

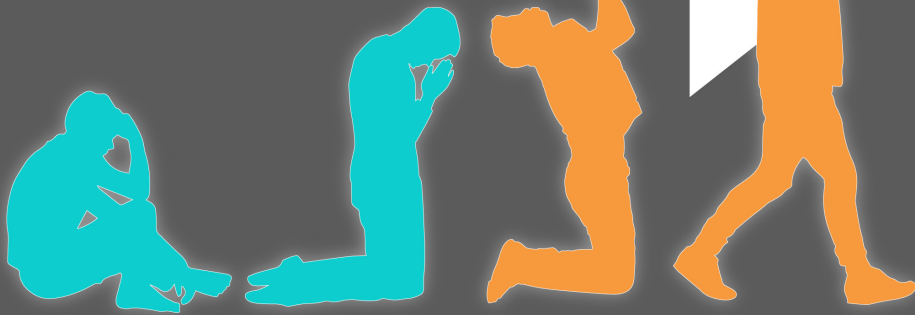


# COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

FORWARD  
FROM BROKENNESS TO WHOLENESS



— GOD'S CALL TO MOVE —

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 - 10 A.M.

FORWARD  
FROM BROKENNESS TO WHOLENESS:  
SPIRITUAL HOPE

## 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:** "Come Just as You Are" JeHae Kim-Bixby

### Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

What if God's call is not to go "back to normal" but to go forward with Christ? In what direction is your life moving? Are you going backwards to your old life, or forward into the Spirit's new adventure? Consider this morning what your next step towards God might be, and commit to strain forward to what lies ahead.

### Welcome & Announcements

#### Call to Worship:

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

#### Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.**

**\*Hymn:** "I Will Come to You" (vs. 1,2,3) Leaders: Deb & Kent Perrin

**\*Call to Confession:** 1 John 1:8-9

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us all our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Therefore, let us join in prayer.

#### \*Prayer of Confession:

Lord Jesus, you promised that those who mourn would be comforted. Today, we come mourning and repenting of our sins. In large and small ways, we have turned aside from your will for us this week. Forgive us the selfishness that so often rears its ugly head, despite our desire to follow you. We know that you love us and know us down to our smallest details – you even number the hairs on our head. Despite our sins, you seek us out and desire to save us. Therefore, even in our brokenness, we have hope. Let us experience that hope today, resting in the confidence of your love and grace, and trusting in the power of your victory on the cross.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

**\*Assurance of Pardon:** Hebrews 6:19-20

"We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered, having become a high priest forever." This is the good news – our hope in Christ is an anchor for our souls, rooting us forever in eternal grace and eternal life. Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

**Congregational Response:** "Blest Are They" (vs. 1, Chorus)

### Children's Message

### Period of Fellowship

## Proclaiming the Word

**Old Testament Reading:** Exodus 4:1-5, 27-31 NRSV Bible

**Special Music:** "It is Well With My Soul" Deb & Kent Perrin

**New Testament Reading:** Matthew 5:1-12 NRSV Bible

**Sermon:** Forward from Brokenness to Wholeness: Jim Gates  
Spiritual Hope

## Responding to the Word

**\*Hymn:** "In the Bulb There is a Flower" (vs. 1,2,3) Leaders: Deb & Kent Perrin

### Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

#### Offering

**Offertory Music:** "Let There Be Peace on Earth" JeHae Kim-Bixby  
Connection Card and giving are available on the live stream web page.

#### Doxology

## Bearing and Following the Word into the World

### Announcements

#### \*Benediction

**\*Choral Benediction:** "May the God of Hope Go With Us" Leaders: Deb & Kent Perrin

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CCPC ENDOWMENT GIFTS**—As we kickoff 2021, it is a great time to consider how you might be able to give to our church community. One way to do so is through our new endowment program. As we begin this journey, it is important to have a great foundation from which to build. Thus, we invite you to consider a "Founder's Gift" of \$500. We are also blessed to have been given a matching gift donation of \$25,000 towards the fund! The minimum gift to be matched must be no less than \$2,500. Pledges for this matching gift must be made by April 15, 2021, with payment deadline set for December 31, 2021. We ask you to pray and discuss with your family if giving to our endowment fund is a form of stewardship that is right for you. For more information about giving to the endowment fund, please go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/endowment>.

