

## LIVE-STREAM

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## DELIVER US FROM EVIL: REMEMBRANCE

Psalm 1 & Mark 14:12-42

COVENANT COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 24, 2024 - Palm Sunday

10AM SERVICE

# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**Prelude:** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor/Hosanna" Les Fraaza

## Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

The Lord's Prayer concludes with "deliver us from evil," and this is what Jesus will accomplish in Mark 11-16. This final third of the Gospel of Mark is the final week of Jesus' pre-resurrection life, and includes his ultimate victory over sin and death. In this season of Lent, where do you need to experience deliverance from evil? What would it look like for you to partner with Jesus in this work of deliverance?

## Welcome

## Lighting of the Candles

**\*Call to Worship:** Psalm 1:1-2,6

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.**

for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**\*Hymns:** "Sing Hosanna" (vs. 1,2,3) See Screen

**\*Call to Confession:** Mark 14:4

Through the celebration of the Passover and the Institution of the Lord's Supper we are called to remembrance. However, like the disciples we are forgetful. We forget what Jesus has done and is doing for us. We deny Jesus his rightful place as Deliverer. Let us confess together.

## \*Prayer of Confession:

**Jesus, like the disciples we are consumed with our daily activities and accomplishments. We have grown weary and have fallen asleep to your needs and the needs of our neighbors. We confess our forgetfulness; lead us back to a path of remembrance.**

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

## \*Assurance of Pardon:

Friends, remember the good news! Through Jesus our deliverer, we are forgiven!

**Amen!**

**BIBLE APP STUDY** — Join Jim Gates in reading the entire Bible this year in Chronological order using the Bible App by YouVersion. You can join at anytime! Just download the Bible App from the Apple Store or Google Play for free, and contact Jim Gates for the invitation.

**NO MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — There will be no Men's Bible study THIS Tuesday, March 26. We will resume the study with the women on April 2nd at 12pm.

**NO ADULT L.I.F.E.** — We will be taking a break from Adult L.I.F.E starting this week so that folks can join a small group to study the "G.O.S.P.E.L." video series.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** — Celebrate Recovery is a Bible-centered, recovery ministry that meets every Tuesday at 6pm in Bouldin Hall. It is for those who struggle with ANY hurt, hangup, or habit... from a grief and depression, to addiction and emotional struggles. Meetings are open to anyone... from our church or any other walk of life. It is a community group. Contact Drew Bouché ([drew@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:drew@covenantcommunitypc.org)) with any questions.

## YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

**YOUTH GROUP** — We will be taking a break from Youth Group this week and will return to our regular programming on April 3 at 6pm(M.S.) and 6:30pm (H.S.). Enjoy spring break!

**SAVE-THE-DATE: MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH LOCK-IN** — It's time for an age-old tradition for our youth, which includes taking over the church building and staying up way too late! The Middle School (6th-8th) Youth Ministry lock-in will be on April 19-20, with drop off at 7pm and pickup at 8am. We'll have adventures in Wausau and great fellowship. Mark your calendars!

**KIDS L.I.F.E.** — We will be taking a break from Kids L.I.F.E THIS Wednesday, March 27 and will return to our regular programming on April 3 at 6pm.

**WORSHIP & WIGGLES** — Worship & Wiggles is for preschoolers during Sunday worship at 10am & 11am in the Nursery/Cry Room. It is designed for our littlest worshipers to make new friends and learn about God's love. They will have Bible Story time before they "play with a purpose."

## CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

### THROUGH FEBRUARY OF 2024:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$113,659**

Actual Operating Revenues: **\$120,257**

Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$117,361**

Actual Operating Expenses: **\$104,126**

### MARCH 17 ATTENDANCE:

10AM In-Person Total: **215**

10AM Livestream Total: **108**

11AM In-Person Total: **36**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** — We invite you to join us for Maundy Thursday service on March 28 at 6pm as we continue Holy Week. We will memorialize the last supper Jesus had with his disciples. This service will be live streamed.

**GOOD FRIDAY** — Be with us Friday night (March 29) at 6pm as we relive a single day in the lives of six figures from the Gospel of Mark. Each will reflect on the central question of the book – “Who is that Man?” – from their perspective on Holy Saturday, the day after Jesus’ crucifixion and death. The Sabbath of Holy Week is the only day about which Scripture is silent. Come and be blessed by these stories, invented by us but influenced by Scripture. This service will be live streamed.

