

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...
Changing lives forever!



SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 2023 - 10 A.M.

THE COVENANT COUPLE: CHOSEN (NOT DESERVING)

Prelude: "Simple Gifts/A Thousand Tongues" 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 12:2-4

I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;

I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse;

And all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.

***Hymn:** "O for A Thousand Tongues to Sing" (vs. 1,2) #610
 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (vs. 1,3) #263

***Call to Confession:** 1 John 1:8-9
Like Abram, we follow the Lord faithfully one moment, and wander away from the Lord the next. But God never wanders from us. Like a woman searching for her lost coin, like a shepherd searching for his lost sheep, God seeks us out and rejoices in our return. Let us therefore return to God in prayer.

***Prayer of Confession:**
Lord God, we confess that in difficult times we wander away from you and the promises you made. Our instinct is to be self-reliant, instead of Christ-reliant. Instead of trusting you, we trust in ourselves ... despite the many times we have let ourselves down.
Today we return to you and to your promises. You alone are forever faithful; you are the rock upon which our lives can be safely built. Forgive us for our wandering, and welcome us back home again.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

YOUNG ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP— *THIS* Wednesday, January 11 from 8-9pm in the Bouldin Hall conference room, we invite all high school graduates through young married couples to join Jim Gates for a conversation about the future of Young Adult Ministries at CCPC. Contact Jim (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

MEN'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. Men meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, including *THIS* Tuesday, January 10 at noon. All men, including newcomers, are welcome!

BIBLE APP STUDY— Join us for a read through the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) continuing today with Matthew 8. 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!

KID'S MINISTRY PROGRAMMING — All of our CCPC Kid's programming is connected by a theme for each month. This winter we 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.

SALT & LIGHT YOUTH GROUP — Students who are in 6th through 8th grades gather on Wednesdays at 6pm (including this week) for Salt & Light Youth Group. In a bit of a change for 2023, 9th-12th graders will meet Sunday evenings from 4:30-6pm (beginning *TODAY*), prior to our evening contemporary service. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

YOUTH GROUP CONFERENCES 2023 — Salt & Light Youth 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. To learn more, please pick up a brochure at the Hub or go to: <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/youth-conferences>
Deadline for the initial deposit is February 19.

THROUGH NOVEMBER 2022:

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

JANUARY 1 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **141**
 AM Livestream Total: **114**
 PM In-Person Total: **28**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAFF CHANGES — CCPC has been blessed for many years to have Les Fraaza as our Music Director, leading this critical ministry with skill and wisdom. Though he will continue as the church's organist, Les will be retiring from the director role. We are delighted to announce that Deb Perrin will be expanding on her Choir Director duties as the Traditional Music Director at Covenant. Join us in thanking Les for his years of service to our church and congratulating (and praying for) Deb as she starts a new chapter in her walk with Christ. We will have a celebration for Les *NEXT* Sunday, January 15 following service in the Fellowship Hall.

CCPC 101—Would you like to know more about CCPC, our beliefs, and our ministries? Thinking about making this your church home? We will cover all these topics and answer all your questions *TODAY* in the Bouldin Hall conference room immediately following worship. We will provide food and childcare for this event that typically runs 1 hour and 30 minutes.

PHOTO DIRECTORY — CCPC Photo Directories are available for pickup in the Narthex! 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" will be available for order/pickup at the church on Sunday mornings in the months to come. You can purchase yours (\$30) in person, or you can order yours 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.

OLD GUYS RULE AT PIZZA RANCH — The Old Guys Rule invite all men to join them at 12pm every second Thursday of the month (including January 12) at Pizza Ranch in Schofield. Contact Bob Warner (bobw4860@gmail.com) with questions.

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

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 will begin soliciting donations this month, so consider if you have something that you'd like to donate (only new items, please). You can use the inserts in today's bulletin, or submit your item(s) on our website. We're also looking for help contacting businesses. A sign-up is located on the counter next to the name tags.

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 flier at The Hub. **Deadline for the initial deposit is February 5.**

***Assurance of Pardon:** *Ephesians 1:3-5, 7-8*
"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ ... who chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us." Believe the good news; in Christ you are chosen, you are forgiven, you are holy and blameless. Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

Children's Message

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

Period of Fellowship

***Hymn:** "O God, You are My God" #743

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 12:1-20 Page 10

Special Music: "In the Bleak of Winter" CCPC Choir

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 1:1-14 Page 191

Sermon: "The Covenant Couple: Chosen (Not Deserving)" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (vs. 1,2,3) #475

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer See Page 4

Offering

Offertory Music: "Canon In D/Seek Ye First" Marcy Fehrman & Les Fraaza

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (vs. 4) #610

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!

Worship Leader: Deb Tice

Acolytes: Aaryn Gaines
& Sophia Haulotte

Elder Greeter: Julie Nelson & Lynda Reis

Greeters: Bonnie Achterberg
& Cheryl Falkowski

The Hub: Terri Goldsworthy

Gatekeeper: Scott Doescher

Slides: Craig Spangler

Live Stream: Derek Nelson

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)

Mike Petterson
(Home)

Stella Lamping
(Home)

Cheryl Lenz
(Colonial Center in Colby)

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 CCPC 101 4PM BAND REHEARSAL 4:30PM HS YOUTH GROUP 6PM WORSHIP		12PM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6PM CELEBRATE RECOVERY	3PM FOOD PANTRY 6PM KID'S L.I.F.E. 6PM MS YOUTH GROUP 6PM BELL CHOIR PRACTICE 7PM ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE 8PM YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
12PM OLD GUYS RULE 12PM LUNCH BUNCH 2PM SHEEPSHEAD 4:30PM FAITH & FITNESS			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

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.