

LIVE STREAMING

CCPC live streams our worship services every Sunday morning. Please join us in spirit by going to 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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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...

Changing lives forever!



— PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH, 2021 - 10 A.M. —

FORWARD
FROM COMFORTABLE TO AWAKENED:
WINNING LOOKS LIKE LOSING

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "The Old Rugged Cross" JeHae Kim-Bixby

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

What if God's call is not to go "back to normal" but to go forward with Christ? In what direction is your life moving? Are you going backwards to your old life, or forward into the Spirit's new adventure? Consider this morning what your next step towards God might be, and commit to strain forward to what lies ahead.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship: Mark 11:1-10

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

***Hymn:** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (vs. 1,3) #196

***Call to Confession:** Mark 9:33-35

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Please join me in prayer.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord Jesus, like the apostles, we have misunderstood the very concept of greatness. We believe we are great if we accumulate resources, or fame, or power, or position. We strive to beat others in order to win – our siblings, our co-workers, other businesses, other families.

You won in a different way. You, who founded the heavens and the earth, were already first in everything; but you became one of us, and died as one of us – one of the least and last of your creatures. Forgive us for believing that your way is weakness and ours is strength. Help us to understand today how we can be last, so that in all things, we can be like you, O rescuer of our hearts.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

(men). Books are available at The Hub for \$10. All are welcome to join us in person or via Zoom on Tuesdays at noon. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) for the Zoom information.

READING THE GOSPELS TOGETHER: THE BOOK OF JOHN—Join Jim Gates in reading through the the Gospels as we continue the Book of John. The group is using the Bible app from YouVersion (find in the Apple or Google app store). You do not have to download the app to join the group. Simply go to <https://bible.com/p/37068274/03789ac0ed2773f940795764f2ec0718> and get started via your web browser (or simply read a chapter-a-day in your hardcopy Bible). **As of today, we are in John 8**, so feel free to join us!

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

YOUTH SPRING BREAK STAYCATION—The CCPC Youth Ministry will be having fun events for gathering and spending time together during spring break **THIS WEEK**, March 29-April 2. The following will be taking place each day:

What	Where	When
Game Time	Bouldin Hall	Monday at 1pm
Tom & Jerry Movie	Cedar Creek (only 20 spots)	Tuesday at 1pm
Youth Group	Bouldin Hall	Wednesday at 6pm
Bowling	Coral Lanes	Thursday at 11am
Trampoline Park	Sawmill Adventure Park (\$10)	Friday at 11am

YOUTH GROUP—All students grades 6th-12th grade are invited to join us in person (or online via Zoom) every Wednesday from 6-7:30pm, including **THIS** Wednesday, March 31. We will be wearing masks and social distancing. Contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

PARENT CLASS—Are you a parent that struggles with finding the balance with church and extra-curricular activities for your kids (and you)? Looking for some tools and/or encouragement for this ongoing battle for our focus and time and a family? We invite you to join Dan Frost (in person or via Zoom) on Sunday, April 25, from 4-5pm, for a class specific to this topic. Let's grow together as parents who desire a Christ-centered household, while walking through day-to-day life! Contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S.—The fun is continuing for one more month! We hope that you are all enjoying getting to know your partner during this year's mission. Keep your correspondence going through April and collect more clues, as we approach the Reveal Party that is planned for Sunday, April 18 following worship. There will be more information to come.

YOUTH I.D.—Youth Institute of Discipleship has **THREE** classes (6th & 7th; Confirmation; 9th & 12th) via Zoom **AND** in person at 9am every Sunday morning.

KIDS I.D.—Kids ID starts in a large group via Zoom and in person, followed by a breakout into two groups (PreK-1st & 2nd-5th grades). Each group will need their own device if you are with us from home. Join us every Sunday at 9am!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER SUNDAY REGISTRATION—We are so excited to offer *TWO* Easter services *NEXT* Sunday, April 4, at 8am and 10am. So that we can continue to be wise and safe in our interactions, we'd like to have a sense of how many will be joining us (roughly). Thus, we'd ask that you please go to <https://covenantcommunitypc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/759363> to register your family for either of the two services. Of course, both services will be live-streamed. Let's rejoice together... for He Has Risen!

