



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 31ST, 2021 - 10 A.M.

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TURN FROM

LIVE STREAMING

CCPC live streams our 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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Gathering Around the Word

Prelude: "Open Our Eyes/Be Thou My Vision" 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 pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

***Hymn:** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" (vs. 1,3) Leaders: Deb & Kent Perrin

*Call to Confession:

After committing adultery with Bathsheba, King David wrote one of the most beautiful and powerful prayers of confession in all of Scripture. We will use that prayer, found in Psalm 51, as our prayer of confession together this morning. Let us pray.

***Prayer of Confession:** Psalm 51:1-3, 10-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of our salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

*Assurance of Pardon:

Hebrews 10:19-20

"Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water." In Christ, we are indeed made pure! Thanks be to God! Amen.

Congregational Response: "Blest Are They" (vs. 3, Chorus)

Children's Message

Period of Fellowship

Proclaiming the Word

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 51 NRSV Bible

Special Music: Deb & Kent Perrin

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

Sermon: Forward from Brokenness to Wholeness: Jim Gates
Turn From

Responding to the Word

***Hymn:** "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" (vs. 1,2,3) Leaders: Deb & Kent Perrin

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory Music: "I Need Thee Every Hour/
More Love to Thee, O Christ" 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:** "Change My Heart, O God" Leaders: Deb & Kent Perrin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCPC ENDOWMENT GIFTS/MATCHING GIFTS—Join us in kicking off our CCPC Endowment Fund this year! 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. For more information about giving to the endowment fund, please go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/endowment>.

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR—*TODAY* following worship, Ashley Hawley will offer a seminar after worship about estate planning. This will include both an in-person and online option utilizing Zoom. All are welcome, so bring any questions you might have regarding this important topic. To join the Zoom meeting, go to:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89977800280?pwd=bUtkN2J5OGFSdC9tWXlzdW90Tm1Tdz09>
Meeting ID: 899 7780 0280; Passcode: 565697

25TH ANNUAL MISSION AUCTION (ONLINE)—This year's 25th Annual Mission Auction will be a little different, but just as exciting! From Sunday, March 7 through Saturday, March 14 you will be able to bid *ONLINE* for our amazing items! We invite you to get your creative juices flowing and contribute an item(s) to be bid on (minimum value of \$100). If you choose to do so, we will need specific information submitted electronically to Kari Kufahl at Kari.Kufahl@gmail.com no later than Friday, February 26, with items being at the church by February 28. You can call or text Kari with any questions at 715-870-6615. **Please note that we are not specifically targeting business donations directly this year, so we are relying on YOU and your contacts to help.** You can also learn more by going to our website at <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/ccpc-auction>.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—Your Session wants to make it possible for as many people as possible to participate in our annual meeting, despite the challenges of covid. **So, we plan to have FOUR ways you can participate in our annual meeting this year.**

1. *Be present in-person in the Congregation NEXT Sunday, February 7 at 11:00am (immediately after worship).*
2. *Join us live via Zoom by computer or phone on the same day/time (Feb. 7 at 11:00am).*
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84816803399?pwd=USttTXlZnjlZQlROWnZhbFJ3QzRKZz09>
Meeting ID: 848 1680 3399; Passcode: 264746
3. *Vote IN ADVANCE via the website by clicking on this link:*
<https://covenantcommunitypc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/208180>
4. *Vote IN ADVANCE by calling the church at 715-359-6467 and speaking with or leaving a message for Jim Gates.*

Two important notes if you choose to vote in advance via options 3 (website) or 4 (phone).

- *You may only vote "yes" or "no." Any other responses (for example, a nomination from the floor or a question) must be done in-person or online via Zoom.*
- *The deadline for advance votes is Thursday, February 4th. No advance votes will be accepted after this time.*

Finally, if you would like to simply watch the meeting but don't want to actively

participate, we will continue the live stream after worship for your viewing purposes. If you have questions about any of this, please reach out to Jim Gates anytime between now and February 7th. All this information will remain on our website and will be posted in our weekly emails. Go to:
<https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/congregational-meeting>

SAVE-THE-DATES—Mark your calendars for the kickoff to Lent with our Ash Wednesday service on February 17 at 6pm. We will also be starting our winter L.I.F.E. series, which will be every Wednesday at 6pm from February 24 through March 24.

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, February 2, at noon via Zoom. All women are welcome! Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) for the Zoom information.

READING THE GOSPELS TOGETHER—Join Jim Gates in reading through the the Gospels (currently in Matthew) using the Bible app from YouVersion (find in the Apple or Google app store). You do not have to download the app to join the group. Simply go to <https://bible.com/p/37068274/03789ac0ed2773f940795764f2ec0718> and get started via your web browser (or simply read a chapter-a-day in your hardcopy Bible). We are currently in Matthew 21, so feel free to catch up and join us! Make this your new year's resolution - to read the stories of Jesus together as a church family!

PRAYER MEETINGS—Our weekly Prayer Meeting continues via Zoom every Wednesday night at 6pm, including *THIS* Wednesday, February 3. 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

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

SOCIAL MEDIA CLASS FOR PARENTS VIA ZOOM—*TODAY* at 4pm, we will be hosting a class for parents addressing how we can help our children navigate the difficult waters of social media. The class will be an hour long on Zoom and we will have a free book for those who attend. If you would like to join us, please use the following Zoom information: *Meeting ID - 817 9763 0657; Password - 238945* If you have any questions, contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org).

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).

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.

KIDS I.D.—Kids ID starts in a large group via Zoom and in person, followed by a 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!