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LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION:
TEMPTED TO ACCUMULATION
Deuteronomy 28:1-14 & Mark 10:17-31

February 4, 2024

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Let There Be Glory and Honor and Praises" 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:

Call to Worship: Genesis 12:1-3

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

"I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you,

And make your name great,

So that you will be a blessing."

I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse;

And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

***Hymn:** "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" (vs. 1,3,4) #523

***Call to Confession:** Mark 10:27

The disciples said to one another, "'Who then can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'" As we offer our prayer of confession, we remember that our hope for forgiveness and salvation is not in ourselves, but in the power of Christ. Let us pray.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord Jesus, we confess that the standards we use to measure blessing are deeply flawed. We see our wealth and possessions as reflections our success and your favor.

But you, the Blessed One, spent your ministry years with no home and no money of your own. Remake us in your image. Free us from greed, from the love of money, and from the false security that comes from wealth. May we measure our blessings only by our reflection of you, O Christ.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY — The women's Bible study is currently studying the book of Isaiah and meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 12pm, including *THIS* Tuesday, February 6. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Gates at jim@covenantcommunitypc.org.

ADULT L.I.F.E. — Adult L.I.F.E. continues *THIS* Wednesday, February 7 with our Sermon Discussion Group. All adults are invited to join us from 6-7pm in the Cry Room to dig deeper into today's sermon.

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

YOUTH GROUP — Middle School Youth meet from 6-7:30pm, and High School Youth meet from 6:30-8pm on Wednesday nights. This week we will be playing "Who Am I" games! Who am I? What is that? What is going on? It's a mystery!

KIDS L.I.F.E. — At Kids L.I.F.E., we gather on Wednesdays at 6pm to strengthen our friendship with Jesus and each other. Living in Faith Every Day is a bright spot in our week and there is a group for every age!

WORSHIP & WIGGLES — Worship & Wiggles is for 2 and 3-year-olds during Sunday worship. It is designed for our littlest worshipers to make new friends and learn about God's love. Toddlers gather in the Cry Room after the Children's Message dismissal, and have Bible Story time before they "play with a purpose" and participate in the worship service from the Cry Room/Nursery.

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!

SAVE-THE-DATE - 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. 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**

JANUARY 28 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **179**

AM Livestream Total: **86**

PM In-Person Total: **31**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — The annual congregational meeting will take place after worship TODAY. We invite all members to join us and have your voice heard regarding our church and leadership. 2023 Annual Reports are available in the Narthex.

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. We will not have our regular Wednesday evening programming on that day.

CHANGE TO SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE — Our Sunday morning schedule will change beginning February 25. The Traditional Service will be at 10am, with our Praise Service now starting at 11am. We will continue to have our I.D. hour from 9-9:45 am. As we build towards this transition, we are looking for additional volunteers to join our Hospitality, Visual/Audio, Security, and Kids Ministry teams. You can even attend the 10am and volunteer for the 11am! Please check the back of today's Connection Card and we will connect with 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.

SCOUT SUNDAY — NEXT Sunday, February 11, we will be celebrating those involved in Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Venture Crew 450. We invite all who participate in these wonderful organizations to wear their uniforms and be recognized.

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 Mission Auction will take place Saturday, March 2, 2024! This year, we will travel back in time to visit our "Divine Diner" for the meal beginning at 5pm, featuring classic comfort foods with an elevated twist. Tickets for the meal are \$20/adults and \$15/kids, which includes access to our "Sock Hop" fun room at 6pm! Get your tickets online, at the Hub, or at the church office during the week. The silent auction and shoe sale begins at 4pm, with the live auction starting at 6pm. Don't forget about the advance shoe sale on Friday, March 1 from 5-8pm. If you would like to donate an item for the auction, please see today's insert.

*Assurance of Pardon:

Mark 10:29-30

Jesus says, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers, sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life." Believe the gospel; those who surrender the temporary to Christ will receive the eternal in return. Thanks be to God.

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:	Deuteronomy 28:1-14	Page 182
Special Music:	"Bread of Life"	CCPC Choir
New Testament Reading:	Mark 10:17-31	Page 46
Sermon:	"Lead Us Not Into Temptation: Tempted to Accumulation"	Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "Great God of Every Blessing" (vs. 1,2) #694

The Sacrament of Communion

Ministry Celebration: Scrip Program

Offering

Offertory Music: "Pass It On" JeHae Kim-Bixby

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "Great God of Every Blessing" (vs. 3) #694

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: Stephanie Finamore

Acolytes: Abby Wensel & Sienna Doffing

Elder Greeters: Scott Bouffleur
& Shelby Waraksa

Greeters: Sarah Maciaz & Jerry Trebus

The Hub: Deb Wakefield

Livestream: Derek Nelson

Slides: Josh Werner

Usher Lead: Craig Briggs

Gatekeeper: Kyle Baumann

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!

TODAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION	7PM	DARTBALL AT ST. MICHAEL'S	3PM	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	6PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
10AM	WORSHIP			6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	ADULT/KIDS LIFE
11AM	CONGREGATIONAL MEETING					6:30PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
11:15AM	WOMEN'S STUDY					7PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL						CHOIR PRACTICE
6PM	WORSHIP						
THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
10AM	CRAFT GROUP					9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION
12PM	LUNCH BUNCH					10AM	WORSHIP
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					11:15AM	WOMEN'S STUDY
						4PM	BAND REHEARSAL
						6PM	WORSHIP

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