

LIVE STREAMING

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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...

Changing lives forever!

JESUS' VISION



THE GROWING
KINGDOM
OF GOD



Seeing & Following Courageously

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 2021 - 10 A.M.

JESUS' VISION:
A KINGDOM
WITH NO INSIDERS

Prelude: "When We All Get to Heaven" Les Fraaza

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

Scripture challenges us to walk by faith, not by sight; to see the world through the eyes of Christ. What present, and future, does Jesus see when looking at our world? At your life? Where does God's vision compliment or conflict with the dreams you have for yourself, or the expectations others have for you? Prayerfully reflect this morning on how you might come to see God's vision with greater clarity.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles:

Call to Worship: Hebrews 12:28-29

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,

Let us give thanks,

By which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe;

For indeed our God is a consuming fire.

***Hymn:** "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" (vs. 1,2,4) #310

***Call to Confession:** Jonah 4:3

When confronted with God's mercy on his enemies, Jonah responds with overwhelming anger, saying, "it is better for me to die than to live." The love of God for sinners and the inclusion of the unexpected in the kingdom gives us pause when we are not the subjects of that grace. Let us therefore make our confession together.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Your mercy, O Lord, when directed at us, is the very source of hope and joy in our lives. Yet we are hesitant when you extend that mercy to others. We set expectations for others that exceed our own abilities. At times, we are reluctant to share this space and community, for fear that it might change. We easily slip into the world's habit of valuing insiders over newcomers, and "us" over "them."

But the kingdom in which we want to live is different from those of this world. Change our hearts to fit your kingdom, O Lord. Help us to celebrate your generosity and grace to others as much or more than we do for ourselves. Help us to rejoice with the angels at the inclusion of the lost, and to find our purpose in giving away what we have been given.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—The women's study continues in the Book of Hebrews *THIS* Tuesday, October 5 at noon. All are welcome to join us for food, fellowship, and discipleship.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY—CCPC will be the newest host of Celebrate Recovery Ministries. This Bible-centered, twelve-step ministry will begin meeting at the church *THIS* Tuesday, October 5 at 7pm for those looking for healing and restoration from addiction, depression, anger, abuse, grief, and any other form of heavy burden. Our group leaders have been preparing for months to lead a safe, discrete, loving group that can walk beside you throughout this process of growth. Meetings are open to anyone... from our church or any other walk of life. It is a community group. Please contact Drew Bouché (drew@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

FAMILY FUN DAY 2021—Our Family Fun Day at Schairer's Autumn Acres is *TODAY* from 12-3pm (Packer game is at 3:30). Gather up the kids, grandparents and neighborhood friends for an afternoon of corn maze fun, along with hay rides, games, hot chocolate, and yummy fall food! Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the Hub! If you have any questions, please speak with Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org). Invite friends and their tickets are free!

SALT & LIGHT YOUTH GROUP—Students who are in 6th through 8th grades gather on Wednesdays at 6pm for Salt & Light Youth Group, including *THIS* Wednesday, October 6 (we will communicate if this changes due to Dan Frost's status). Our 9th through 12th graders meet on Sunday nights at 6pm, including *TONIGHT* (we will have a "sub" for Dan). Both groups are diving into the Book of James in a series entitled, "Faith That Works." Spread the word and invite friends as we kickoff a new year of being salt of the earth and light unto the world! Contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

SALT & LIGHT OUTINGS—Salt & Light Youth has some spectacular events planned for October! Middle school girls (6th-8th grades) will be having an overnight "Lockin" beginning Friday, October 15 at 6pm and ending Saturday, October 16 at 8am. During that same timeframe, the middle school boys will be camping on the Hocker family property! Finally, all high school kids (9th-12th graders) will be enjoying a day of fall activities on Saturday, October 16 from 2-6pm, including a trip to Middle Grounds Coffeehouse! Stay tuned for more details. (Note: Events may be changed or adjusted depending on the status of Dan Frost.)

PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

- Celebrate Recovery - **October 5**
- MS Boys Camping - **October 15-16**
- MS Girls Lock-in - **October 15-16**
- HS Harvest Fest - **October 16**
- Fall Service Day - **October 23**
- Wrapped In Warmth - **Nov. 4,5**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOMINATIONS FOR DEACONS AND ELDERS— If you would like to nominate someone as a potential deacon or elder, please send any suggestions to Jim Gates at jim@covenantcommunitypc.org.

