

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

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2021 - 10 A.M.

VISION FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH: SPIRITUAL HABITS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude:

Lynn Theilig

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: "Fairest, Lord Jesus"

Handbell Choir

Call to Worship:

Psalms 119:2-7

Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.

You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances.

***Hymn:** "Let All Things Now Living" (vs. 1,2)

#37

***Call to Confession:**

Ezekiel 22:7-8

Hear the rebuke of the LORD through the prophet Ezekiel to the people of God: "Father and mother are treated with contempt in you; the alien residing within you suffers extortion; the orphan and the widow are wronged in you. You have despised my holy things, and profaned my sabbaths." To the extent that we, too are guilty like our ancestors, we offer this prayer of confession together.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord, forgive us for allowing our worldly habits to edge out our spiritual habits. Those things and people you call holy, we have treated as common. The rhythms and schedules you designed to be rooted in worship and rest are more focused on work and leisure. Even your sabbath sometimes feels like an interruption in our routine, instead of the very cornerstone of our week.

Help us to build new spiritual habits that draw us regularly into the life of Jesus. Move us from sporadic to reliable in every area of our discipleship. And open our eyes and hearts to the ordinary holiness in others and ourselves.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE— Our CCPC Mission Committee has formed a sub-committee to explore sponsoring a refugee family. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org), Ruth Wrynski (715-409-0582 or ruthiewry@charter.net), Joanne Lapinske (715-573-5556 or hostmomjo@yahoo.com), or Lynda Reis (773-351-8980 or mybana@yahoo.com) as soon as possible.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

NEW FAITH & FITNESS GROUP—CCPC will be starting a new Faith & Fitness group on Thursday, December 2 at 4:30pm in the Activity Room downstairs. It will combine physical fitness, fellowship, and discipleship into an impactful time for all involved. There will be low-key aerobics followed by a devotional. Join us as we move into a new year of spiritual and physical growth! Contact Deb Tice with any questions (debtice77@yahoo.com or 715-574-7663).

NEW SMALL GROUP FOR SINGLES—If you are single and in the "middle" - older than our young adults and younger than retirement age - we have a new small group starting that's just for you! This group is just forming but will meet either on Sunday mornings during ID or Wednesday Nights during LIFE. If you are interested in learning more, contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org)!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—The women continue a study of the Minor Prophets *THIS* Tuesday, November 16 at noon. All are welcome to join us for food, fellowship, and discipleship.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY—Celebrate Recovery is a Bible-centered recovery ministry that meets at the church (Bouldin Hall) *EVERY* Tuesday at 7pm. Meetings are open to anyone! Contact Drew Bouché (drew@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

ONLINE DEVOTIONAL - THANKSGIVING & WORSHIP—We're continuing "Thirty Days of Thanksgiving and Worship" for our online group devotional. You can join on the YouVersion Bible app! You can join at any time by downloading the app and using this link (or using this link on your desktop):
<https://my.bible.com/reading-plans/715512278/together/46474139/invitation?source=share&token=bB6lj8-oUELJT9fqu93LnQ>

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

CRAZY FOR CHRISTMAS COMPETITION—Our Crazy for Christmas Competition is taking place on Saturday, December 4 and Sunday, December 5! This event is for our 6th-12th grade youth... as well as adults to be partnered with our kids for competition including cookie baking, sled building, decorating, and more! We are looking for parents, grandparents, older siblings, or any other adult looking to have some holiday fun while fostering friendships and mentorship with our youth. If you are interested, there will be an informational meeting in Bouldin Hall after worship *TODAY*.

