

LIVE-STREAM

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THY WILL BE DONE: CONTAGIOUS CLEANLINESS

Exodus 30:22-33 & Mark 5:21-43

November 12, 2023

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "In My Heart There Rings a Melody" Les Fraaza & JeHae Kim-Bixby

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

Mark's account of Jesus' life closely parallels the Lord's Prayer. This section, Mark 3:7-6:6, sees Jesus' ministry spread beyond Jewish Galilee and beyond himself. As the kingdom expands, we get glimpses of what the world can be when people choose God's will to be done over their own. Each week we pray, "Thy Will Be Done." What does it mean to choose God's will over yours today?

Honoring our Veterans: "A Soldier Fighting to Go Home" Charlie Lewis
(We ask all veterans or those currently serving to stand and be recognized.)

Lighting of the Candles: "Morning Has Broken" Wyatt Dupuis & Les Fraaza

Call to Worship: Mark 5:34, 36, 39

Hear these words of Jesus as a cause and call to worship today.

"Your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

"Do not fear, only believe."

"The child is not dead but sleeping."

***Hymn:** "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" (vs. 1,2,3) #354

***Call to Confession:**

In the Torah, we are reminded that touching anything unclean can make us unclean as well. This is true for dead bodies and diseased skin – our outer selves. But it's also true for our inner selves – our hearts and character. This week, in action and thought, we have touched the unclean. Let us acknowledge this together in our prayer of confession.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord God, you call us to be holy – separate, different, distinct from the world. But we are fascinated by the ordinary, the common, and the unclean. This week, in our haste to be ordinary, we fell into unclean behaviors and thoughts.

Wash us and make us pure. Give us a passion for purity and holiness, for goodness and grace. In Jesus' name we pray.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

BRIDGE ST. SOBER LIVING MEALS — We are looking for folks interested in preparing and serving meals at the Bridge St. Mission sober living house on the 1st and 4th Tuesdays and Wednesdays of the month. We still have some dates available in 2023 and will have signups for dates in 2024 available soon. You can check the Community Board in the Fellowship Hall for this information, or contact Kari Kufahl (715-212-2489 or kari.kufahl@gmail.com).

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

TUESDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Our men's Bible study will meet *THIS* Tuesday, November 14 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. — We continue our adult L.I.F.E. class, "The Angels of Christmas", *THIS* Wednesday, November 15." Join Deb Tice and Kari Kufahl on Wednesdays through December 6 for an interesting look at God's supernatural beings and the story of Christ's birth. Note that we will not be meeting on November 22.

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SAVE-THE-DATES — Christmas program practices will be incorporated on Wednesday nights during Kids L.I.F.E. in November. All children are welcome to participate in the choir and non-speaking parts. If your child is interested in a speaking role, contact Ms. Amanda (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org). We are also looking for parent volunteers to help us with props, costumes, and set pieces, as well as snacks for rehearsals and "program day", which is December 17 at 2pm.

THE GREAT ESCAPE 2024 — We are excited to be returning to The Great Escape in Green Lake, WI July 8-13! All rising 6th-12th graders are invited to go, as a group, for an amazing week of fellowship, worship, team-building, and fun! Cost for each student is \$400, with a \$100 deposit due February 18. Scholarships are available!

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. This week we will be headed to Briq's!

KIDS L.I.F.E. — 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.

CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

THROUGH OCTOBER 2023:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$465,449**

Actual Operating Revenues: **\$493,176**

Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$453,141**

Actual Operating Expenses: **\$445,578**

NOVEMBER 5 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **235**

AM Livestream Total: **82**

PM In-Person Total: **31**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY — TODAY is Stewardship Sunday. Please bring your Commitment Cards for 2024 to the Communion Table after the plate has passed during the Offering. Cards are available in the Narthex if you do not have one.

CCPC 101 — Would you like to know more about CCPC, our beliefs, and our ministries? Thinking about making this your church home? Join us in the Bouldin Hall conference room immediately following worship TODAY. Food is provided for this event that typically runs 1 hour and 30 minutes.

KRINGLE PICKUP — If you ordered Kringles in October, please pick them up in the Fellowship Hall TODAY!