**NO RESERVATIONS FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP MOVING FORWARD**—We no longer require reservations for our Sunday worship services. We continue to require masks and social distancing (seating in green, even numbered pews only), while utilizing all available space to make sure folks can be safe while worshipping. We still need you to check in at The HUB when you arrive Sunday morning. This is for contact tracing purposes.

**READING MATTHEW TOGETHER**—Join Jim Gates in reading through the Gospel of Matthew using the Bible app from YouVersion (the most popular Bible app in the world). It's free and easy to find on the Apple or Google app store - just search Bible. Then, click this link to join Jim on a one-chapter-a-day read through of the stories of Jesus!

<https://bible.com/p/37068274/03789ac0ed2773f940795764f2ec0718>

You do not have to download the app to join the group. Simply click on the link above to get started via your web browser (or simply read a chapter-a-day in your hardcopy Bible). The app provides an easy-to-access, central location on your device, but is not necessary to participate. By using it, you can see Jim's brief reflections each morning on that specific chapter, and even respond with questions or comments of your own, if you want. We began reading this past Monday, January 11; however, we invite you to jump in at any time! Make this your new year's resolution - to read the stories of Jesus together as a church family!

## MISSIONS

**MISSION STARFISH HAITI BOX TRUCK ITEMS**—Our friends at Mission Starfish Haiti have been blessed by a donation to their ministry of a box truck. It is their goal to fill the truck with a number of large items to be shipped to Haiti sometime in March. We would like to invite you as a church family to consider organizing and/or donating one or more items (new or used), if you feel led by the Spirit to do so. The items they are looking for are as follows:

*Diesel generator, outdoor speaker system, large copier/printer, gas generator, solar panels, solar panel batteries (6 or 12 volt), solar panel inverter, vehicle batteries, vehicle tires, trampoline, pressure washer, folding tables, basketball scoreboard, mechanical tools, workshop tools, video game station (Xbox or Playstation), electrical cables, Santa Claus outfit, guitar, musical instruments, shoes (all sizes), basketballs, soccer balls, bicycles.*

## BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM**—We continue our Bible study on the first six "minor" prophets: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, and Nahum *THIS* Tuesday, January 19, at noon via Zoom. All women are welcome! Contact Jim Gates ([jim@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:jim@covenantcommunitypc.org)) for the Zoom information.

**PRAYER MEETINGS**—Our weekly Prayer Meeting continues via Zoom every Wednesday night at 6pm, including *THIS* Wednesday, January 20. All are welcome! To join the Zoom meeting, go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82054635060?pwd=MTkzOGJqMFRWamxrMy9CSHBwcUMrUT09>  
Meeting ID: 820 5463 5060 Passcode: 711155

**BOOK CLUB**—The Book Club invites you to join them via Zoom (Hosted by Kari Kufahl)! The discussion will be about "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" by Ken Kesey and will take place Monday, January 25 at 6:30pm. If you would like to participate, please contact Kari Kufahl ([kari.kufahl@gmail.com](mailto:kari.kufahl@gmail.com)) or Judy Dorn ([jajudorn@charter.net](mailto:jajudorn@charter.net)) for the Zoom invite information.

## YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

**YOUTH GROUP VIA ZOOM**—All students grades 6th-12th grade are invited to join us online, using Zoom, *THIS* coming Wednesday at 6pm. If you would like to see video messages and materials 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)).

**OFFERING IN-PERSON OPTION FOR 9AM ID**—We are now offering an in-person option for all our children and youth ID classes (from 9-10am). This is for 3yr-olds through 12th graders, including Confirmation. Of course, we continue to offer online options for all these ages as well. Masks are required for all classes. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Fuls (5th grade and younger) or Dan Frost (6th grade and older).

**YOUTH I.D.**—Youth Institute of Discipleship has *THREE* classes (6th & 7th; Confirmation; 9th & 12th) via Zoom *AND* in person at 9am every Sunday morning. For more information, please visit <http://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/sunday-school-2>, or contact Dan Frost ([dan@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:dan@covenantcommunitypc.org)).

**KIDS I.D.**—Kids I.D. is all about growing closer to God through Bible knowledge. We have special plans for the kiddos so that they are not just sitting in front of a screen! All kids start in a large group via Zoom and in person, then breakout into two groups (PreK-1st & 2nd-5th grades). Each group will need their own device if you are with us from home. Join us every Sunday at 9am! Learn more at <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/sunday-school-1>.