SALT & LIGHT YOUTH GROUP—Students who are in 6th through 8th grades gather on Wednesdays at 6pm for Salt & Light Youth Group, with 9th through 12th graders meeting on Sunday nights at 6pm, including *TONIGHT*. Contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2022— Commitment Sunday is *TODAY!* Have your pledge cards ready (some are available in the Narthex), and we will place all our commitments on the Lord's Table together. Note that there is more information on our website about the campaign, our 2022 budget, and how to pledge or give online. Simply go to: <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/give>. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

MORTGAGE MATCHING GIFT— We have been blessed with a **\$45,000** matching gift challenge, all of which goes towards our mortgage on the sanctuary and CE wing from 2008. *We are so excited to announce that **OUR GOAL HAS BEEN REACHED!*** We will be mortgage free in 2022! For those of you that were planning to give towards this matching gift challenge but have not done so yet, we will put your gift towards the line of credit remaining on the Bouldin Hall renovations. We are so thankful for your generosity!

ADVENT SOUP LUNCHEON—Peace, love, and hope prevail in this season of Advent, kicked off with our Annual Advent Soup Luncheon, following worship on Sunday, November 28. If you would like to share a crockpot of soup, a dessert, or help in the kitchen, contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org).

ELECTRONIC CHURCH DIRECTORY—CCPC continues to grow and change! Stay connected easily by utilizing our online directory. Go to <https://covenantcommunitypc.churchcenter.com/login?return=https://covenantcommunitypc.churchcenter.com/directory/people>, or by downloading the Church Center app on your mobile device. Then follow the instructions to "opt-in" and allow others to view your information. You can share as much or as little information as you'd like. If you have any issues setting this up, please speak to any of our church staff or pick up an instruction card at The Hub!

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. runs until 7:30pm). Plan for weekly discipleship for the whole family on Wednesday nights, continuing *THIS WEEK*, November 17 with dinner (Polito's Pizza, salad, and desserts) at 5:30pm. You can pay (\$7/adults \$5/kids; 8-meal packages available) when you arrive, or on our website at: www.covenantcommunitypc.org/payments.

MISSIONS

HEARTS OF HOPE KICKOFF—Hearts of Hope kicks off *TODAY!* Adopt a single heart, an entire family, donate food items, or give a monetary donation at the Hub or online at: <https://covenantcommunitypc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1061118>. *The deadline to have all of your gifts and donations turned in is Sunday, December 12.* If you would like to volunteer for the ministry, contact Sarah Luedtke at 715-574-1345 or sluedtke@sluedtke.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING—CCPC has blocked off two full days that the church is responsible for bell ringers for the Salvation Army - Saturday, November 27 and December 11 from 10am-4pm at the Cedar Creek Pick N' Save. Signup is in one-hour increments and can be done by going to <https://www.registertoring.com/> and clicking on "I'm Ringing with a Group." Then enter the group code "CCPC." You will be asked to create an account if you have not already done so from previous years. Call the church with any questions.

*Assurance of Pardon:

Matthew 12:6-8

Jesus says, "I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. But if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath." Hear the good news: the Lord of the Sabbath has made us guiltless! Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

Children's Message:

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

Period of Fellowship

*Hymn: "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" (vs. 1,2) #408

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 5:12-15 Page 162

Special Music: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Handbell Choir

New Testament Reading: Luke 22:39-46 Page 87

Sermon: *Vision for Spiritual Growth: Spiritual Habits* Amanda Fuls

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision" (vs. 1,2,4) #450

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer See Page 4

Moment for Stewardship

Offering

Offertory Music: "Here's My Heart" Deb & Kent Perrin

Connection Cards and giving are available on the live stream web page.
Place your Commitment Cards on the Table during the Offertory
(or submit them online from our website).

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" #469

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: Deb Tice

Greeters: Karen Kelbley
& Kay Storm

Acolytes: Jonathan & Zoe Gates

Elder Greeter: Deb Tice &
Lynda Reis

Live Stream: Jared Fuls

Slides: Derek Nelson

Fellowship Hour: Dawn Rowland

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	7PM DARTBALL	NOON WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7PM CELEBRATE RECOVERY	5:30PM DINNER 6PM KID'S/ADULT L.I.F.E. 6PM MS YOUTH GROUP 6PM XMAS PROG. 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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