

LIVE STREAMING

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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2022 - 10 A.M.

IN THE BEGINNING: UNIQUENESS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "The Sacred Harp Medley" Les Fraaza & Pat Moucha

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

The first words of the Bible are "in the beginning." We know that God was there at the beginning of all things; and that even today, God is the source of new beginnings. As we prepare for worship, consider where Christ has already been the source of blessing in your life, and in what parts of your life you hope the Spirit will inspire something new to spring forth.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship: Genesis 1:3-4, John 1:4-5
And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.
And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

What had come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

***Hymn:** "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above" (vs. 1,2,5) #41

***Call to Confession:** 1 John 1:5-7
John writes, "This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. Let us bring our sins into the light, before God and one another.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Even in the beginning, O Lord, you had a plan for our world and a design for our lives. You loved us from the start, making us in your image and according to your likeness. But we have stained that image with our selfish thoughts and actions this week. We should reflect the light of Christ to the world, but sometimes we chose instead to hide in darkness.

Give us a new beginning, Father, and help us treasure your image in ourselves and in each person around us. Let us rest in your grace today, through the power of Jesus your Son, our Savior.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

WEDNESDAY L.I.F.E. — Wednesday L.I.F.E. begins September 14 at 6pm for kids and adults (adults will be studying C.S. Lewis' "The Screwtape Letters").
Note: We will not be having meals this year.

SMALL GROUPS — If you are interested in being part of a small group and want to learn more, join us *NEXT* Sunday, September 18 after worship. You can also speak with Jim Gates about getting involved or mark the back of your Connection Card.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY — Our Men's and Women's Tuesday Bible studies will study the Gospel of John this Fall. Join us for great conversation and study around the most distinctive of our four Gospels. All Tuesday studies are 12-1pm. Men meet on the 2nd/4th Tuesdays (starting September 13), and women meet on the 1st/3rd Tuesdays (starting September 20). All are welcome!

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP — CCPC's small group for women meets every Sunday after worship from 11:15-12:15 in the small conference room next to Dan Frost's office. Contact Joan Jackson (jokajax@yahoo.com) or Lynda Reis (mybana@yahoo.com) to learn more and get connected!

FAITH & FITNESS — Our Faith & Fitness ministry is an opportunity to get fit, stay healthy, and spend time discussing the Gospel and our Savior! Join us every Thursday evening at 4:30pm (starting THIS Thursday, September 15 in the Activity Room downstairs for an hour of exercise and devotions. Contact Deb Tice (debtice77@yahoo.com) with any questions.

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

SALT & LIGHT YOUTH — Students who are 6th through 12th will participate in a new Salt & Light Youth Group format on Wednesday nights from 6-7:30pm, beginning September 14! There will be worship and teaching together, with small group breakouts and fellowship! It will be an amazing experience in our Bouldin Hall space with new audio/visual equipment to enhance the time together. Contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

KID'S MINISTRY PROGRAMMING — Kid's I.D. (Sundays at 9am), Kid's Worship/Wiggles (during service), and Kid's L.I.F.E. (Wednesdays at 6pm) will share the same Bible story each week, but with different emphasis. I.D. focuses on Bible knowledge, while Kid's Worship will focus on practices of worship to help our kiddos transition to "Big Church." Kid's L.I.F.E. prioritizes relationships, most importantly, their relationship with Jesus! Contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

CCPC KID'S MUSIC — CCPC Kid's music is a wonderful opportunity for our little ones to grow appreciation for God's gift of music... and how we use it to glorify him! This group will have a variety of singing performances and instruments to learn, and will meet for practice on Sunday mornings at 9am in the music room downstairs. If your kiddos would like to be a part of this ministry, please join us Sunday mornings, or contact Deb Perrin (deborah.perrin0913@gmail.com).

SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S. MISSION #5 RECRUITMENT — It's time for Secret A.G.E.N.T.S. mission #5! We are looking for Jr. Agents (rising 4th-12th graders) and Secret Agents (adults). Each Secret Agent will be paired with a Jr. Agent to exchange letters from October through March, at which time we will celebrate with a Reveal Party! You can register online by going to:

Secret Agents - www.covenantcommunitypc.org/secret-agents
Jr. Agents - www.covenantcommunitypc.org/jr-agents

You can also register at the Secret A.G.E.N.T.S. Recruiting Station at today's Ministry Fair after worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY FAIR/PICNIC— After worship *TODAY* we will be directing the congregation through Bouldin Hall for our annual Ministry Fair. Whether you are a charter member or a first-time guest, spend some time exploring all of our ministry opportunities. Don't forget to pickup your "passport" and have it marked by at least three tables you've visited for a chance to win one of our themed baskets worth no less than \$100! After some time wandering, head on over to the picnic for food, games, and fun for the whole family!

