

LIVE-STREAM

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THY KINGDOM COME: INCOMING

Exodus 7:20-24, 8:6-8, 15, 18-19 & Mark 2:23-3:6

October 8, 2023

COVENANT COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...
Changing lives forever!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Shout to the Lord" Les Fraaza & Pat Moucha

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

Mark's account of Jesus' life closely parallels the Lord's Prayer. This section, Mark 1:1-3:6, connects powerfully to the line, "Thy kingdom come", as it details the inbreaking of the kingdom of God into a world already occupied by forces opposed to God. What does it mean for you to pray "Thy kingdom come"? What must happen to other kingdoms, if Christ's kingdom comes in its fullness?

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles:

Call to Worship: Mark 2:27-28
Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath;
so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

***Hymn:** "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" (vs. 1,2,4) See Screen

***Call to Confession:** Mark 3:4-5
Then Jesus said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger, he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored." Come, let us lift up our hearts to the Lord in our prayer of confession so we too may be restored.

***Prayer of Confession:**
Jesus, we come before you knowing that you grieve the hardness of our hearts. We are people who may follow rules to the letter, but don't always live up to our call as disciples of You. Please forgive our lack of compassion and help us to follow in your ways. Shape our hearts to look more like Yours.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

WRAPPED IN WARMTH — Our Hearts of Hope families will be coming to the church to receive all of their brand new winter clothing on November 7 and November 9 from 3:30-8pm. If you would like to help in any way, contact Sue Thompson (715-571-2797 or sue@mtsllc.net).

HEARTS OF HOPE TJ MAXX BAGS — As Hearts of Hope season kicks off, we are looking for more TJ MAXX totes to be used for distributing gifts. We will have a spot in the Narthex in the coming weeks that you can drop these totes off after purchasing them at the store. They do not necessarily need to have holiday designs! We are grateful for any of these donations!

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

ADULT I.D. — Our Adult I.D. class meets in the Cry Room every Sunday and runs from 9am-9:50am. All adults are welcome!

TUESDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Our men's Bible study will meet *THIS* Tuesday, October 10 at 12pm. The men meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. We are studying the Book of Isaiah. Join us and bring a friend!

ADULT L.I.F.E. — Adult L.I.F.E. continues *THIS* Wednesday, October 11th with, "The Power of an Unoffendable Heart", taught and facilitated by Sue Thompson. All adults are invited to join us from 6-7pm in the Cry Room. Video and notes of previous classes are archived on our website!

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

KIDS & YOUTH I.D. — All our youth I.D. classes run from 9am-9:50am every Sunday. Our Middle School I.D. class for 6th & 7th graders meets in the basement; our High School class for 9th-12th graders meets in the Bouldin Hall Loft. Pre-K through 5th grade I.D. classes also meet in the basement. Drop your kiddos off and attend our Adult I.D. in the Cry Room!

YOUTH GROUP — Middle School Youth meet from 6-7:30pm, and High School Youth meet from 6:30-8pm on Wednesday nights. We do separate Bible study times for MS and HS but combine for our crazy games.

KIDS L.I.F.E. — Having friends at church is one of our core values. At Wednesday night L.I.F.E. (every Wednesday at 6pm) our first focus is a friendship with Jesus, and secondly, we encourage children to build relationships with other kids and adult leaders. Drop off your pre-k through 5th graders and join us at Adult L.I.F.E.!

CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

THROUGH AUGUST 2023:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$369,240**
Actual Operating Revenues: **\$368,539**
Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$367,681**
Actual Operating Expenses: **\$352,243**

OCTOBER 1 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **198**
AM Livestream Total: **104**
PM In-Person Total: **28**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOW HIRING CHURCH ACCOUNTANT — We are currently seeking candidates for a part-time (15hrs per week), Church Accountant position that involves managing and overseeing CCPC's financial systems, including donations, accounts payable and payroll. Candidates must be excellent with details, administration, and numbers, comfortable with financial controls and systems, expertise/comfort in church management software, and a servant's heart. If you would like to apply, please send your résumé and cover letter to Jim Gates.

