

LIVE STREAMING

CCPC live streams 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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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH, 2023 - 10 A.M.

THE COVENANT COUPLE: RECKONED RIGHTEOUSNESS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "My Tribute" Marcy Fehrman & Les Fraaza

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 15:5-6

The LORD said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if are able to count them."

Then he said to Abram, "So shall your descendants be."

And Abram believed the LORD;

And the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

***Hymn:** "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine" (vs. 1,2,3) #839

***Call to Confession:**

Like Abram, we are a people capable of high highs, and low lows. This week we have experienced both. Like Abram, we are marked not by our intrinsic goodness, but by our faith in the goodness of the Lord. Today, let us exercise that faith and trust as we make our prayer of confession.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:

Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

CHRISTMAS MEALS 2022— Thank you to ALL who helped in the preparing, serving and delivering of our Christmas meals. We had a number of folks contact the church thanking us all for blessing them with a wonderful dinner! We delivered 195 meals and fed 35 here at the church.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY— Our study on the Gospel of John continues! Come join us for an exploration of the Gospel written by the beloved disciple. Women meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, including THIS Tuesday, January 17 at noon. All women, including newcomers, are welcome!

BIBLE APP STUDY— Join us for a read through the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) **continuing today with Matthew 15**. We use the Bible app from YouVersion, available for free in the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. See the Monday Email for a link, or contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org). If you'd like to do it on your own with your Bible, use the calendar included in the January/February GoodNewsletter!

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

KID'S MINISTRY PROGRAMMING— This winter, CCPC Kids will continue our journey looking at the life of Jesus in the Book of Matthew. January's teaching theme is "Measure Up" - Jesus' early life and ministry. This theme will be included in I.D. at 9am Sunday mornings, during Kid's Worship and "Wiggles" (evening service) and during Wednesday night L.I.F.E. at 6pm. Contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

CCPC YOUTH GROUP— Students who are in 6th through 8th grades gather on Wednesdays at 6pm (including this week) for CCPC Youth Group. All 9th-12th graders will meet Sunday evenings from 4:30-6pm (including TODAY), prior to our evening service. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions. *Invite a friend to join you!*

YOUTH GROUP CONFERENCES 2023— CCPC Youth Ministry is thrilled to offer an amazing experience for our rising 6th-12th grade students! In the summer of 2023, we will be attending two separate conferences as a group! The Quest Conference, taking place June 18-23, is for our high school students entering 9-12 grades, while The Great Escape Conference, July 10-15, is for our middle school students entering 6-8 grades. Pick up a brochure at the Hub or go to: <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/youth-conferences>. **Deadline for the initial deposit is February 19.**

CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

THROUGH NOVEMBER 2022:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$502,862**
Actual Operating Revenues: **\$520,327**
Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$496,338**
Actual Operating Expenses: **\$495,290**

JANUARY 8 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **212**
AM Livestream Total: **116**
PM In-Person Total: **35**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LES FRAAZA RETIREMENT CELEBRATION— CCPC has been blessed for many years to have Les Fraaza as our Music Director. Though he will continue as the church's organist, Les is retiring from the director role. Join us in Bouldin Hall following service for some cake (and cookies) as we celebrate Les' service to our church family.

PHOTO DIRECTORY — CCPC Photo Directories are available for pickup at The Hub. If you had a photo taken, you are guaranteed a copy for your home. If you did not have a photo taken, we have a limited number of copies available. We will also have copies in the pew backs for use on Sunday mornings.

CCPC COOKBOOK— The brand new CCPC Cookbook entitled "Not by Bread Alone" is available for order/pickup in the Narthex. You can purchase yours (\$30) in person, or order ahead of time on our website (<https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/payments>) and pick it up at the church. Please contact Colleen Geurink (cgeurink@charter.net) or the church office if you have any questions.

PER CAPITA FEE — The Per Capita fee our church pays to the denomination (for each member) is \$38 in 2023. If you would like to offset this fee, you can make a donation to CCPC and mark your donation as "Per Capita". This can also be donated through our website. CCPC pays our entire Per Capita in the first three months of the year.

