

## LIVE-STREAM

CCPC live streams worship services every Sunday morning. Please join us in spirit by going to [www.covenantcommunitypc.org/live-stream](http://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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LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION:  
TEMPTED TO BE SERVED

Isaiah 51:9-11 & Mark 10:32-52

February 11, 2024

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

# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**Prelude:** "Make Me a Servant" JeHae Kim-Bixby

## Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

We continue to use the Lord's Prayer to illuminate sections of the Gospel of Mark. In Mark 8:31-10:52, Jesus is teaching the disciples about the kind of Messiah he will be, and preparing the disciples for his suffering, death and resurrection. Throughout this section we see one temptation after another arise for Jesus and his students. Each time, Jesus will teach how to not be led away from him. What temptations do you face today? Have you asked Jesus to lead you away from them and towards himself?

## Welcome & Announcements

### Lighting of the Candles

#### \*Presenting the Colors

**\*Call to Worship:** Isaiah 51:11

So the ransomed of the Lord shall return,  
**And come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;**  
They shall obtain joy and gladness,  
**And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

**\*Hymn:** "God of the Sparrow" (vs. 1,3,6) #22

**\*Call to Confession:** Mark 10:35

Just like James and John, the sons of Zebedee, we too come before Jesus saying, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." We often seek positions of favor above others and feel entitled to our requests. Together, let us ask for forgiveness and a change of perspective so our hearts and our desires can reflect the servant heart of our Savior.

#### \*Prayer of Confession:

**Jesus, we confess today that we often come to you with requests to be served by you, but we do not always approach you with the heart of a servant. You ransomed us so that we may be saved and yet, we continue to ask for more. Help us even in our times of need, to seek to be last, and shape our hearts to look more like you, a servant.**

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

# BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — The men's Bible study is currently studying the book of Isaiah and meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 12pm, including *THIS* Tuesday, February 13. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Gates at [jim@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

**ADULT L.I.F.E.** — We will not have Adult L.I.F.E. *THIS Wednesday, February 14* due to Ash Wednesday service. It will return on Wednesday, February 21 at 6pm.

# YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

**YOUTH GROUP** — We will not have Youth Group *THIS Wednesday, February 14* due to Ash Wednesday service. It will return on Wednesday, February 21 at 6:30pm (M.S.) and 6pm (H.S.).

**KIDS L.I.F.E.** — We will not have Kids L.I.F.E. *THIS Wednesday, February 14* due to Ash Wednesday service. It will return on Wednesday, February 21 at 6pm.

**WORSHIP & WIGGLES** — Worship & Wiggles is for 2 and 3-year-olds during Sunday worship. It is designed for our littlest worshippers to make new friends and learn about God's love. Toddlers will gather in the Nursery and will have Bible Story time before they "play with a purpose".

**THE GREAT ESCAPE 2024** — We are excited to be returning to The Great Escape in Green Lake, WI July 8-13! All rising 6th-9th 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. Register on our website. Scholarships are available!

**EGGSTRAVAGANZA!** — One of CCPC's biggest events returns on Saturday, March 23 from 8:30-11am. Join us for a wonderful morning including breakfast, crafts and games, a petting zoo, and TWO egg hunts at 9am and 10am. Registration is now open! To sign your kiddos up for the hunts, or if you would like to volunteer for the event, go to [www.covenantcommunitypc.org/eggs](http://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/eggs). Call Kim Baumann at 715-302-0801 if you have any questions about the event or volunteering.

# CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

## ALL OF 2023:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$572,700**  
Actual Operating Revenues: **\$596,803**  
Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$545,900**  
Actual Operating Expenses: **\$546,138**

## FEBRUARY 4 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **222**  
AM Livestream Total: **76**  
PM In-Person Total: **24**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** — February 14 is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the season of Lent, as we prepare for the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. Service begins at 6pm and will also be live streamed. **NOTE: We will not have our regular Wednesday evening programming on that day.**

**CHANGE TO SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE** — Our 6pm Sunday night service will be moving to 11am on Sunday mornings, beginning on February 25th! This change will not effect our 10am service, except that you will pass by the 11am service while it is in process on your way to donuts. Moving to Sunday morning will hopefully enable more people to attend; it will also allow us to have children's programming at the 11am hour and reduce the work for our volunteers and staff. We're excited for this change! February 25 will be our "soft open", and we'll have a month to iron out any details. Then, April 7th will be our "grand opening," hopefully coinciding with some outreach to the community. Of course, visitors are welcome all the time and so are you!

