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SUNDAY, JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2021 - 10 A.M.

FORWARD  
FROM ME TO WE:  
WE WARRIORS

## 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:** "He is Lord/O Come, Let Us Adore Him" 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:

No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human mind conceived,

**What God has prepared for those who love him.**

From this time forward I make you hear new things, hidden things that you have not known,

**Before today you have never heard of them, so that you could not say, "I already knew them."**

And the one who was seated on the throne said,

**See, I am making all things new!**

**\*Hymn:** "We Three Kings of Orient Are" (vs. 1,5) Leaders: Kent & Deb Perrin

**\*Call to Confession:** Ephesians 5:8-9

Paul encourages us, saying, "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." As we make our prayer of confession, we dismiss all that hinders and prepare ourselves to be clad in the armor of God. Let us pray.

#### \*Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God and Father of all, grant to us a new beginning with you this year. As the calendar turns, may we too turn away from any sins of our past and towards our future with you. Let us start fresh again, through the incredible grace of Jesus the Christ, so that we might find ourselves fully armored and ready for whatever may come. Quench the arrows of the evil one and all that tempts us away from you, and give us the strength, after having done everything, to stand firm with you. All this we ask in the mighty name of Jesus.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

### \*Assurance of Pardon:

Ephesians 6:23-24

"Peace be to the whole community, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who have an undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ." Believe the good news; we are forgiven in Christ! Thanks be to Him. **Amen.**

**Congregational Response:** "Angels, We Have Heard on High" (Chorus)

### Children's Message

### Period of Fellowship

## Proclaiming the Word

**Old Testament Reading:** Micah 6:6-8 NRSV Bible

**Special Music:** "Make Room" Kent & Deb Perrin

**New Testament Reading:** Ephesians 6 NRSV Bible

**Sermon:** Forward from Me to We: We Warriors Jim Gates

## Responding to the Word

**\*Hymn:** "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" (vs. 1,2) Leaders: Kent & Deb Perrin

### The Sacrament of Communion

#### Offering

**Offertory Music:** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" 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:** "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" (vs. 3)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY'S COMMUNION**—Today we will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion. To participate at home, please have your juice and bread ready and available for today's live stream service. In-person worshipers will have prepackaged elements available to them.

**NO RESERVATIONS BEGINNING JANUARY 10!**—Beginning *NEXT* Sunday, January 10, we will no longer be requiring reservations for our Sunday worship services. We will 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 will also continue to have you 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>

*Readings begin on Monday, January 11* and you can also see Jim's brief reflections each morning on that specific chapter, and even respond with questions or comments of your own, if you want. There are even Bible Project videos embedded in the reading assignments! Make this your new year's resolution - to read the stories of Jesus together as a church family!

**2021 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE**—Thank you to everyone who submitted a Commitment Card with your 2021 pledge! If you have not done so yet, you can mail those to the church or complete them online here: <https://covenantcommunitypc.org/people/forms/179281>. Our current totals as of December 24 are **124 pledges for \$410,871**.

## 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 5, at noon via Zoom. All men are welcome! Contact Jim Gates ([jim@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:jim@covenantcommunitypc.org)) for the Zoom information.

**PRAYER MEETINGS**—Our weekly Prayer Meeting has resumed via Zoom every Wednesday night at 6pm, continuing *THIS* Wednesday, January 6. All are welcome! To join the Zoom meeting, go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82054635060?pwd=MTkzOGJqMFRWamxrMy9CShBwcmU0T09>  
Meeting ID: 820 5463 5060 Passcode: 711155

## YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

**NATURE WALK & SCAVENGER HUNT**—*TODAY* is the last day to enjoy the Nature Walk & Scavenger Hunt (until 7:30pm)! This wonderful trail is located across the street from Bob and Melanie Hocker's home at 148700 Burma Road, Mosinee. Maps and instructions are available digitally at <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/nature-walk>. No reservations are necessary. Call Bob and Melanie at 715-581-1278 if you have any questions.

**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)).

**YOUTH I.D.**—*There is NO YOUTH I.D. TODAY.* We will resume I.D. at 9am *NEXT* Sunday, January 10 (see announcement below).

**KIDS I.D.**—*There is NO KIDS I.D. TODAY.* We will resume I.D. at 9am *NEXT* Sunday, January 10 (see announcement below).

**OFFERING IN-PERSON OPTION FOR 9AM ID STARTING JANUARY 10**—Beginning *NEXT* Sunday, January 10, we will offer an in-person option for all our children and youth ID classes (from 9-10am). This will be for 3yr-olds through 12th graders, including Confirmation. Of course, we will continue to also offer online options for all these ages/classes 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).

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday	6:00 p.m.	W&F Committee Meeting via Zoom
	6:30 p.m.	CE Committee Meeting via Zoom
		Deacon's Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Salt & Light Youth Group via Zoom
		Prayer Meeting via Zoom
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Kids I.D. ( <i>In Person or via Zoom</i> )
		Youth I.D./Confirmation ( <i>In Person or via Zoom</i> )
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service ( <i>In Person or Live-Stream</i> )