

## LIVE-STREAM

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## LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION: TEMPTED TO DIVISION

Deuteronomy 24:1-4 & Mark 10:1-16

January 28, 2024

**COVENANT COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...  
*Changing lives forever!*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**Prelude:** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" JeHae Kim-Bixby

### Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

We continue to use the Lord's Prayer to illuminate sections of the Gospel of Mark. In Mark 8:31-10:52, Jesus is teaching the disciples about the kind of Messiah he will be, and preparing the disciples for his suffering, death and resurrection. Throughout this section we see one temptation after another arise for Jesus and his students. Each time, Jesus will teach how to not be led away from him. What temptations do you face today? Have you asked Jesus to lead you away from them and towards himself?

### Welcome & Announcements

### Lighting of the Candles:

#### Call to Worship:

May the peoples praise you, God;

**may all the peoples praise you.**

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,

**for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.**

May the peoples praise you, God;

**may all the peoples praise you.**

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

#### \*Call to Confession:

In Christ we are called to live in unity and be committed to community. The world often tells us to cut out things that do not serve our selfishness. Distracted by our own agendas and desires, we have strayed from God and our community. Let us confess our sins together.

#### \*Prayer of Confession:

**Father God, we are often tempted into being divided, pointing out others' differences and calling them faults. We disregard the needs of our community and elevate our personal agendas causing strife and disunity. Forgive us. Guide us in love, so that we bear one another's burdens, and recommit ourselves to faith in Jesus and faith in community.**

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

## BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

**ADULT L.I.F.E. —** Adult L.I.F.E. continues *THIS* Wednesday, January 24 with our Sermon Discussion Group. All adults are invited to join us from 6-7pm in the Cry Room to dig deeper into today's sermon.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY —** Celebrate Recovery 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](mailto:drew@covenantcommunitypc.org)) with any questions.

## YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

**YOUTH GROUP —** Middle School Youth meet from 6-7:30pm, and High School Youth meet from 6:30-8pm on Wednesday nights. This week we will "Trivia with Consequences", a variety of themed trivia games! Invite a friend to join us!

**KIDS L.I.F.E. —** At Kids L.I.F.E., we gather on Wednesdays at 6pm to strengthen our friendship with Jesus and each other. Living in Faith Every Day is a bright spot in our week and there is a group for every age!

**WORSHIP & WIGGLES —** Worship & Wiggles is for 2 and 3-year-olds during Sunday worship. It is designed for our littlest worshipers to make new friends and learn about God's love. Toddlers gather in the Cry Room after the Children's Message dismissal, and have Bible Story time before they "play with a purpose" and participate in the worship service from the Cry Room/Nursery.

**THE GREAT ESCAPE 2024 —** We are excited to be returning to The Great Escape in Green Lake, WI July 8-13! All rising 6th-9th graders are invited to go, as a group, for an amazing week of fellowship, worship, team-building, and fun! Cost for each student is \$400, with a \$100 deposit due February 18. Register on our website. Scholarships are available!

**SAVE-THE-DATE - EGGSTRAVAGANZA! —** One of CCPC's biggest events of the year returns on Saturday, March 23 from 8:30-11am. Join us for a wonderful morning of fun, family, and sharing the name of Jesus with our community. Registration will be open soon, so stay tuned for more information. If you would like to help in the preparations, or the day itself, please contact Kim Baumann at 715-302-0801.

## CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

### THROUGH NOVEMBER 2023:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$508,664**

Actual Operating Revenues: **\$533,846**

Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$493,126**

Actual Operating Expenses: **\$487,566**

### JANUARY 21 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **207**

AM Livestream Total: **82**

PM In-Person Total: **35**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** — The annual congregational meeting will take place after worship NEXT Sunday, February 4. We invite all members to join us and have your voice heard regarding our church and leadership. 2023 Annual Reports are available in the Narthex, and we will be sending digital versions out ahead of time.

**HOUSEKEEPER JOB OPENING** — CCPC is looking for candidates for a part-time (15hrs per week) Housekeeper position tasked with keeping our building to a high standard of cleanliness for our guests and members. Qualifications include excellent work ethic, experience in professional cleaning, and the ability to communicate in word and action the church's objective of hospitality. If you would like to apply, please send your résumé and cover letter to Jim Gates.

