9th-12th graders meeting after from 7-8:30pm. To learn about all of our fun activities going on this summer, grab a flyer at the Hub or visit our website! Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS — There's still plenty of summer left for CCPC youth to gather and have some fun! **TOMORROW**, July 31 we will be meeting here at the church at 12:30pm before heading to Oak Island for Capture the Flag! We'll return to church at 3:30pm. Please RSVP to Abi Fraaza or Jim Gates sometime today to let them know you'll be attending. On Monday, August 7, we invite all youth to come to the church at 12:30pm for Waterballoon Games! Bring your swimsuit or something that can get wet... and towels! Finally, on Monday, August 21 we'll be heading to Riverlife Park, downtown Wausau, from 6:30-8pm. We'll meet at the church at 6pm and return at 8:30pm. We will provide Briq's ice cream for all who are with us! All rising 6th-12th graders are welcome... and bring a friend! Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) or Abi Fraaza (abi@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

THROUGH MAY 2023:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$242,684**
 Actual Operating Revenues: **\$232,910**
 Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$234,087**
 Actual Operating Expenses: **\$225,169**

JULY 23 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **208**
 AM Livestream Total: **72**
 PM In-Person Total: **25**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S HAT SUNDAY!— NEXT Sunday, August 6, the sermon will be diving into commands discussed in 1 Corinthians 11 and how we are to interpret/clarify passages with a cultural context. One of those topics is the tradition of head coverings. To celebrate the tradition, and participate in the sermon message, we invite ALL women to where a hat to church on that day! Feel free to have fun with this by wearing your favorite hat, a crazy hat, or something you wouldn't normally wear.

FREE RIGHTNOW MEDIA ACCOUNT — We're excited to share that CCPC has unlimited access to RightNow Media — the world's largest streaming library of Christian video content. Members should have already received an email invitation for FREE access to RightNow Media. (If you haven't received it yet, be sure to check your spam or promotions folder.) To get started, simply click the link in that email (or go to <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/join/covenantcpc>), create your free account, and start browsing!

CCPC COMMUNITY BOARD — We are thrilled to have a "Community Board" located in the Fellowship Hall. This place of information is for work offered and needed, business cards, items for sale or that are needed, and volunteer opportunities outside of our church. This ministry will be strictly administered with a drop box for all requests and items. Do not post items without leaving a request in the box or speaking to Drew Bouché or Dave & Sara Farrar (farrara1dave@frontier.com or farrarsara1962@gmail.com).

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

YOUTH & KID'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — As we get closer to the kickoff of the church calendar year in September, we are looking to grow our team of Kid's and Youth Ministry volunteers. We are looking for folks interested in spiritually pouring into our kiddos and teens for 2023 and 2024. This includes, but is not limited to leaders and assistants for 9am I.D. classes, 10am Children's Church, 6pm service leaders and assistants, Wednesday evening 6pm classes, as well as Confirmation sponsors. If you are interested in taking part, please mark your interest on the back of today's Connection Card, or contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) or Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

BRIDGE ST. SOBER LIVING HOUSE VOLUNTEERS — The Mission Committee is always looking for folks to cook and serve meals at the Bridge Street Sober Living Center every month (1st & 4th Tuesday and 1st & 4th Wednesday). Meals will be for 15-20 people. Guidance on how to do all of this can/will be arranged. You can sign up for these opportunities at the Community Board in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, contact Kari Kufahl (kari.kufahl@gmail.com; 715-218-2498).

WARMING CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — CCPC is honored to support the Wausau Warming Center with our time and contributions to help feed those in need. This year's 2023-24 season runs from November 1 through the end of April and is located at the new Community Partners Campus building on Grand Avenue. The CCPC volunteer team is responsible for the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month (and any 5th Tuesday), which includes preparing and serving the meal, checking in the guests, changing bedding, and other tasks. If you are interested in being a part of the team, please contact Colleen Geurink (715-432-4671, cgeurink@charter.net) or Sharon Maltbey (715-573-7427, sharon.maltbey@gmail.com).

***Assurance of Pardon:** Acts 13:38-39
"Let it be known to you therefore, my brothers and sisters, that through this man forgiveness of sins 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." This is the good news: thanks be to God! Amen.

***Congregational Response:** "How Great is Our God" See Screen

Children's Message

[Children may come forward and be seated on the stage.]

Period of Fellowship

***Hymn:** "Blest Are They" (vs. 1,2,3) #172

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 24:10-15, 25:1-5 Page 179

Special Music: "I Am Yours" Caroline Kibler

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:1-27 Page 171

Sermon: "All In: The Winning Hand" Jess Wakefield

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "Fight the Good Fight" (vs. 1,2,3) #846

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer See Page 4

Offering

Offertory Music: "I Need Thee Every Hour" JeHae Kim-Bixby

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "Fight the Good Fight" (vs. 4) #846

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
- † Activity bags for children are available in the Narthex.
- † Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for donuts, cookies, juice, coffee, and fellowship!

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, 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

Thank you to all who serve the church on Sunday mornings!

Worship Leader: Deb Tice

Live Stream: Craig Spangler

Acolytes: Abby Wensel &
Allie VanSlyke

Slides: Luke Coenen

Elder Greeter: Deb Tice
& Shelby Waraksa

Usher Lead: Craig Briggs

The Hub: Deb Wakefield

Fellowship Hour: Dave &
Sara Farrar

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following folks who were recently in the hospital or reside in an assisted-care facility.

Mary Zuidema
(*Renaissance in Wisconsin Rapids*)

Joyce Michna
(*Fond du Lac*)

Dave Vachowiak
(*Forest Park Village*)

Stella Lamping
(*Home*)

Cheryl Lenz
(*Colonial Center in Colby*)

Tom Scott
(*Aspirus*)

Jerry Pearson
(*Aspirus*)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
10AM	WORSHIP	12:30PM	LEAVE CHURCH FOR CAPTURE THE FLAG AT OAK ISLAND	6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	4PM	RETIRED SINGLES SMALL GROUP AT JEAN ROGERS' HOME
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL					5:30PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
5PM	CCPC SOFTBALL AT KELLY CLUB					7PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
6PM	WORSHIP						
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					10AM	WORSHIP
						4PM	BAND REHEARSAL
						6PM	WORSHIP
						6PM	CCPC SOFTBALL AT KELLY CLUB

For more details about CCPC programming, refer to the next couple of pages in this bulletin, go to www.covenantcommunitypc.org, or call the church office at 715-359-6467.