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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...

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SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH, 2022 - 10 A.M.

VISION OF GOD:
AN ACCEPTING GOD

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Jesu, Our Joy, We Adore Thee" JeHae Kim-Bixby

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 Candles

Call to Worship:

Matthew 7:24-25

Everyone then who hears these words of Jesus' and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.

The rain fell, the floods came,

And the winds blew and beat on that house,

But it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock.

***Hymn:** "How Firm a Foundation" (vs. 1,3,4) #463

***Call to Confession:**

Matthew 7:21,23

Jesus says, "Not everyone who says to me 'Lord, Lord', will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ... I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'" At times this week, we have been content with superficial faith. Let us now turn away from that and towards Christ.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord Jesus, you know how quickly spiritual complacency sets in for us. We claim to trust you with our words, but our actions reveal our true beliefs. We call you Lord, but rule our own lives. We call you Savior, but rely on our own strength.

We want to answer the high calling of discipleship today. Give us the strength to reject dead religion and claim a living gospel that radically transforms us. Jesus, let no part of our lives to escape your gracious reclamation.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

SMALL GROUP FOR RETIRED SINGLES— We've launched a new CCPC small group for people who are single and retired. **This group meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1pm in the Cry Room, including April 6.** If you have questions or would like to learn more, please contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org)!

BIBLE READING PLAN - OLD TESTAMENT — We continue through the Old Testament on the Bible App. To join in any time, download the free Bible App (aka YouVersion) from the Apple or Google stores and click on the link provided below, or call the church for help anytime. We continue in the Books of History TODAY, with Ruth 3-4 (tomorrow is a catch up day). Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

EGGSTRAVAGANZA 2022 - VOLUNTEERS/CANDY NEEDED — Our in-person Eggstravaganza *IS BACK* for 2022! Join us on Saturday, April 9, beginning at 9am, for a pancake breakfast, fun spring activities (including a petting zoo!), as well as timed indoor egg hunts (9am, 10am, 11am) and a mobile egg hunt in our community. We're also looking for volunteers to work the event and donated candy! To sign up to help, and to register your kiddos for any of the egg hunts, go to www.covenantcommunitypc.org/eggs. If you have candy you would like to donate, please drop it off at the church! Contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) if you have any questions.

SALT & LIGHT YOUTH GROUP — Students who are in 6th through 8th grades gather on Wednesdays at 6pm for Salt & Light Youth Group (*Resuming THIS week, March 30*), with 9th through 12th graders meeting on Sunday nights, including *TONIGHT!* Contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

KID'S I.D. & KID'S L.I.F.E.— We are continuing our monthly themes in March with: Jesus' Ministry (Page-Turner). Kids will be able to connect the dots of what is being taught, why it matters to God, and what we can do about it. Contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

ACTIVITY BAGS FOR CHILDREN — CCPC offers activity bags for children, located in the Narthex. If you do not feel comfortable bringing your kiddo to Children's Church, but would like to keep them busy during worship, we invite you to take one! *Note: Please return unused items in the bag to the rack at which you found them.*

SAVE-THE-DATE: VBS 2022 — Mark your calendars for CCPC Kids Ministry's Vacation Bible School 2022! Join us Sunday, June 26 through Thursday, June 30 from 6-8pm for loads of fun, education, snacks, and most importantly... learning about God's Word and His amazing gift of salvation! This year's theme is "Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness."

HIGHLIGHTS FOR APRIL & MAY

- Eggstravaganza - **April 9**
- Good Friday - **April 15**
- Palm Sunday - **April 10**
- Easter Sunday - **April 17**
- Maundy Thursday - **April 14**
- Jim Gates on Sabbatical - **May 16**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK 2022— We continue through the season of Lent and look to the glorious day we celebrate that *HE HAS RISEN!* Holy Week is just around the corner and will include Palm Sunday on April 10, Maundy Thursday service on April 14 at 6pm, Good Friday service on April 15 at 6pm, and Easter Sunday services on April 17 at 8am and 10am. Join us and invite friends and family!