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE—We invite you to join us for Maundy Thursday service, *THIS* week, April 1 at 6pm as we continue Holy Week. We will memorialize the last supper Jesus at with his disciples in person, and via live stream (if you are worshipping with us from home, please be sure to have your Communion elements ready). If you have any questions, please contact Jim Gates (jjm@covenantcommunitypc.org).

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE—Please join us as we continue our journey to Christ's resurrection with a Tenebrae Service *THIS* week for Good Friday (6pm). This solemn occasion marks the crucifixion of our Savior with a gradual extinguishing of the candles into darkness. The service quietly ends and transitions us to Easter Sunday's celebration of Jesus' victory over death for all mankind. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Gates.

EASTER LILIES—With the return of in-person worship for our Easter services this year, we are excited to offer lilies to honor or remember loved ones! With a \$12 donation to the Worship and Fellowship, we will display the flowers during the services, as well as display the names you share with us. Go to <https://covenantcommunitypc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/227022> to submit your names and pay. We need *ALL* submissions by the end of the day *TODAY*.

CCPC ENDOWMENT GIFTS/MATCHING GIFTS—Join us in kicking off our CCPC Endowment Fund this year! We invite you to consider a "Founder's Gift" of \$500. We are also blessed to have been given a matching gift donation of \$25,000 towards the fund, and we are currently at \$23,100 of that \$25,000 goal! The minimum gift to be matched must be no less than \$2,500. Pledges for this matching gift must be made by April 15, 2021, with payment deadline set for December 31, 2021. For more information about giving to the endowment fund, please go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/endowment>.

SCRIP TABLE—With Sunday morning attendance increasing, we are happy to announce that the Scrip Committee is now manning the table in the Narthex. To ease back into it, we are available at the table every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Be sure to stop by and check out our quick pick inventory... or to pick up an order form. Please contact Ken Zblewski (715-393-5885) or Kate Lillie (715-581-9666) if you have any questions or inquiries.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

MEN'S & WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY OF HEBREWS—The men's and women's studies will be starting on the Book of Hebrews on April 6 (women) and April 13

*Assurance of Pardon:

Mark 10:28-30

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "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 good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first." This is the good news! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Children's Message

Period of Fellowship

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 9:9-14 NRSV Bible

Special Music: "The Holy City" Herb Westlund

New Testament Reading: Mark 10:32-45 NRSV Bible

Sermon: Forward from Comfortable to Awakened: Jim Gates
Winning Looks Like Losing

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "Hosana, Loud Hosana" (vs. 1,2) #197

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (See page 4 for words)

Offering

Offertory Music: "More Precious Than Silver" JeHae Kim-Bixby

Connection Cards are in your bulletin or in the pew in front of you. Please leave your gifts and Connection Cards in the plates as you leave today.

Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

Announcements

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "All Glory, Laud and Honor" (vs. 3) #197

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 (or in the pew back).
- † Feel free to use the Cry Room (you will be able to see & hear the service) and/or Nursery located across from the sanctuary

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 APOSTLES' 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

HUB Greeter: Bob Warner

Live Stream: Drew Bouché

Projection Slides: Abram Bouché

Piano: JeHae Kim-Bixby

Special Music: Herb Westlund

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Tom Scott

(Home)

Cheryl Lenz

(St. Joseph's Marshfield)

Don Hawkins

(Home)

Greg Falkowski

(Home)

Dee Jenkins

(Home)

Jim Burgener

(Pine Crest)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
9AM	I.D.	1PM	YOUTH GAME TIME	1PM	YOUTH MOVIE	6PM	YOUTH GROUP
10AM	WORSHIP					6PM	PRAYER MEETING
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
11AM	YOUTH BOWLING	11AM	YOUTH AT SAWMILL PARK			8AM	EASTER SERVICE
6PM	MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE	6PM	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE			10AM	EASTER SERVICE

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.