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE — Our new contemporary worship service begins *TONIGHT!* This service will be at 6pm every Sunday night, with the same sermon as Sunday morning, but with a very different music style and less liturgy. If you plan on attending the 6pm service regularly, we are interested in a commitment from a small group of people who could be the "core" for this service. Mark your Connection Card if interested.

DIRECTORY PHOTO REGISTRATION IS OPEN! — The photo sittings for our new photo directory will be September 27-30 (2-8:30pm) and also on October 1 (10am-4:30pm). You can go to our website to sign up, or register at *TODAY'S* Ministry Fair. *NOTE: We need AT LEAST 40 slots filled each day for the photographers to be scheduled. If we do not meet that number, slots will be consolidated into other days. Spread the word and encourage as many members as you can to register so that we can meet those numbers and keep your time slots!*

CCPC 101—Would you like to know more about CCPC, our beliefs, and our ministries? Thinking about making this your church home? We will cover all these topics and answer all your questions after worship Sunday, September 25 in the Bouldin Hall conference room. We will provide food and childcare for this event that typically runs 1 hour and 45 minutes. If you or someone you know would like to attend, please speak with Drew Bouché (drew@covenantcommunitypc.org) or Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

MISSIONS

PRESBYTERY MEETING VOLUNTEERS — Volunteers are needed for the Bridge St. Mission meals and/or food pantry, the Presbytery meeting September 22, and participants in our Milwaukee Mission Trip September 8-11. You can also help the mission trip by donating prizes for Bingo. Please visit The Hub to signup and.

SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS — There are *ALWAYS* opportunities for volunteering at CCPC, and it is no different this year! Sunday morning help is critical to the function, presentation, and hospitality of our worship services. To that end, we are looking for folks to be greeters, HUB attendants, slide/livestream/audio operators, Gatekeepers (security), counters/ushers, and more for our AM (and PM) service. If you are interested in being a part of our teams, please mark your interest on the Connection Card, or contact Drew Bouché (drew@covenantcommunitypc.org) or Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

INSTITUTE OF DISCIPLESHIP (I.D.)— Continues every Sunday morning at 9am for all ages! Adults meet in the Cry Room (discussing a John Ortberg video series), kids are downstairs along with middle schoolers (6th-8th), and high school students are in the Bouldin Hall loft.

*Assurance of Pardon:

1 John 2:1

Again John writes, "If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world." Believe the good news! In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

Children's Message

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

Period of Fellowship

*Hymn: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (vs. 1,4) #20

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4 Page 1

Special Music: "Love Grows Here" CCPC Choir

New Testament Reading: John 1:1-5 Page 91

Sermon: "In the Beginning: Uniqueness" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" (vs. 1,2,3) #32

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory Music: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Pat Moucha

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction: "Our God is an Awesome God" #616

Congregational Meeting

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.

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

The Hub: Deb Wakefield

Acolytes: Lucas & Paige Mathies

Livestream: Derek Nelson

Elder Greeters: Julie Trebus &
Shelby Waraksa

Slides: Luke Coenen

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*)

Mike Petterson
(*Riverview Assisted Living*)

Stella Lamping
(*Home*)

Cheryl Lenz
(*Colonial Center in Colby*)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
9AM	I.D./CONFIRM.			12PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	3PM	FOOD PANTRY
9AM	KID'S MUSIC					6PM	YOUTH GROUP
10AM	WORSHIP			7PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	KID'S/ADULT L.I.F.E.
11:15AM	MINISTRY FAIR					6PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
11:30AM	PICNIC					7PM	ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL						
6PM	WORSHIP						
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					9AM	I.D./CONFIRM.
4:30PM	FAITH & FITNESS					9AM	KID'S MUSIC
						10AM	WORSHIP
						11:15AM	WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP
						4PM	BAND REHEARSAL
						6PM	WORSHIP

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