

LIVE STREAMING

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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST, 2021 - 10 A.M.

VISION FOR
SPIRITUAL GROWTH:
BEHAVIORS/WORLDVIEW

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "I Will Enter His Gates/This is the Day" JeHae Kim-Bixby

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: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" Pat Moucha

Call to Worship: Psalm 119:107-108, 111-112

Give me life, O LORD, according to your word.

Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your ordinances.

Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

***Hymn:** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (vs. 1,2,4) #187

***Call to Confession:** Luke 23:40-41

One of the criminals rebuked the other, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Let us pray.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Jesus, remember us ... but not all of us. We know that if we were condemned, it would be just, for our selfishness has disappointed you, and hurt others. Remember us ... but forget our sin and selfishness. Forgive what cannot be forgotten.

You are the King of Mercy; you are the God of Hope; you are the source of New Beginnings. Remember us as new creations in you. Remember us as your daughters and sons. Remember us when you come into your kingdom.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING—We have a couple of spots left for bell ringers for the Salvation Army - Saturday, December 11 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.

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)!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—The men continue a study of the Minor Prophets *THIS* Tuesday, November 23 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, contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

SALT & LIGHT YOUTH GROUP—High school Youth Group will be meeting *TONIGHT* at 6pm. Our middle school students will *NOT* be meeting this Wednesday, November 24 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO WEDNESDAY PROGRAMMING—Because of this week's Thanksgiving holiday (Thursday, November 25), there will be no Wednesday night programming on November 24. This includes adult and kid's L.I.F.E., Youth Group, and all music practices.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2022 — Our Stewardship Campaign 2022, "Stronger," continues! You should have received your pledge card in the mail, but we have them available in the Narthex and at the Hub. You can also make your pledge online by going to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/give>. As of this past Wednesday, November 17, **we've had 84 pledges totaling \$321,386** of our \$424,000 goal! Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

PER CAPITA PAYMENTS — Per Capita payments this year are \$37. If you would like to offset this cost, simply write "Per Capita" on your check's memo line, or on an offering envelope. You can also give on the website and so designate your gift.

KRINGLES AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP TODAY!—If you ordered Kringles this year, your orders are in! Please swing by the Fellowship Hall today to pick them up, or do so at your earliest convenience during the week.

ADVENT SOUP LUNCHEON—Peace, love, and hope prevail in this season of Advent, kicked off with our Annual Advent Soup Luncheon, following worship *NEXT* 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).

SCRIP FOR THE HOLIDAYS— The Christmas season is an awesome time to contribute to the church by doing your everyday and seasonal shopping. Visit the SCRIP table for special delivery dates coming up: Sunday, December 19 pickup with a Sunday, December 12 order deadline.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON—The Lunch Bunch and Old Guys Rule are reviving our Christmas Luncheon to be held on Thursday, December 9 from 11:30am to 1-30pm in Bouldin Hall. *ALL* are invited to join us for a potluck meal and Christmas Carol sing-a-long led by Colleen Geurink. Ham and Turkey will be provided, but we are inviting you to sign up for additional dishes to bring. This signup, along with an RSVP list (please include the number of guests you'll be bringing with you), are located at the Hub. For more information, contact Bob Warner at 973-222-7112 or bobw4860@gmail.com.

MISSIONS

HEARTS OF HOPE KICKOFF—Our Hearts of Hope ministry continues! 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, such as organizing gift inventory or helping load cars on pickup day (December 18), contact Sarah Luedtke at 715-574-1345 or sluedtke@sluedtke.

HEARTS OF HOPE COOKIES—Tis the season to be baking! We invite all to give of their time and talents to create amazing cookies for our Hearts of Hope families. Cookies should be turned into the church Sunday, December 12. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Maltbey (715-573-7427 or sharon.maltbey@gmail.com).

*Assurance of Pardon:

Luke 23:43

Jesus says, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Believe the good news; the kingdom of heaven begins TODAY for all who claim Jesus as Lord and Savior. In him, we are saved. Thanks be to Christ! Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Special Music:

"My Lighthouse"

Children's Choir

Children's Message:

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

Period of Fellowship

*Hymn:

"Change My Heart, O God"

#695

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading:

Psalms 119:97-112

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New Testament Reading:

Luke 23:32-43

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Sermon:

Vision for Spiritual Growth: Behavior/Worldview

Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn:

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (vs. 1,2,3)

#829

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

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Offering

Offertory Music:

"Now Thank We All Our God/
Let All Things Now Living"

Pat Moucha

[Connection Cards and giving are available on the live stream web page. In-Person Connection Cards and giving can be left in the plates as you exit.]

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction:

"May the God of Hope Go With Us"

#765

Postlude:

JeHae Kim-Bixby

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

Live Stream: Chris Rhyner

Elder Greeter: Jim Jackson &
Julie Trebus

Slides: Michelle Zblewski

Greeters: Jerry Trebus &
Lorraine Moran

Fellowship Hour: Vicki Anderson

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	3PM FOOD PANTRY
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
HAPPY THANKSGIVING			9AM I.D. 10AM WORSHIP 11:15AM FELLOWSHIP 6PM HS YOUTH GROUP

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