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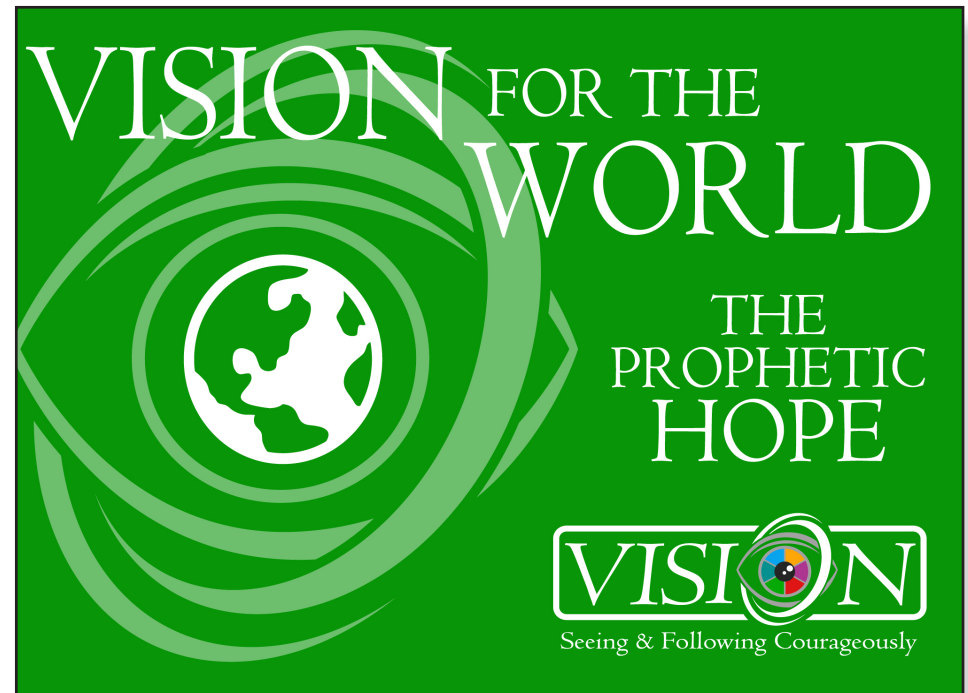


# COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...

**Changing lives forever!**



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 - 10 A.M.

THE PROPHETIC HOPE:  
PEACE

# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**Prelude:**

Chriss Altis

## **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 Advent Candle:**

The Luedtke Family

*In this season, we remember the birth of Jesus and anticipate His coming again.*

### **Advent means "coming."**

*The first Advent candle is the candle of hope. In Christ, we hope and dream of the coming Kingdom of God.*

### **By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn will from on high will break upon us.**

*Jesus will give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death;*

**Jesus will guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**\*Hymn:** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs. 1, 6, 7) #88

### **\*Call to Confession:**

*In the prophet's vision of the world, there is no sound of weeping or cry of distress. No one labors in vain, experiences suffering, or dies at a young age. In short, there is no sin, and no effects of sin. Our world does not yet look like this, but we can move towards that reality right now as we confess our sins and turn away from them. Let our prayer be an act of trust and faith in the coming shalom of God.*

### **\*Prayer of Confession:**

**We desire peace, Father God, but live without it. We hope in you, but are not careful to share our hope with others. We know the way to your new creation, but we wander from the way all too often.**

**Forgive us for our wandering hearts, our selfish hope, and our peaceless lives. May your mercy bring dawn to our darkness, and may the rising of your Son chase away every shadow of sin. In Christ, we are new creations; give us the strength to live into that truth, so that we may be a joy and a delight to you.**

*(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)*

**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](mailto:sharon.maltbey@gmail.com)).

**COME & SEE PRAYER MINISTRY**—"Come and See" is a prayer ministry that connects members of our church with Hearts of Hope families through the power of prayer. This year, 34 families requested a prayer partner and are looking for folks who would like to take up the call! Your commitment would be an initial contact and prayer for that family for one year. Support and instructions will be made available to you in this endeavor. If you would like to be a part of this prayer partnership with these families, please contact Jim Gates or Sue Thompson (715-571-2797 or [sue@mtslc.net](mailto:sue@mtslc.net)).

## BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

**NEW FAITH & FITNESS GROUP**—CCPC will be starting a new Faith & Fitness group *THIS* 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 ([debtrice77@yahoo.com](mailto:debtrice77@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](mailto:jim@covenantcommunitypc.org))!

**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](mailto:drew@covenantcommunitypc.org)) with any questions.

## YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

**CRAZY FOR CHRISTMAS COMPETITION**—Our Crazy for Christmas Competition is taking place *THIS* 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](mailto:dan@covenantcommunitypc.org)) with any questions.

**SALT & LIGHT YOUTH GROUP**—*There will be NO high school Salt & Light Youth Group tonight.* Our middle school students will be meeting *THIS* Wednesday, December 1 at 6pm and the high schoolers will resume gathering on Sunday, December 5 at 6pm. Contact Dan Frost ([dan@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:dan@covenantcommunitypc.org)) with any questions.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL 2021** — Our 2021 Advent 25-Day Devotional is available **TODAY!** You can participate in via the Bible app from YouVersion (see Monday's email or go to our website for the link); by going to our website and downloading a digital version of the hardcopy devotional; or pickup a hardcopy at The Hub. All three options are the **EXACT** same devotional. We invite families and individuals of all ages to take part in this journey to the coming of our Savior! *The devotional begins Wednesday, December 1.*

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2022** — Our Stewardship Campaign 2022, "Stronger," continues! Turn in a pledge card or make your commitment online by going to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/give>. As of this past Wednesday, November 24, **we've had 101 pledges totaling \$369,246** of our \$424,000 goal! Contact Jim Gates ([jim@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto: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.

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

**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**, December 1 with dinner (Swedish meatballs, buttered noodles, veggies, rolls, 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](http://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/payments).

**OUTDOOR NATIVITY SCENE** — We will be setting up a full-sized, outdoor Nativity scene **THIS Saturday, December 4**. We invite all to use it for family photos throughout the month of December (note: you will need to take your own picture). Swing by any time, day or night (it will be lit up), and capture a memory during the Advent season!

**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](mailto:bobw4860@gmail.com).

## MISSIONS

**HEARTS OF HOPE** — 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](mailto:sluedtke@sluedtke).

### \*Assurance of Pardon:

Luke 1:76-77

*In speaking to his son John, Zechariah says, "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins." What John prepared us for, Jesus accomplished through his life, death, and resurrection. Thanks be to Him! Amen.*

\*Congregational Response: "Angels We Have Heard on High" #113

### Children's Message:

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

### Period of Fellowship

\*Hymn: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (vs. 1,2) #82

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 65:17-25 Page 696

**Special Music:** "Come Child of Peace" CCPC Choir

**New Testament Reading:** Luke 1:67-80 Page 58

**Sermon:** *The Prophetic Hope: Peace* Jim Gates

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Hymn: "When Peace Like a River" (vs. 1,2,3) #840

### Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

### Offering

**Offertory Music:** Chriss Altis

### \*Doxology

**Welcome of New Members:** *Tiffany Haulotte - Tiffany is originally from Kronenwetter and returned to the area with her husband after living in the Milwaukee area. She is a nurse with GI Associates and has four amazing kids: Michael Jr., Tara, Olivia, and Sophia. Michael Jr. recently married to add yet another daughter to the family, Kristy. Tiffany lost her husband unexpectedly last year, which has made the entire family dig deeper into their faith to find peace. She looks forward to getting to know more about our faith family!*

**Shirley Gritzmacher - Shirley is a Wausau native and has a son and daughter, along with two grandchildren. Her husband has since passed on... and in her retirement she enjoys gardening, house plants, knitting, and crocheting.**

\*Welcome Song: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" (vs. 1) #306

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction: "When Peace Like a River" (vs. 4) #840

## 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:** CCPC Youth

**Acolytes:** Eli Baumann &  
Jaelyn Nelson

**Live Stream:** Drew Bouché

**Slides:** Abram Bouché

**Elder Greeter:** Kari Kufahl &  
Julie Nelson

**Fellowship Hour:** Julie Trebus

### 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	6:30PM BOOK CLUB 7PM DARTBALL	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		10AM YOUTH GROUP CRAZY FOR CHRISTMAS COMPETITION	9AM I.D. 10AM WORSHIP 11:15AM FELLOWSHIP YOUTH GROUP CRAZY FOR CHRISTMAS COMPETITION 6PM HS YOUTH GROUP

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