

LIVE STREAMING

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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...
Changing lives forever!

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SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH, 2023 - 10 A.M.

THE NEXT GENERATIONS:
BONDS OF FAMILY

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Prelude: "Worthy of Worship" JeHae Kim-Bixby

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

The first words of the Bible are "in the beginning." We know that God was there at the beginning of all things; and that even today, God is the source of new beginnings. As we prepare for worship, consider where Christ has already been the source of blessing in your life, and in what parts of your life you hope the Spirit will inspire something new to spring forth.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles:

Call to Worship: Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,

On the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the LORD ordained his blessing,

Life forevermore.

***Hymn:** "The Church's One Foundation" (vs. 1,2,4) #321

***Call to Confession:**

Scripture reminds us that our sin not only separates us from God; it also separates us from one another. God's good design of one human family has been divided so often that we sometimes don't remember we are all kin. Recognizing the sin that separates us, we join our voices together as one family to make our prayer of confession.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Father God, from whom all families on heaven and earth take their names, your good design was for us to be one, as you, the Son, and the Spirit are one. But from the beginning we have fought, separated, and divided from our brothers and sisters. As individuals and as communities, we have allowed sin to drive us apart from those who should be family.

We repent of our sinful choices this week. Make us a new family, bound together not by our blood but by the blood of Christ; united not by human kingdoms but by the kingdom of God. Stretch our hearts by your Spirit so that we might learn to love our neighbors as you have loved us.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

MEN'S & WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY— Our study on the Gospel of John continues! Come join us for an exploration of the Gospel written by the beloved disciple. **This week we will have men and women TOGETHER on March 28 at noon.** Next week, April 5, we will return to just the women (every 1st and 3rd Tuesday). Men are typically the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA 2023— Easter is right around the corner and that means that Eggstravaganza is here! Spread the word to family and friends that we will have food, fun, and a whole lot of eggs **THIS** Saturday, April 1, here at the church! This is a wonderful, **FREE** event sharing Good News of Jesus while enjoying breakfast, **TWO** timed egg hunts (go to our website to sign up), a petting zoo, and lots of surprises! Come celebrate with us!

CCPC YOUTH GROUP— Students who are in 6th through 8th grades gather on Wednesdays at 6pm (including this week) for CCPC Youth Group. All 9th-12th graders will meet Sunday evenings from 4pm-5:30pm (including **TODAY**), prior to our evening service. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

KID'S MINISTRY PROGRAMMING— CCPC Kids continue our journey by looking at the life of Jesus in the Gospels. March's theme is "Changing Gears", a look at how Jesus can change anything. This theme is included in I.D. at 9am Sunday mornings, during Kid's Worship and "Wiggles" (evening service), and during Wednesday night L.I.F.E. at 6pm. Contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

YOUTH GROUP CONFERENCES 2023— CCPC Youth Ministry is thrilled to offer an amazing experience for our rising 6th-12th grade students! The Quest Conference, taking place June 18-23, is for our high school students entering 9-12 grades, while The Great Escape Conference, July 10-15, is for our middle school students entering 6-8 grades. Pick up a brochure at the Hub or go to: <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/youth-conferences>. **Deadline for registration and the initial deposit is NEXT Sunday, April 2!**

SAVE-THE-DATE - VBS 2023— As summer approaches and plans need to be made, mark off Sunday, June 25 through Thursday, June 29 for CCPC's Vacation Bible School 2023! More information to come!

THROUGH FEBRUARY 2023:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$92,535**
 Actual Operating Revenues: **\$90,637**
 Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$94,493**
 Actual Operating Expenses: **\$89,331**

MARCH 19 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **181**
 AM Livestream Total: **78**
 PM In-Person Total: **N/A**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE— Join us for the most important week of the year for believers in Christ! It begins with Palm Sunday on April 2 at both our 10am and 6pm services. Maundy Thursday will be a special Passover celebration with a traditional Seder meal on April 6 at 6pm (please signup at the Hub if you plan on attending), and Good Friday will include a Tenebrae service, which will also begin at 6pm. The day-of-days, Easter Sunday, will include *THREE* services to celebrate Christ conquering death and sin! We will have morning services at 8 and 10am, as well as an evening contemporary service at 6pm!

DOOR HANG DISTRIBUTION CONTEST— Every door hang that you distribute through Easter Sunday will be added to a tally for your "family." This could be your middle school youth group "family", Bible Study "family", Lunch Bunch "family", Softball team "family", your *ACTUAL* family, or even a couple of "families" that you are a part of! Note: Kid's Ministry "families" will be divided into 3rd grade and younger and 4th/5th grades. **The top 3 "families" with the most ads distributed will have dinner and a movie (together) here at the church sometime after Easter!** Please see Drew Bouché or Raissa Dupuis to get your cards and mark the map!