**PER CAPITA PAYMENT** — The Per Capita fee our church pays to the denomination (for each member) is \$38 in 2024. If you would like to offset this fee, you can make a donation to CCPC and mark your donation as "Per Capita", or pay on our website. CCPC pays our entire Per Capita in the first three months of the year.

**SUMMER INTERNSHIP** — CCPC has an open position for a Summer Intern who would help Jim Gates with our youth and also encounter a wide variety of ministry experiences. This is designed for a member of our church who is college-age and at least one year removed from high school (i.e. graduated in 2023 or earlier). It is a part-time position (25 hrs/week) for 12 weeks of the summer (dates can be worked out based on the applicant's calendar). Contact Jim with any questions or to apply!

## MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEW SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE** — Our Sunday morning schedule will be changing in the coming months! The Traditional Service will be at 10am, with our Praise Service now starting at 11am. As we build towards this transition, we are looking for additional volunteers to join our Hospitality, Visual/Audio, Security, and Kids Ministry teams. You can even attend the 10am and volunteer for the 11am! Please check the back of today's Connection Card and we will connect with you!

**CCPC AUCTION 2024** — Our 27th Annual Mission Auction will take place Saturday, March 2, 2024! This year, we will travel back in time to visit our "Divine Diner", featuring classic comfort foods with an elevated twist. Tickets are \$20/adults and \$15/kids, which includes access to our "Sock Hop" fun room! Get your tickets online, at the Hub, or at the church office during the week. We'll be selling shoes beginning at 4pm, with a pre-sale on Friday March 1st from 5-7pm. If you, your place of employment, or a group you are a part of would like to donate an item(s) to be auctioned, please see today's bulletin insert, or pick up a form at the Hub. We ask that items be NEW or artisan items.

**HEARTS OF HOPE FUNDRAISER** — Once again, local establishments, Schofield Lions, and Townline Market are helping to contribute to Hearts of Hope! Enter their raffle for \$1,800 in meat and other miscellaneous items to be drawn at Norm's Bar & Grill on February 24, with all proceeds going to our ministry! Visit the Hub to buy your pre-event ticket (\$30; make checks payable to Schofield Lions), and to learn more about the event.

### \*Assurance of Pardon:

John 17

Jesus prayed, 'As you Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me and that they may become completely one.' Believe the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made one! Thanks be to God. **Amen!**

### \*Gloria Patri

### Children's Message

(Children may come forward and be seated on the stage.)

### Period of Fellowship

### \*Hymn:

"Jesus Loves the Little Children" (vs. 1)

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## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### Old Testament Reading:

Deuteronomy 24:1-4

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### Special Music:

"Heaven Came Down  
& Glory Filled My Soul"

Charlie Lewis  
& Herb Westlund

### New Testament Reading:

Mark 10:1-16

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### Sermon:

"Lead Us Not Into Temptation:  
Tempted to Division"

Jim Gates

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*Hymn:

"Come! Live in the Light!" (vs. 1,2,3)

#749

### Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer:

See Page 4

### Ministry Celebration:

CCPC Food Pantry

### Offering

### Offertory Music:

"Abide with Me"

JeHae Kim-Bixby

### \*Doxology

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### Announcements

### \*Benediction

### \*Choral Benediction:

"We Are One in the Spirit" (vs. 4)

#300

# 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 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 Leaders:** Raissa Dupuis

**Acolytes:** Greta Spangler & Thomas Kohnert

**Elder Greeters:** Bob Gebauer  
& Shelby Waraksa

**Greeters:** CCPC Youth

**The Hub:** Deb Wakefield

**Livestream:** Jack Dupuis

**Slides:** Luke Coenen

**Usher Lead:** Bobby Dupuis

**Fellowship:** Deb & Kent Perrin

## 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)

**Tom Scott**  
(Home)

**Howie Pries**  
(Pride TLC)

**Wynn Jones**

## THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION	7PM	DARTBALL AT HOME	6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
10AM	WORSHIP					6PM	ADULT/KIDS LIFE
11:15AM	WOMEN'S STUDY					6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL					6:30PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
6PM	WORSHIP					7PM	CHOIR PRACTICE
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION
						10AM	WORSHIP
						11AM	CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
						11:15AM	WOMEN'S STUDY
						4PM	BAND REHEARSAL
						6PM	WORSHIP

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