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SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN:
STAYING PUT
OR MOVING FORWARD?

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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Gathering Around the Word

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

This year we will read through the Book of Acts together, considering how the story of the early church might shape and guide our own congregation's story. Like Acts itself, we are Unfinished. Study this week's Acts passage and note the additional readings for the week at

www.covenantcommunitypc.org/unfinished-sermon-series.

Welcome Video:

***Hymn:** "We Gather Together" (vs. 1,3) #336

*Call to Confession:

In this season of upheaval, we have struggled to sacrifice our convenience for the safety of others. We have struggled to place the good of others before what is good for ourselves. But our God is always ready to offer forgiveness, when we come and confess our sins to him. Let us do so now as we pray together.

*Prayer of Confession:

Father God, we recognize that we have lived selfishly this week. In the midst of the isolation and upheaval forced upon us by this pandemic, we have thought first of ourselves, and only secondarily of others. When we have truly considered the magnitude of this crisis, we have been tempted to turn to idols for support, thinking that money or power or government or our own good health will protect us.

But this morning we turn away from those God-alternatives. This morning, we are deeply distressed by our self-focus. We turn to you, Lord, for you alone are the hope of our hearts and the light of our world. Forgive us. Free us to look up from ourselves, so we might see your face and serve your people. In Christ's name, we pray.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection.)

***Assurance of Pardon:** Acts 17:20-31

Paul proclaims to the Athenians and to us the coming truth: "While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all

people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Believe the gospel! Jesus died, rose again, ascended to heaven, and will return again. All who repent and trust in Him are, even today, forgiven and made righteous before God. Thanks be to Jesus the Christ!

Amen!

Children's Message

Amanda Fuls

Period of Fellowship

Video Greetings

Proclaiming the Word

Old Testament: Proverbs 3:1-6 NRSV Bible

New Testament: Acts 18:1-23 NRSV Bible

Sermon: On The Road Again: Jim Gates
Staying Put or Moving Forward

Responding to the Word

***Hymn:** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (vs. 1,3) #465

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory Music: "Jesus Walked the Lonesome Valley" Jay St. Clair

Connection Card and giving are available on the live stream web page.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Announcements

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction:** "O God, You Are My God" #743

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LATEST UPDATES—Due to the Governor's executive order to close all non-essential businesses, the church office will be closed for the foreseeable future. However, our staff is still working and available! You can contact us via email or on our personal phones. Go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/staff> for all of our contacts.

In terms of giving, you can still mail checks to the church or give online. We are also working on an outside drop-box option for those who prefer to drop things off in person.

Our live-stream worship will continue, as will our growing Zoom programming. The only event happening at our building will be our Food Pantry, and we will take extreme precautions to protect both our guests and our volunteers (no guests in the building, curbside pickup of food, etc.)

Contact Jim Gates with questions at 757-615-1799 or jim@covenantcommunitypc.org.

LIVE STREAM GREETINGS!—The unfortunate reality of this season of adaptation is that we cannot physically come together, see the smiles of our brothers and sisters in Christ, and embrace each other with a hug or handshake. Our Sunday mornings are for the worship of the Most High, but it also is for the relationships we've been blessed with in our faith family.

Though there is nothing that compares to being together, we want to create a sense of community through our live stream service. We invite everyone to send a 10-second or shorter video greeting from yourself, or your entire family. Every Sunday morning during the worship live stream, we will play a handful of these greetings for all to see! Please go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/share-greeting> for more information and say hello to our faith family!

ONLINE GIVING—Please consider continuing your regular giving online by going to clicking on the button below the live stream window. When you give, you can choose to make a one time donation, or setup a reoccurring gift.

Online giving options include either ACH Bank Transfer (also known as e-checks) or with a debit or credit card. You can also give via Apple Pay - a more secure means of online giving than the traditional credit card method.

As a member or regular visitor, you are already in our database. So, when you give online, please enter your individual first and last name (i.e. Jim Gates, not Jim and Krista Gates). This will allow the computer to automatically match your gift with your profile.

You can also choose to log in to see your donation history or your reoccurring gifts. Just click the smiley face emoji on the top right hand corner of the giving page, and select "log in." Enter your cell phone and the system will send you back a 6-digit code to confirm your identity. Enter that code and then you have access to your personal giving history and previous donation methods (i.e. a saved bank account for ACH transfer).

If you have any questions or hit any snags in giving, please contact the church office, John Jacobs (john@covenantcommunitypc.org), or Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

TEXT MESSAGE COMMUNICATIONS—Covenant Community Presbyterian Church now has the ability to send out text message updates! If you see a message beginning with CCPC:, and has come from the number 774-11, please do not ignore or block!

We will be utilizing this tool to keep you up-to-date on any programming changes, as well as other communications regarding our church family. This is one more way for us to reach as many folks as possible during this pandemic, but also moving forward in years to come!

USING ZOOM TO GATHER ONLINE—During this time of disconnect due to Covid-19, CCPC will be utilizing Zoom for a large portion of our online discipleship, as well as important meetings.

From Wednesday night Youth Group and Sunday I.D. lessons to important meetings, Zoom will allow our congregation to connect live and face-to-face, while following the social guidelines set in place by our government. CCPC staff will be coordinating these gatherings/meetings, making attendance as simple as a few steps for those participating. Please go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/using-zoom> to get all the information!

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

YOUTH GROUP VIA ZOOM—All students grades 6th-12th grade are invited to join us online, using Zoom, *THIS* coming Wednesday at 6pm. There will be more information to come via emails and texts, so be on the lookout! If you would like to see video messages from previous weeks, please go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/youth-group>. If you have any questions, contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org).

MIDDLE SCHOOL I.D. VIA ZOOM—All of our 6th-8th graders are invited to join us via Zoom for I.D. (Institute of Discipleship) *NEXT* Sunday, April 5 at 9am. Be on the lookout for email invitations and text messages! If you have any questions about how your student can participate, please contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org).

KID'S I.D. VIA ZOOM—Kid's I.D. (Institute of Discipleship) will continue to take place every Sunday morning at 9am using Zoom! Parents, make sure you check your email and pay attention to text messages related to this virtual class. If you have any questions about how your kids can participate, contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org).

WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Kid's I.D. via Zoom
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Session via Zoom
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Salt & Light Youth Group via Zoom
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Kid's I.D. via Zoom
		Middle School I.D.
	10:00 a.m.	Worship

LIVE STREAM PARTICIPATION

Worship Leader: Emily Johnson
Hymn Leaders: Deb & Kent Perrin