CCPC COOKBOOKS FOR SALE — Our church cookbook "Not by Bread Alone" is available to purchase. There are so many recipes to help your family get together this fall for a good meal... and they make a great Christmas gift, as well! All proceeds are going to our kitchen fund. Books are available for purchase in the Narthex and on our website.

FESTIVAL OF TREES PREPARATIONS — CCPC is thrilled to participate, once again, in the 26th Annual Festival of Trees (all proceeds going to Aspirus Hospice House). This year our theme will be Snoopy and the Peanuts Gang, and we will be working on decorations and ornaments Thursdays, October 19, October 26 and November 9th if needed, from 12-3pm. If you would like to participate, contact Colleen Geurink (715-432-4671 or cgeurink@charter.net).

KRINGLES — If you are interested in ordering Kringles, please speak with our Hub attendant to get an order form. They are \$13 a piece and all orders (with payment) are due here at the church on October 29th. Please make checks out to CCPC. Kringles will be available for pickup on November 12th!

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS & OUTREACH — CCPC will be hosting an Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness Program & Outreach on Saturday, October 21, beginning at 9:30am. Local churches will be joining us to learn more about this scourge around the world and in our community, followed by volunteer outreach training and visits to local businesses. Food will be provided throughout the event. See today's insert for more information and to sign up to participate.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES — The Christian Education Committee is looking to grow its pool of coordinators and volunteers. If you feel called to serve in any of these roles: Adult Education Coordinator, Wednesday Youth Event Volunteers, Family Ministry Seasonal Events Coordinator, Nursery Coordinator, and Nursery Volunteers, please contact Sue Thompson (715-571-2797 or sue@mtslc.net) for additional details.

SEATS & FEETS — We are once again looking for a large quantity of NEW socks and underwear to be given to our Hearts of Hope families. A basket is located in the Narthex to drop off your donations. We are specifically looking for: Boys underwear - 4t, 5t, 6, 8, 10/12, and men's size small, medium, large; Girls underwear - 6, 8, 12, 14/16, and all women's sizes.

*Assurance of Pardon:

Be assured, the One who has shown compassion on the sabbath and healed the man with the withered hand, has also been risen to heal you. Thanks be to God, our hearts can be softened through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **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:** "Change My Heart, O God" (x2) #695

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 7:20-24,8:6-8,15,18-19 Page 54

Special Music: "Jesus Name Above All Names" CCPC Choir

New Testament Reading: Mark 2:23-3:6 Page 36

Sermon: "Thy Kingdom Come: Incoming" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" (vs. 1,4) #353

The Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory Music: "The Water is Wide" JeHae Kim-Bixby & Pat Moucha

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "There is a Redeemer" (vs. 1) #443

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 across from the sanctuary
- † Activity bags for children are available in the Narthex.
- † Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for donuts, cookies, juice, coffee, and fellowship!

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: Lucas & Paige Mathies

Greeters: Barb Smejkal
& Bonnie Achterberg

Elder Greeters: Lynda Reis
& Scott Bouffleur

The Hub: Braydon Briggs

Live Stream: Derek Nelson

Slides: Chris Jelen

Usher Lead: Jeff Kibler

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)

Dave Vachowiak
(Forest Park Village)

Howie Pries
(Home)

Tom Scott
(Home)

Joyce Michna
(Fond du Lac)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

TODAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION	7PM	DARTBALL AT HOME	12PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	3PM	FOOD PANTRY
10AM	WORSHIP			6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL					6PM	ADULT/KIDS LIFE
6PM	WORSHIP					6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
						6:30PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
						7PM	CHOIR PRACTICE
THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
12PM	OLD GUYS RULE AT PIZZA RANCH					9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					10AM	WORSHIP
						4PM	BAND REHEARSAL
						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.