

## LIVE STREAMING

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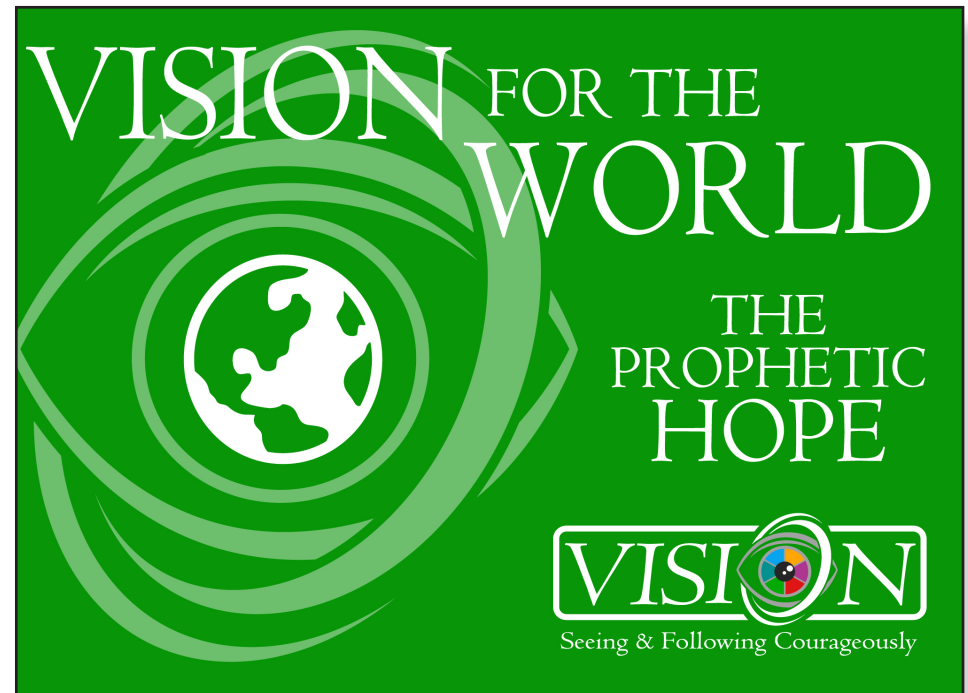


# COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...

**Changing lives forever!**



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 - 10 A.M.

THE PROPHETIC HOPE:  
INTERVENTION

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**Prelude:** "Look East/Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow" Les Fraaza

### **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 Wakefield Family

*Advent reminds us that the time is near,*

**Love, the Lord, is on the way.**

*The third candle is the candle of joy. In this season, the angels bring good news of great joy for all people.*

**So too we who are messengers of God share the good news of our returning King.**

*In this season, wise people followed stars until they stopped over Christ, and were overwhelmed with joy.*

**So too we watch the skies for the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.**

*Let us set every peak and valley humming,*

**With the words, "the Lord is coming!"**

**\*Hymn:** "People, Look East" (vs. 1,4,5) #105

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

*Although we eagerly anticipate the return of our King, our joy is sometimes eclipsed by the sorrows of the world and the sinful self-interest of our hearts. This is why each week we collectively confess and repent of our sins, so that we can return our focus once again to Jesus. Please join me in our prayer of confession.*

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

**We know, O Lord, that happiness comes and goes quickly. Yet we have too often sought out the brief distractions of happiness, rather than pursuing the abundant joy that endures all things. Even in this season of Advent, we sometimes look forward to ephemeral things – presents and food and holidays and decorations – more than we do to the return of Jesus.**

**But we want to be a people of deep joy, whose focus is on the eternal. Remind us again that the greatest Gift did not come wrapped, but swaddled. So too may all the swaddling of this holiday season serve only to heighten our anticipation of the second coming of our King.**

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

**CHRISTMAS DAY MEAL 2021**—This year's Christmas Day meal is a great opportunity for our church community to spread the love of Jesus on the day we celebrate his coming! We will be delivering (no in-house meals) between 11am-1pm. If you know someone who would be interested in a meal/meals, they can contact the church office at 715-359-6467, or [ccpc@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:ccpc@covenantcommunitypc.org), by December 20. If you are interested in preparing or delivering the food, please contact Sharon Maltbey at 715-573-7427 or [sharon.maltbey@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.maltbey@gmail.com).

## BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**—The men continue a study of the Minor Prophets *THIS* Tuesday, December 14 at noon. All are welcome to join us for food, fellowship, and discipleship.