MORTGAGE MATCHING GIFT— We have been blessed with a **\$45,000** matching gift challenge, all of which will go towards our mortgage on the sanctuary and CE wing from 2008. All donations of any size qualify for this match! If we can complete this entire match before December 31, we will completely pay off our mortgage this year! To donate, simply put "mortgage match" on your check or give online to the matching gift fund.

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE TOGETHER—We are near the end of the New Testament! We are currently in a study of the Book of Revelation (chapter 16 as of today) on the YouVersion Bible app! You can join by downloading the app and using this link (or using this link on your desktop): <https://bible.com/p/45590551/70fc868539e60ab8c1fd383d98899d1d>
Don't want to use technology? Follow along with a chapter-a-day in your hard-copy Bible! Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

INSTITUTE OF DISCIPLESHIP (I.D.) FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY—Our Institute of Discipleship (I.D.) classes continue at 9am for the whole family every Sunday! Adult classes include "Finding God's Vision for You" and "The Bible Project", while the Kid's I.D. lineup includes "Big Bible/Big Church" for our 3rd graders and up. High school and middle schoolers will have their own classes, including Confirmation. We will have discipleship for pre-K through adults! Visit our website for more information on all!

KID'S & ADULT L.I.F.E. EVERY WEDNESDAY—Our Kid's and adult L.I.F.E. classes continue *EVERY WEDNESDAY* at 6pm (Kid's L.I.F.E. will run until 7:30pm). Plan for weekly discipleship for the whole family on Wednesday nights, continuing *THIS WEEK*, September 29 with dinner (Mexican Night) at 5:30pm. You can pay for your meals (\$7/adults \$5/kids; 8-meal packages available) when you arrive, or on our website at: www.covenantcommunitypc.org/payments. Adults are continuing a course entitled, "God's Remnant: Being a Spiritual Minority." Join us any time and check out our website to view previous classes!

DARTBALL—The dartball season is heating up and all are welcome to join the team! Games are every Monday evening at 6pm, including tomorrow, October 4 (home game against Wesley Gophers). Contact Jim Fuls at fulsfam2@mtc.net if you would like to participate.

MISSIONS

HEARTS OF HOPE BLANKETS NEEDED—The Hearts of Hope ministry is in need of tie, knit, or any handmade blankets from church members, or organizations outside the church, to give to each family. The goal is to collect 100 blankets by December 1. Please contact Sarah Luedtke (sluedtke@sluedtkecom) with any inquiries.

***Assurance of Pardon:** Acts 13:38-39
"Let it be known to you therefore, my brothers and sisters, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you; by this Jesus everyone who believes is set free from all those sins from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses." In Jesus, we are forgiven! Hallelujah! Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Children's Message:

[Children may come forward and be seated in the first two rows of pews.]

Period of Fellowship

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading:	Jonah 4:1-11	Page 861
Special Music:	"Feed Me, O Lord"	CCPC Choir
New Testament Reading:	Matthew 20:1-16	Page 21
Sermon:	Jesus' Vision: A Kingdom with No Insiders	Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "This is My Song" (vs. 1,3) #310

The Sacrament of Communion

[For in-person worship, we offer pre-packaged elements out in the Narthex.]

Offering

Offertory Music: "Gospel Medley" JeHae Kim-Bixby & Les Fraaza

***Doxology**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction:** "You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" (vs.1) #299

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

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 or Drew Bouché, 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/PERFORMERS

Thank you to all who make this morning's worship meaningful!

Worship Leader: Drew Bouché

Live Stream: Jared Fuls

Elder Greeters: Bob Warner
& Jim Jackson

Slides: Chris Rhyner

Acolytes: Eli Baumann
& Jaelyn Nelson

Fellowship: Dan & Patty
Luessenhop

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following folks who were recently in the hospital or reside in an assisted-care facility.

Tom Scott
(Home)

Dee Jenkins
(Home)

Don Hawkins
(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. 10AM WORSHIP 11:15AM FELLOWSHIP 6PM HS YOUTH GROUP	6PM DARTBALL	NOON WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	5:30PM DINNER 6PM KID'S/ADULT L.I.F.E. 6PM MS YOUTH GROUP 6PM KID'S CHOIR PRACT. 6PM BELL CHOIR PRACT. 7PM CHOIR PRACTICE
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
2PM SHEEPSHEAD			9AM I.D. 10AM WORSHIP 11:15AM FELLOWSHIP 6PM HS YOUTH GROUP

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