

LIVE-STREAM

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THY WILL BE DONE: HOMETOWN PROPHETS

Genesis 37:2-11 & Mark 6:1-6

November 19, 2023

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Please **DO NOT** bring liquid items into the Sanctuary except water.

Prelude: "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" 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?

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship:

The LORD is my strength and my shield;
In him my heart trusts;

So I am helped, and my heart exults,
And with my song I give thanks to him.

Psalm 28:7

***Hymn:** "Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining" (vs. 1,2,3) #192

*Call to Confession:

When Jesus comes to visit his hometown of Nazareth, he is "amazed at their unbelief." This is a heartbreaking moment, but a familiar one. We know more about Jesus than even his neighbors and family, and yet we too sometimes strayed into unbelief this week. Let us therefore make our prayer of confession together.

*Prayer of Confession:

Jesus, we know that you honor our doubts, but are grieved by our unbelief. We have been guilty of unbelief at times this week, when we have chosen to rely in other sources instead of trusting in you.

Today we reaffirm that you and you alone are supremely trustworthy. Today we chose to bring our doubts and questions to you, and entrust you with them, as we entrust you with all of our lives.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

FESTIVAL OF TREES 2023 — CCPC is thrilled to participate, once again, in the 26th Annual Festival of Trees (all proceeds going to Aspirus Hospice House), **THIS WEEK**, November 21-26 at the Central Wisconsin Convention and Expo Center. This year our tree's theme is "Snoopy and the Peanuts Gang." Stroll through a glittering forest of over one hundred holiday trees (including ours), wreaths, mantels and specialty items decorated and donated for raffle and silent auction!

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Our women's Bible study will meet **THIS** Tuesday, November 21 at 12pm. The women meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. We are studying the Book of Isaiah. Join us and bring a friend!

NO ADULT L.I.F.E. THIS WEEK — Due to the Thanksgiving holiday this week, we will not have Adult L.I.F.E. on Wednesday the 22nd. We will continue our class, "The Angels of Christmas", on Wednesday, November 29 at 6pm." Join Deb Tice and Kari Kufahl on through December 6 for an interesting look at God's supernatural beings and the story of Christ's birth.

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!

NO YOUTH GROUP OR KIDS L.I.F.E. THIS WEEK — Due to the Thanksgiving holiday this week, we will not have Youth Group or Kids L.I.F.E. on Wednesday the 22nd. We will resume both on November 29 at 6pm (M.S. Youth Group and Kids L.I.F.E.) and 6:30pm (H.S. Youth Group).

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 12 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **223**
AM Livestream Total: **92**
PM In-Person Total: **28**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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) *THIS* 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.*

ADVENT SOUP LUNCHEON — Let us enter into the season of Advent by breaking bread with our church family! Join us *NEXT* 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.

KRINGLE PICKUP — If you have yet to pick up the Kringles that you ordered in October, please speak with Tom Wrysinski.

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!

CCPC COOKBOOKS — Our church cookbook "Not by Bread Alone" is available to purchase for \$30. 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 after worship and on our website.

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:

Isaiah 12:2

"Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid, for the LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation." Jesus, the LORD, is our salvation, if we but trust in him. Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

Children's Message

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

Period of Fellowship

*Hymn: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (vs. 1,3) #187

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

New Testament Reading: Genesis 37:2-11 Page 34

Special Music: "Amazing Grace/Pachelbel's Canon" CCPC Choir

New Testament Reading: Mark 6:1-6 Page 40

Sermon: "Thy Will Be Done: Hometown Prophets" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth" (vs. 1,4,5) #14

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

Ministry Celebration

Offering

Offertory Music: "Cornerstone" JeHae Kim-Bixby

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining" (Refrain) #192

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: Gavin & Isabelle Lancelle

Greeters: Beth Kohnert & Sarah Maciaz

Elder Greeters: Joy Briggs
& Sue Thompson

The Hub: Dianne Abel

Livestream: Derek Nelson

Slides: Josh Werner

Usher Lead: Jesse Lawton

Gatekeeper: John Happli

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
<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">HEARTS OF HOPE ADOPTIONS BEGIN</p> <p>9AM ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION</p> <p>10AM WORSHIP</p> <p>4PM BAND REHEARSAL</p> <p>6PM WORSHIP</p>	<p>7PM DARTBALL AT IMMANUEL BAPTIST</p>	<p>12PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>6PM CELEBRATE RECOVERY</p>	<p>3PM FOOD PANTRY</p> <p>7PM ECUMENICAL SERVICE AT ST. THERESE</p>
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</p>			<p>9AM ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION</p> <p>10AM WORSHIP</p> <p>11:15AM ADVENT SOUP LUNCHEON</p> <p>4PM BAND REHEARSAL</p> <p>5PM ADVENT SOUP DINNER</p> <p>6PM WORSHIP</p>

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.