**OVERSIGHT OF CHURCH GROUNDS** — The Administration Committee wants to thank Dave and Sara Farrar, who have graciously agreed to take on oversight of the church grounds. They will take responsibility for the exterior portion of the church's property. Dave will also be the Administration Committee's liaison for all our building and grounds contractors (from lawn care to electricians). If you have any questions or concerns regarding the church grounds, please contact Dave at 715-846-8838 or [farrar1dave@frontier.com](mailto:farrar1dave@frontier.com).

**BUY SCRIP** — Going to Culver's or Starbucks after church today? Did you know that you can get lunch while supporting our church at the same time! Scrip is an easy way to help earn money for our church community by purchasing everyday items such as food, gas, clothing, gifts, entertainment, home improvements, and much more! It won't cost you a penny more than you already spend... while contributing to the growth of CCPC! Stop by the Scrip table in the Narthex to learn more!

## MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

**CCPC AUCTION 2024** — Our 27th Annual CCPC Auction will take place Saturday, March 2, 2024! As always, dinner will be served at 5pm before the Live Auction begins. This year we will travel back in time to visit our "Divine Diner" featuring classic comfort foods with an elevated twist. We will have a Sock Hop in the Kids Room with crafts, music, and games to coincide with the live auction. Dinner tickets can be purchased in advance at the Hub or online. Adult tickets are \$20 and kid's tickets (12 and under) are \$15 and include a wristband for the Sock Hop (tickets are available online or at the Hub on Sunday mornings)! As if that weren't enough, we'll be selling shoes beginning at 4. We will have a pre-sale, just for shoes, on Friday March 1st from 5-7pm. Our entire event will be in-person. If, however, you cannot attend and would like to deputize a proxy bidder, we can help with that process.

### \*Assurance of Pardon:

Mark 10:45

Be grateful and know the servant of all has rescued you and your sins have been forgiven. Jesus told them, "For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

**Amen!**

### \*Gloria Patri

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** Today we celebrate the baptism of Layla Rose Doescher, daughter of Luke and Lauren Doescher.

**Children's Pop-Up Praise:** "I Just Wanna Be a Sheep"

### Period of Fellowship

**\*Hymn:** "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" (vs. 1,4) #203

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 51:9-11 Page 682

**Special Music:** "I am Thine, O Lord" Handbell Choir

**New Testament Reading:** Mark 10:32-52 Page 46

**Sermon:** "Lead Us Not Into Temptation: Tempted to Be Served" Jim Gates

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*Hymn:** "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" (vs. 1,3,4) #727

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer:** See Page 4

**Ministry Celebration:** Good Shepherd Warming Center

### Offering

**Offertory Music:** "My Tribute" JeHae Kim-Bixby

### \*Doxology

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### Announcements

### \*Benediction

### \*Retiring the Colors

**\*Choral Benediction:** "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" (vs. 5) #727

# 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 Leaders:** Alex Jelen  
& Jonathan Gates

**Acolytes:** Alex Janis & Eli Baumann

**Elder Greeters:** Bob Gebauer  
& Julie Nelson

**Greeters:** Dan & Mary Fraaza

**The Hub:** Dianne Abel

**Livestream:** Craig Spangler

**Slides:** Luke Coenen

**Usher Lead:** Jesse Lawton

**Gatekeeper:** Braydon Briggs

## 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)

**Joyce Michna**  
(Fond du Lac)

**Dave Vachowiak**  
(Forest Park Village)

**Howie Pries**  
(Pride TLC)

**Wynn Jones**

## THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION	7PM	DARTBALL AT ST. MICHAEL'S	3PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	3PM	FOOD PANTRY
10AM	WORSHIP			6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
11:15AM	WOMEN'S STUDY					7PM	CHOIR PRACTICE
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL						
6PM	BIBLE STUDY						
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
9AM	MEMORY CAFE					9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					10AM	WORSHIP
						11:15AM	WOMEN'S STUDY
						4PM	BAND REHEARSAL
						6PM	BIBLE STUDY

For more details about CCPC programming, refer to the next couple of pages in this bulletin, go to [www.covenantcommunitypc.org](http://www.covenantcommunitypc.org), or call the church office at 715-359-6467.