

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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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, 2021 - 10 A.M.

VISION FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH: BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Knowing You" 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:

Call to Worship: Psalm 1:1-3

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers,

But their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

***Hymn:** "How Firm a Foundation" (vs. 1,2,5) #463

***Call to Confession:** Psalm 1:1

Despite the warning of the Psalmist, we are tempted by the advice of the wicked. The path that sinners tread has a broad gate and an easy path that looks attractive. The seat of scoffers seems comfortable. But these things take life, rather than giving life. So today we turn from those distractions back to our Savior, as together we pray.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Like a river that brings living water to all who drink from it's banks, your word, O LORD, quenches our thirst and refreshes our hearts. But we make our homes far from you, traveling great distances to reach your life-sustaining power. We wander the desert regions, and return to the Scriptures only when other options leave us desperate.

Because we failed to plant ourselves next to your streams, your Word took on human form in Jesus Christ and came to us. In Christ, even our deserts can come to bloom. Through the Scriptures, draw us back to Jesus today, that we might always walk with him.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

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.

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 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 2 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-oUeLJT9fq93LnQ>

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE—This year's Christmas program is entitled, "What a Glorious Night," which is a classic retelling of the very first Christmas! If your kiddos (or you) would like to participate, practices continue every Wednesday at 6pm. The show is December 19 at 4pm. Contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

DARE 2 SHARE YOUTH CONFERENCE—All Salt & Light Youth are invited to participate in a full day of faith inspiration, Gospel training and fellowship at the Dare 2 Share conference via live-stream in Bouldin Hall! The event will take place *THIS* Saturday, November 13 from 10:30am to 7pm and is free for all 6th-12th graders. Food will be provided. Please RSVP by November 10 to Dan Frost.

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

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!

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2022— Commitment Sunday is *NEXT* Sunday, November 14th! You can bring your pledge card to church then (keep an eye on your mailbox in coming days), or fill one out online beforehand, 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.

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!

ADULT I.D. CLASSES—Our new, six-week course entitled, "God is Closer than You Think," reflects on a video series with Pastor John Ortberg on the presence of God in our midst. All adults are welcome to this wonderful study every Sunday morning at 9am in the Cry Room. *Note: The Bible Project class continues every Sunday at 9am in the adult education room downstairs.*

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. will run until 7:30pm). Plan for weekly discipleship for the whole family on Wednesday nights, continuing *THIS WEEK*, November 3 with dinner (beef stew, fruit, French bread, fruit, and desserts) at 5:30pm. You can pay for your meals (\$7/adults \$5/kids; 8-meal packages available) when you arrive, or on our website at: www.covenantcommunitypc.org/payments.

SCRIP FOR THE HOLIDAYS— Sunday, November 14 pickup with a order deadline *TODAY*; Sunday, December 19 pickup with a Sunday, December 12 order deadline.

KRINGLE ORDERS DUE TODAY— Kringle orders are due *TODAY!* You can turn in your form and money at The Hub. Delivery is Sunday, November 21!

MISSIONS

HEARTS OF HOPE KICKOFF—CCPC's largest community outreach ministry, Hearts of Hope, will be kicking off *NEXT* Sunday November 14! You can adopt a single heart, an entire family, needed food items, or give a monetary donation. All of the heart sponsorships will be done via our website; however, we will have Hearts of Hope representatives available to assist you at The Hub on Sunday mornings. We'll have more information in coming weeks. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry (they are very much needed!), contact Sarah Luedtke at 715-574-1345 or sluedtke@sluedtke.

*Assurance of Pardon:

John 7:37-38

"While Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the Scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall come streams of living water.'"
Believe the good news! In Christ, we have living water for our souls. Thanks be to Him! Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Children's Message:

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

Period of Fellowship

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading:	Psalm 1	Page 489
Special Music:	"Great is the Lord"	CCPC Choir
New Testament Reading:	Luke 24:13-27	Page 90
Sermon:	Vision for Spiritual Growth: Biblical Knowledge	Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn:	"I Love to Tell the Story" (vs. 1,2)	#462
The Sacrament of Communion		
Moment for Stewardship		
Offering		
Offertory Music:	"You Raise Me Up" Marcy Fehrman & JeHae Kim-Bixby	
*Doxology		

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet" #458

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: Ava Luedtke

The Hub: Gail Daman

Elder Greeter: Bob Warner &
Glenn Lamping

Live Stream: Abram Bouché

Slides: Chris Rhyner

Greeters: Barb Smejkal
& Shirley Hodgdon

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.	7PM	DARTBALL	NOON	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	3PM	FOOD PANTRY
10AM	WORSHIP					5:30PM	DINNER
11:15AM	CCPC101					6PM	KID'S/ADULT L.I.F.E.
11:15AM	FELLOWSHIP			7PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
6PM	HS 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>	
NOON	OLD GUYS RULE					9AM	I.D.
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					10AM	WORSHIP
						11:15AM	FELLOWSHIP
						6PM	HS YOUTH GROUP

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