



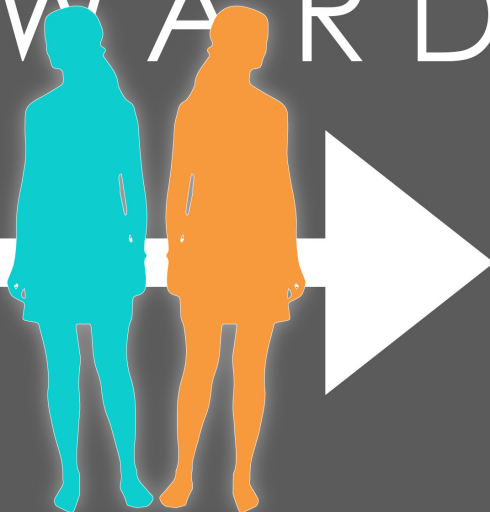
# COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...  
Changing lives forever!

# FORWARD

FROM PAST  
TO FUTURE



— GOD'S CALL TO MOVE —>

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 - 10 A.M.

FORWARD  
FROM PAST TO FUTURE:  
RISKY BUSINESS

## 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:** "I Love to Tell the Story" Les Fraaza

### 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:** Philippians 3:20  
Our citizenship is in heaven.

**And it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**\*Hymn:** "Praise Ye the Lord, Almighty" (vs. 1,3) #35

**\*Call to Confession:** Philippians 3:19  
Although we have been warned by Holy Scripture, yet still we set our minds on earthly things. In so doing, we miss the goodness of our God and our opportunities to serve him. Let us confess together today, and return our minds to Jesus.

**\*Prayer of Confession:**  
Lord Jesus, we confess to being easily distracted this week. The things of this earth seem so pressing, so immediate, and the things of your Kingdom seem so distant and removed. We have sinned by making you secondary in our hearts, thoughts, and choices.

Yet we know everything that is of this earth is fleeting; only you and your kingdom are eternal. Help us to value heavenly things over earthly things. Help us to set our minds on you, O Lord, and transform our hearts and minds today, as one day you will transform our bodies as well. In your name, Jesus, we pray.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

**\*Assurance of Pardon:** Philippians 3:21  
Believe the good news! Jesus, who lived, who died, and who rose again, will return for us, when "he will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself." We are not left in our sin; Jesus restores and redeems those who place their hope in him! Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

### Children's Message

### Period of Fellowship

## Proclaiming the Word

**Old Testament Reading:** Ruth 3:1-18 NRSV Bible

**Special Music:** "My Lighthouse" Maiah & Elli Briggs

**New Testament Reading:** Philippians 3:12-21 NRSV Bible

**Sermon:** Forward from Past to Future: Risky Business Jim Gates

## Responding to the Word

**\*Hymn:** "One Bread, One Body" (vs. 1,3) #530

### The Sacrament of Communion

#### Offering

**Offertory Music:** "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" JeHae Kim-Bixby & Les Fraaza

Connection Card and giving are available on the live stream web page.

## Bearing and Following the Word into the World

### Announcements

#### \*Benediction

**\*Choral Benediction:** "God of Grace and God of Glory" (vs. 1) #307

## 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 worshippers will have prepackaged elements available to them.

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP RESERVATIONS**—Reservations for next Sunday, October 11 will open *TOMORROW* (Monday) October 5 at 9am. Please go to [www.covenantcommunitypc.org/reservations](http://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/reservations) for the 10am service. You can also call the church office at 715-359-6467.

**ZOOM LOGIN INFORMATION**—As we kickoff our fall programming, much of which will be virtual, we invite you to visit a private webpage with all of our Zoom login information. Please visit [www.covenantcommunitypc.org/online-login](http://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/online-login) and get connected this fall!

**FAMILY SERVICE DAY**—Join us for "*Live Like Jesus*" Family Service Day on Saturday, October 17th from 9am to 1pm. We will gather at CCPC to organize, which will include pairing up with one other family to serve in our community. This service will include fall yard cleanup, after which we will reflect on our experience as a family. We have two separate signups:

**Need yard work done this fall** - contact Sharon Maltbey (Sharon.maltbey@gmail.com or 715-573-7427)

**Will serve by doing the yardwork** - contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org or 715-359-6467)

**WARMING SHELTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**—As the seasons change and cold weather is on the doorstep, the Wausau Warming Center is preparing to help feed and shelter the homeless in our community. CCPC has long worked with, and supported the Center... and will continue to do so this year. If you would like to be involved, please contact Sharon Maltbey (Sharon.maltbey@gmail.com or 715-573-7427) as soon as possible!

**COLLEGE/TECH STUDENT GIFT CARDS**—Parents of those attending college or tech school: The Deacons would like to remember your young adults during Christmas by sending them a small gift. We want them to know their church family is prayerfully thinking of them! Please contact Ken Zblewski (715-393-5885 or kenzblewski@yahoo.com) with your student's mailing address. Thank you from the Deacons!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT L.I.F.E. VIA ZOOM CONTINUES**—Join us in person or via Zoom continuing *THIS* Wednesday, October 7 (through October 21) from 6-7pm to discuss a "Christ & Caesar: House Divided," and together we can learn from Jesus what a unique Christian witness might be in our world today. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

**CCPC 101**—Have you been visiting us before and/or during this season of distancing and lockdown? Want to know more about CCPC, our beliefs, and our ministries? We will cover all these topics and answer all your questions *NEXT* Sunday, October 11 after worship, both in person and via Zoom. *Those who wish to join us in person will be required to wear a mask and we will be social*

*distancing. Those who wish to join us via Zoom will be given the necessary login information after they RSVP. If you or someone you know would like to be a part of this informational session, please contact Drew Bouché (drew@covenantcommunitypc.org).*

## BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM**—We continue our new Bible study on the first six "minor" prophets: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, and Nahum *THIS* Tuesday, October 6, at noon. Remember that you can purchase the study book for \$9 by visiting the church building, or by contacting Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

## YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

**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. VIA ZOOM**—Youth Institute of Discipleship has *THREE* classes (6th & 7th; Confirmation; 9th & 12th) via Zoom at 9am every Sunday morning. For more information, please visit <http://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/sunday-school-2> for more information, or contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org).

**KIDS I.D. VIA ZOOM**—Kids I.D. is all about growing closer to God through Bible knowledge. We have special plans for the kiddos so that they are not just sitting in front of a screen! All kids start in a large group via Zoom and then breakout into two groups (PreK-1st & 2nd-5th grades). Each group will need their own device. Join us every Sunday at 9am. Learn more at <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/sunday-school-1>.

**KIDS L.I.F.E. VIA ZOOM**—Wednesday nights (through October 21) are all about connecting with church friends and developing spiritual habits that help us grow. LIFE will be fun, faith focused, and friend centered! We encourage each kid to have their own device for these Zoom gatherings. To learn more, please go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/kids-life>.