**EASTER SUNDAY** — Join us on Easter morning (March 31) for either of our traditional services at 8am or 10am (also livestreamed). Both services will include the Sacrament of Communion. Invite a friend to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord! As an added treat on Easter Sunday, our CCPC Praise Band will be playing in Bouldin Hall at the conclusion of the 10am service. Stop by with your family and enjoy some wonderful worship music!

**EASTER FLOWER DEADLINE** — TODAY is the last day to purchase Easter Flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please see the insert in today’s bulletin for more details. You can also submit names and pay on our website!

**CCPC SOFTBALL** — Softball season is just around the corner and the roster building is underway! If you have any interest in playing for the CCPC team on Sunday evenings during the summer (at the Kelly Club), please contact Dustin Vreeland at [dvreelan@mtu.edu](mailto:dvreelan@mtu.edu).

## MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

**EGGSTRAVAGANZA VOLUNTEERS - THANK YOU!** — A big *THANK YOU* to all of our volunteers for yesterday’s Eggstravaganza! From donating candy and stuffing eggs to working the event from setup to tear down, every bit of assistance made this another amazing event for CCPC!

**SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS** — We continue to look for new faces to join our volunteer teams for both services. If you are interested in greeting, security, video/ audio, or Kids Ministry roles in our nursery and Kid’s Worship, please make your mark on today’s Connection Card!

## BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

**CCPC SMALL GROUPS** — Small groups are a wonderful opportunity to fellowship and grow in faith with brothers and sisters. Beginning in April, we want to provide this opportunity to those who are interested in committing to six meet-ups to study a video series with Jim Gates entitled “G.O.S.P.E.L.” You can sign up at The Hub or contact Jim ([jim@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:jim@covenantcommunitypc.org)) to take part. We will follow up and put groups together based on any specific details like day, time, family needs, etc.

**\*Congregational Response:** “Lead On, O King Eternal” (vs. 3) #269

**Children’s Message:** Celebrating Eggstravaganza

**Period of Fellowship**

**\*Hymn:** “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (vs. 1,2,3) #196

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**Old Testament Reading:** Psalm 1 Page 489

**Special Music:** “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” CCPC Bell Choir

**New Testament Reading:** Mark 14:12-42 Page 51

**Sermon:** “Deliver Us From Evil: Remembrance” Jim Gates

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*Hymn:** “Hosanna, Loud, Hosanna” (vs. 1,3) #197

**Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer** See Page 4

**Offering**

**Offertory Music:** “I Worship You” JeHae Kim-Bixby & Les Fraaza

**\*Doxology**

**Welcome of New Members:**

**Joy Graybill (Joining during the 11am service)**

**Jovan Parks:** Jovan is a dedicated husband who cherishes time with his family and two dogs. He also enjoys coaching track & field and watching sports. Jovan looks forward to growing and contributing at CCPC.

**Tim & Mary Stevenson:** Mary and Tim live in Merrill and enjoy summer outdoor activities and traveling during the colder months. They are the proud parents of two adult children. Mary and Tim are happy to become part of the CCPC family.

**Jim & Peggy Trzebiatowski:** Jim and Peggy have been married for 40 years and have two grown children and two grandchildren. When they aren’t hitting the car show circuit with their ’68 Camaro, you can find them fishing (Jim), reading (Peggy), or spending time with their grandkids (both). Peggy is a retired school aide and Jim owns a masonry business.

**Matthew Vollmer**

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** “Apostle’s Creed” See Page 4

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

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction:** “Our God is an Awesome God” (1x) #616

## 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 Leader:** Deb Tice

**Acolytes:** Micah Fuls & Andrew Lawton

**Elder Greeters:** Julie Nelson  
& Sheldon Rouse

**Greeters:** Samantha & Jovan Parks

**The Hub:** Deb Wakefield

**Livestream:** Tony Iaffaldano

**Slides:** Mike Iaffaldano

**Usher Lead:** Jerry Trebus

**Gatekeeper:** Charlie Lewis

## 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>	
8:30AM	BAND REHEARSAL			6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	3PM	FOOD PANTRY
9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION					7PM	CHOIR PRACTICE
10AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP						
11AM	PRAISE WORSHIP						
11:15AM	WOMEN'S STUDY						
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
6PM	MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE	6PM	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE			8AM	EASTER SERVICE
						10AM	EASTER SERVICE
						11AM	PRAISE BAND PERFORMANCE

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.