NEW MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE— This January, we celebrated the burning of our mortgage. Today, our only remaining debt to the bank is on our line of credit - the remaining expenses on our Bouldin Hall renovation project. To date, we owe just under \$50,000 on that line of credit. We are excited to announce that we have received another matching gift - dollar for dollar up to \$25,000! If met, this will finish off our line of credit. To donate towards this match, you can simply write "Match" on your check or give on our website. **We have until May 1 to try to reach this goal!**

CCPC SOFTBALL TEAM SIGNUP— The Softball season is just around the corner and the CCPC team is looking to bolster its lineup! If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Dustin Vreeland at dvreelan@mtu.edu or 715-581-2703.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE SURVEY — This September 11, we plan to launch a new worship service on Sunday nights at 6pm. This will be contemporary in style (think guitars, drums, etc.) but with the same Scriptures, sermon and preacher as our main 10am service. We have a *VERY* brief survey (1-3 questions) that we'd love for you to take a moment to complete, if you have not done so already. This is to determine interest in the service, and also to see who might be excited about volunteering in some capacity. You can go to <https://covenantcommunitypc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/355600> to fill it out. Contact Jim Gates if you have any questions!

JIM GATES SABBATICAL — Jim Gates will be going on sabbatical over a 3-month period this coming summer. This means that he will be unavailable for anything church related and will be away from the building from May 16 through August 14. Jess Wakefield will be filling in for the pastoral duties during that time, and the rest of the church staff will of course be available. If you have any questions, please contact Jim at jim@covenantcommunitypc.org.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

ADULT L.I.F.E. - APOLOGETICS — Continuing *THIS* Wednesday, March 30, our Adult L.I.F.E. course is covering logical arguments for components of our faith, known as Apologetics. Join us from 6-7pm to participate in the discussion! Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

"MIDDLE" SINGLES SMALL GROUP— Our small group for singles (those in the "middle" - not in their 20s and not retirement age) meets **WEEKLY** on Sundays during I.D. (9am) in the small conference room (next to Dan Frost's office). Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP— *NEXT* Sunday, April 3rd at 11:15am, our new women's small group meets for the first time! This group will meet every Sunday after worship from 11:15-12:15. All women are welcome! Contact Joan Jackson (jokajax@yahoo.com) to learn get connected!

*Assurance of Pardon:

Jeremiah 31:34

"No longer shall they teach one another, or say to one another, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more." *This is the good news; Jesus has secured our forgiveness! Thanks be to Him. Amen.*

***Congregational Response:** "There is a Redeemer" (vs. 1) #443

Children's Message:

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

Period of Fellowship

***Hymn:** "My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep From Singing)" (vs. 1,2,4) #821

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 34:11-16 Page 81

Special Music: "Lord, Here I Am" CCPC Choir

New Testament Reading: Matthew 7:13-27 Page 7

Sermon: Vision of God: An Accepting God Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "The Old Rugged Cross" (vs. 1,3,4) See Screen

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer See Page 4

Offering

Offertory Music: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" JeHae Kim-Bixby

*Doxology

Welcome of New Members: Josh & Heather Werner - Josh grew up in Rothschild, while Heather is originally from Colby, WI. The two were married at the Presbyterian church in Abbotsford over 17 years ago and adopted two beautiful children, Chase (8) and Parker (4). The Werners love to camp, explore new places, and hang out with friends and family in their free time.

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

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "How Firm a Foundation" (vs. 5) #463

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 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!

Worship Leader: Deb Tice

Gatekeeper: Kyle Shinkle

Elder Greeter: Deb Tice &
Julie Trebus

Live Stream: Chris Rhyner

The Hub: Deb Wakefield

Slides: Michelle Zblewski

Fellowship: Luke & Wendy Coenen

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Mary Zuidema
(Pride TLC)

Stanley Zyduck
(Home)

Dee Jenkins
(Home)

Jack Vlietstra
(Pride TLC)

Joyce Michna
(Pride TLC)

Cheryl Lenz
(Colonial Center in Colby)

Stella Lamping
(Home)

Tom Scott
(Home)

Don Hawkins
(Home)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
9AM	I.D.	6PM	BOOK CLUB	7PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	KID'S/ADULT L.I.F.E.
9AM	SINGLES SMALL GROUP	7PM	DARTBALL			6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
10AM	WORSHIP					6PM	KID'S/BELL CHOIR
6PM	HS YOUTH GROUP					7PM	CHOIR PRACTICE
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					9AM	I.D.
4:30PM	FAITH & FITNESS					9AM	SINGLES SMALL GROUP
						10AM	WORSHIP
						6PM	WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP
						6PM	HS YOUTH GROUP

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