SPIRITUAL GIFT INVENTORY— We invite *ALL* members of our faith family to participate in a Spiritual Gift Inventory. This is a wonderful opportunity to identify your spiritual strengths/gifts and see how they can be applied to serving within our community! You can fill out a hard copy version located in the Narthex and at The Hub, or feel free to do it digitally on our website. If you have any questions, please speak with Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

3 FOR 3 SUPPER CLUBS— Signup online or at the Hub for our 3 for 3 Supper Clubs! These clubs will be groups of 3 individuals/families that meet 3 times to share a meal together. This is simply an opportunity to fellowship and connect with members of our church family. You can meet in homes, at restaurants, or even have a picnic together. We will publish all the supper clubs after Easter, and then you can schedule your own events!

CHURCH CENTER APP— Did you know we have an app for church? We do! The Church Center App can be downloaded in the Apple Store and on Google Play. The app is a great way to access the online directory, as well as online giving, filling out a connection card, and staying up to date with upcoming events. Download it today!

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

SEEKING MISSION TRIP CONNECTIONS— CCPC's mission team is looking for mission trip connections for an intergenerational distance-mission trip in 2024. If you have a mission partner you'd like to recommend, please let Jim Gates know!

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED— We are looking for volunteers to help us in the Office during the afternoon from 1-4pm on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays. We would appreciate help in answering the telephone, taking messages, along with other projects and tasks. Contact Cyndi Schneider, Office Manager, between 9am-1pm Monday through Friday at 715-359-6467 or cyndi@covenantcommunitypc.org.

BRIDGE ST. MISSION CULVER'S DAY— Want to eat some great food while supporting one of our local ministries? Eat at any Culver's in the Wausau area *THIS* Tuesday, March 28 and a portion of the proceeds will be going to support the Bridge Street Mission. Fill your belly and help advance the kingdom in Wausau!

***Assurance of Pardon:** *Ephesians 2:13-14, 16*
"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both (peoples) into one ... and reconciled both to God in one body through the cross." Thanks be to God; in Christ, we are reconciled to God and to one another! **Amen.**

***Gloria Patri**

Special Music: "Come with a Grateful Heart" CCPC Kid's Choir

Children's Message

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

Period of Fellowship

***Hymn:** "In God Alone" (2x) #814

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 29:15-30:24 Page 26

Special Music: "What a Beautiful Name" Caroline Kibler

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22 Page 192

Sermon: "The Next Generations: Bonds of Family" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (vs. 1,2,3) #187

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer See Page 4

Offering

Offertory Music: "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place" JeHae Kim-Bixby

***Doxology**

Welcome of New Members:

Marilyn Olson - Marilyn grew up in Minnesota but now lives in Rothschild. She is a retired school teacher and has 4 sons. Marilyn loves to play Bridge in her spare time.

Nancy Panich - Nancy moved back to her hometown of Wausau after stints living in Chicago, Minneapolis, and Arizona. Her husband of 38 years passed away 2 years ago. Nancy LOVES to knit... as well as swim, play cards, and read.

***Affirmation of Faith:** Apostles 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:** "The Church's One Foundation" (vs. 5) #321

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
- † Activity bags for children are available in the Narthex.

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

The Hub: Deb Wakefield

Acolytes: Sophia Haulotte
& Zach Fuls

Usher Lead: Jeff Kibler

Elder Greeter: Kari Kufahl
& Lynda Reis

Live Stream: Craig Spangler

Slides: Luke Coenen

Greeters: The Dupuis Family

Fellowship: Deb & Kent Perrin

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)

Mike Petterson
(Hospice House)

Stella Lamping
(Home)

Cheryl Lenz
(Colonial Center
in Colby)

Jerry Pearson
(Pride TLC)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
9AM	I.D./CONFIRM.	6PM	DARTBALL AT ST. PAUL	12PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	6PM	KID'S L.I.F.E.
10AM	WORSHIP			6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
11:15AM	WOMEN'S SM. GRP.					6PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL					7PM	ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE
4:30PM	HS YOUTH GROUP						
6PM	WORSHIP						
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD			8AM	EGGSTRAVAGANZA	9AM	I.D./CONFIRM.
						10AM	WORSHIP
						11:15AM	WOMEN'S SM. GRP.
						4PM	BAND REHEARSAL
						4:30PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
						6PM	WORSHIP

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