**FAITH & FITNESS GROUP**—CCPC has a new Faith & Fitness group meeting every Thursday at 4:30pm in the Activity Room downstairs. It combines physical fitness, fellowship, and discipleship into an impactful time for all. There is 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 ([debtime77@yahoo.com](mailto:debtime77@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 will be following a single's-focused study *EVERY OTHER* Sunday morning at 9am in the small conference room (located next to Dan Frost's office). It will kickoff on Sunday, January 2! 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

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 2021**—This year's Christmas program is entitled, "What a Glorious Night," which is a classic retelling of the very first Christmas! For those participating in the presentation, practice continues *THIS* Wednesday in the Sanctuary at 6pm. Dress rehearsal will be *THIS* Saturday, December 18 from 9-11am, with the show taking place *NEXT* Sunday, December 19 at 4pm (it will be livestreamed!). Contact Amanda Fuls ([amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org)) with any questions.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**— We are so excited to celebrate our Savior's birth this Christmas Eve! We will have two, similar services taking place at 5pm and 7pm. We invite you to attend either! Whatever works best for your family's festivities.

**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, December 8, **we've had 109 pledges totaling \$384,086** of our \$424,000 goal! Contact Jim Gates ([jim@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:jim@covenantcommunitypc.org)) with questions.

**GIVING ENVELOPES**— The 2022 boxes of giving envelopes are available in the Narthex across from the name tags. This year we will not be having personalized numbers, so please feel free to grab any of the boxes available!

**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 15 with food (snacks) at 5:30pm. There is no cost for food the next couple of weeks. **NOTE: the adult class will be meeting downstairs in the Adult Education classroom. Christmas program practice is in the Sanctuary.**

**OUTDOOR NATIVITY SCENE**— We have a full-sized, outdoor Nativity scene setup outside the Narthex doors. 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!

## MISSIONS

**REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE**— Our CCPC Mission Committee has formed a sub-committee to assist with the resettlement of refugee families in Central Wisconsin. If you are interested in being a part of this group or lending a hand in any way, please contact Jim Gates ([jim@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:jim@covenantcommunitypc.org)), Ruth Wrynski (715-409-0582 or [trwry@charter.net](mailto:trwry@charter.net)), Joanne Lapinske (715-573-5556 or [hostmomjo@yahoo.com](mailto:hostmomjo@yahoo.com)), or Lynda Reis (773-351-8980 or [mybana@yahoo.com](mailto:mybana@yahoo.com)) as soon as possible.

**HEARTS OF HOPE**—Our Hearts of Hope ministry is winding down for the year, but hearts are still available for adoption. If you have adopted children or an entire family, **gifts need to be turned into the Fellowship Hall TODAY**. The church building will be open until 5pm for any dropoffs. It is not too late to donate monetarily! You can pick up an envelope at the Hub or go to: <https://covenantcommunitypc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/heart-of-hope> If you would like to volunteer for the pickup day (December 18), contact Sarah Luedtke at 715-574-1345 or [sluedtke@sluedtke.com](mailto:sluedtke@sluedtke.com).

**HEARTS OF HOPE COOKIES**—Hearts of Hope cookies should be turned into the church **TODAY**. If you have any questions, speak with Sharon Maltbey (715-573-7427 or [sharon.maltbey@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.maltbey@gmail.com)).

### \*Assurance of Pardon:

Luke 1:44-45

*Recall the words of Elizabeth to Mary, the mother of God; "As soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." So too, we are blessed who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and trust in the fulfillment of His promises, for we are made righteous by our faith. 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: "Of the Father's Love Begotten" (vs. 1,3) #108

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Daniel 7:1-14 Page 828

Special Music: "Ancient of Days" Kent Perrin

New Testament Reading: Luke 21:7-19, 25-28 Page 85

Sermon: The Prophetic Hope: Intervention Jim Gates

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs. 1,3,4) #133

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer See Page 4

### Offering

Offertory Music: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Handbell Choir

### \*Doxology

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (vs. 1) #611

## 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!

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| <b>Worship Leader:</b> Deb Tice                | <b>Greeters:</b> Tom & Carol Anklam  |
| <b>The Hub:</b> Dianne Abel                    | <b>Live Stream:</b> Chris Rhyner     |
| <b>Elder Greeter:</b> Bob Gebauer & Lynda Reis | <b>Slides:</b> Luke Coenen           |
|  | <b>Fellowship Hour:</b> Dawn Rowland |

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following folks who were recently in the hospital or reside in an assisted-care facility.

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| <b>Tom Scott</b><br><i>(Home)</i> | <b>Dee Jenkins</b><br><i>(Home)</i>                     | <b>Don Hawkins</b><br><i>(Home)</i> |
|                                   | <b>Cheryl Lenz</b><br><i>(Colonial Center in Colby)</i> |                                     |

### 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 H.S. YOUTH GROUP	7PM DARTBALL	NOON MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7PM CELEBRATE RECOVERY	5:30PM SNACKS 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 4:30pm FAITH & FITNESS		8:30AM HEARTS OF HOPE GIFT PICKUP 9AM CHILDREN'S PROGRAM DRESS REHEARSAL	9AM I.D. 10AM WORSHIP 11:15AM FELLOWSHIP 4PM CHILDREN'S PROGRAM 6PM H.S. YOUTH GROUP

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