ADVENT SOUP LUNCHEON — Let us enter into the season of Advent by breaking bread with our church family! Join us Sunday, November 26 at 11:15am (morning service) and 5pm (evening service) for our annual Soup Luncheon (and Dinner). As the day approaches we will communicate details and provide sign-ups to contribute to the feast. There is a signup at The Hub for those that would like to contribute a soup or desert, for either service.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE — We are delighted that our multi-church, ecumenical service will be returning this year at Saint Therese church (112 W. Kort St., Rothschild) on Wednesday, November 22 at 7pm. If you have any questions, you can call Saint Therese at 715-359-6412. *Note that we will not have Wednesday night programming at CCPC that evening.*

BUY SCRIP - SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER— The holiday season is upon us and it is a great time to visit the Scrip table in the Narthex to find all of your needs, while supporting our church at the same time! There are TWO delivery dates in November, prior to Thanksgiving!

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

GIFT CARDS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS — CCPC loves to remind our college students that they are loved during this Advent season. In light of this, our Deacons would like to send them a gift card to remind them that our faith family cares for them! If you have a student attending college, tech. school, or community college, please send their addresses to Sarah Maciaz at sajemaciaz@gmail.com.

COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP 2024 — CCPC will be sending a team to Costa Rica June 22-29, 2024, in partnership with Praying Pelican Missions. This trip is open to rising 9th graders and older, and will be participating in homeless ministry, feeding programs, medical clinics, church projects, and one fun excursion! Cost is \$1,300 for adults and \$1,000 for students, which includes the flight and accommodations in Costa Rica. A \$200 deposit is required to hold your spot for the trip and can be paid on our website, as well as in person to the office.

*Assurance of Pardon:

Our ancestors had to offer sacrifices constantly at the altar in Jerusalem in order to be forgiven of their sins. But Christ "entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption." This is the gospel: in the once-for-all sacrifice of Jesus Christ, we are made eternally clean! Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

The Sacrament of Baptism: Today we celebrate the baptism of Amelia Lee Smith, daughter of Taylor and Kristie Smith.

Children's Message

(Children may come forward and be seated on the stage.)

Period of Fellowship

***Hymn:** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" (vs. 1,3) #716

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

New Testament Reading: Exodus 30:22-33 Page 77

Special Music: "As the Deer" CCPC Bell Choir

New Testament Reading: Mark 5:21-43 Page 39

Sermon: "Thy Will Be Done: Contagious Cleanliness" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "We Give Thee But Thine Own" (vs. 1,2,4) #708

The Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer See Page 4

Ministry Celebration: Wrapped In Warmth

Offering

(Please bring your Commitment Cards for 2024 to the Communion Table after the plate has passed. Cards are located in the Narthex if you do not have one.)

Offertory Music: "I Will Give Thanks" Les Fraaza

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "How Firm a Foundation" (vs. 1) #463

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: Piper Dupuis & Sophia Haulotte

Greeters: Dan & Mary Fraaza

Elder Greeters: Bob Gebauer
& Deb Tice

The Hub: Deb Wakefield

Livestream: Craig Spangler

Slides: Jack Dupuis

Usher Lead: Jerry Trebus

Gatekeeper: Charlie Lewis

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)

Dave Vachowiak
(Forest Park Village)

Tom Scott
(Home)

Howie Pries
(Home)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

| <u>TODAY</u> | | <u>MONDAY</u> | | <u>TUESDAY</u> | | <u>WEDNESDAY</u> | |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 9AM | ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION | 7PM | DARTBALL AT HOME | 12PM | MEN'S BIBLE STUDY | 1PM | RETIRED SINGLES SMALL GROUP |
| 10AM | WORSHIP | | | 6PM | CELEBRATE RECOVERY | 6PM | BELL CHOIR PRACTICE |
| 11:15AM | CCPC 101 | | | | | 6PM | ADULT/KIDS LIFE |
| 4PM | BAND REHEARSAL | | | | | 6PM | MS YOUTH GROUP |
| 6PM | WORSHIP | | | | | 6:30PM | HS YOUTH GROUP |
| | | | | | | 7PM | CHOIR PRACTICE |
| <u>THURSDAY</u> | | <u>FRIDAY</u> | | <u>SATURDAY</u> | | <u>SUNDAY</u> | |
| 2PM | SHEEPSHEAD | | | | | HEARTS OF HOPE ADOPTIONS BEGIN | |
| | | | | | | 9AM | ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION |
| | | | | | | 10AM | WORSHIP |
| | | | | | | 4PM | BAND REHEARSAL |
| | | | | | | 6PM | WORSHIP |

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