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

JANUARY AD CAMPAIGN DISTRIBUTION — In an effort to get the word out to the community about our new contemporary service at 6pm (as well as our morning service), we are carrying out an ad campaign beginning *THIS* week. Along with radio spots on 89Q, we are also going to distribute door hang advertisements around the greater Wausau area. That's where *YOU* come in! If you would like to hang these cards on your neighborhood doors, please mark your interest on today's Connection Card, or sign up at The Hub. We will contact you when it's time to hit the pavement! Contact Drew Bouché (drew@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

MISSION COMMITTEE MEMBERS — The Mission Committee is looking for new members! If you would like to be a part of the vision of CCPC missions, please contact Kari Kufahl (kari.kufahl@gmail.com) or Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

2023 MISSION AUCTION & SHOE SALE — Our annual Mission Auction "Hope to the Nations" will take place Saturday, March 4! This will include a silent auction (4pm), a dinner ("Around the World Tapas" theme) starting at 5pm, and a live auction starting at 6pm! We'll be selling shoes and apparel beginning at 4pm. A pre-sale, just for shoes, will be on Friday March 3rd from 5-8pm. We are now taking item donations for the silent and live auctions (only new items, please). Donation forms can be found at The Hub, or submit your item(s) on our website.

FAMILY MISSION CAMP 2023 — The 2023 Family Mission Camp will be at Spencer Lake Christian Center in Waupaca. We have partnered with local and global organizations to make an impact at home, and around the world. This will take place August 18-20. For more details and to register your family, go to: <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/all-family-mission-trip> or see the insert in today's bulletin. **Deadline for the initial deposit is February 5.**

BRIDGE ST. MISSION WINTER GALA — CCPC has a close relationship with Bridge Street Missions, and we would love a good showing at their 2023 Winter Gala taking place Tuesday, February 21 at 6pm. Tickets are \$35 each or \$250 for a table of 8. Registration must be done before February 3 and can be done online at www.bridgestreetmission.org/wintergala, or by calling 715-409-3506.

*Assurance of Pardon:

Romans 4:7-8

"Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the one against whom the Lord will not reckon sin." Believe the good news; not by works, but by faith in Christ, we are forgiven and made righteous before our God. Thanks be to Christ! Amen.

*Congregational Response: "The Lord is My Salvation" See Screen

The Sacrament of Baptism: Today we celebrate the baptism of Zeke Steven Zblewski, Son of Kyle and Laura Zblewski.

Children's Message

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

Period of Fellowship

*Hymn: "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" (vs. 1,3) #837

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15 Page 12

Special Music: "Walk Worthy" Voices of Glory

New Testament Reading: Romans 4:1-12,20-25 Page 154

Sermon: "The Covenant Couple: Reckoned Righteousness" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "Standing on the Promises" (vs. 1,2,3) #838

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer See Page 4

Offering

Offertory Music: "This Little Light of Mine" Marcy Fehrman & Les Fraaza

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction: "Standing on the Promises" (vs. 4) #838

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, 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!

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| Worship Leader: Deb Tice | The Hub: Gail Daman |
| Acolytes: Grace & Greta Spangler | Gatekeeper: Rick Barnes |
| Elder Greeter: Jim Jackson
& Scott Bouffleur | Slides: Josh Werner |
| Greeters: Dave & Bonnie Neitzel | Fellowship: Kent & Deb Perrin |

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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| Mary Zuidema
<i>(Renaissance in Wisconsin Rapids)</i> | Joyce Michna
<i>(Fond du Lac)</i> | Mike Petterson
<i>(Home)</i> |
| Stella Lamping
<i>(Home)</i> | Cheryl Lenz
<i>(Colonial Center in Colby)</i> | |

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
9AM I.D./CONFIRM. 10AM WORSHIP 11:15AM WOMEN'S SM. GRP. 11:15AM LES FRAAZA RETIREMENT CELEBRATION 4PM BAND REHEARSAL 4:30PM HS YOUTH GROUP 6PM WORSHIP		12PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6PM CELEBRATE RECOVERY	1PM RETIRED SINGLES SMALL GROUP 6PM KID'S L.I.F.E. 6PM MS YOUTH GROUP 6PM BELL CHOIR PRACTICE 7PM ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
2PM SHEEPSHEAD 4:30PM FAITH & FITNESS			9AM I.D./CONFIRM. 10AM WORSHIP 11:15AM WOMEN'S SM. GRP. 4PM BAND REHEARSAL 4:30PM HS YOUTH GROUP 6PM WORSHIP

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.