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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...

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SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH, 2022 - 10 A.M.

VISION OF GOD:
A GET-OUT-OF-JAIL-FREE GOD

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "French Folk Song" (Cello) Mataya McCarron

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: Psalm 40:1-3

*I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,
And set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
And put their trust in the LORD.*

***Hymn:** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (vs. 1,2,4) #268

***Call to Confession:** Philippians 2:15

Paul's hope is that all believers "may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world." We have not measured up to this ideal this week, and so we come together in our prayer of confession.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Father God, you invite us to live reflecting Christ, but we often fail to do so. Instead of asking what we can do for you, we imagine it is your job to fulfill our wishes. Instead of being blameless and innocent, we live comfortably with our sins because we take your forgiveness for granted.

Remind us again of the price paid for our redemption. Holy Spirit, give us the strength to partner with you in your work of salvation and kingdom-building, so that in you we can shine like stars in the world.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

ADULT L.I.F.E. - APOLOGETICS — Christians are instructed to prepare a defense (Greek - apologia) for the faith that is within us. Over the centuries, many Christians have proposed a host of logical arguments for components of our faith - the existence of God, the reliability of Scripture, the reality of the resurrection, etc. Collectively, we call this work "Apologetics." Starting *THIS* Wednesday, March 9th, our Adult L.I.F.E. course will consider several of these important Apologetics. Join us from 6-7pm and bring a friend to participate in the discussion! Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Our men's Bible Study continues to meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, including *THIS* Tuesday, March 8 at 12pm in Bouldin Hall, and on zoom. We are currently looking at the minor prophets. 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.

NEW SMALL GROUP FOR RETIRED SINGLES — We are launching a new CCPC small group for people who are single and retired. ***This group will meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1pm in the Cry Room, beginning March 16.*** If you have questions or would like to learn more, please contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org)!

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

SALT & LIGHT YOUTH GROUP — Students who are in 6th through 8th grades gather on Wednesdays at 6pm for Salt & Light Youth Group (*Resuming March 9*), 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 and connecting the topics throughout Kid's I.D. and L.I.F.E. programming. This allows families to jump in when able and not miss months of content. March's topic is: 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. Modern themes will help us bring Bible stories to life and help children apply Scripture to their own lives.

STAYCATION - PICK YOUR PATH ADVENTURE — If we can't go to the islands for our Spring Break, we will bring the islands to us! CCPC Kids will be hosting a Pick Your Path Adventure on Wednesday, March 23 in the evening (more details to come). Children (and adults) will find your way to a final destination... Lavapalooza! Be careful, every choice you make will impact your adventure! ALL ages are welcome to participate. Contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

STAYCATION - YOUTH OUTINGS — Salt & Light Youth will be having three days of fun for those not heading out of town for Spring Break:

March 21 - Bowling at Coral Lanes; 1-3pm (Free)
March 22 - Movie Time (Movie and Time TBD) (Free)
March 23 - W.O.W. Laser Tag 6-8pm (\$10 a person)

Come be with us for some great memories! Contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S. REVEAL PARTY— The 2021-22 Secret A.G.E.N.T.S. reveal party will be taking place *NEXT* Sunday, March 13 after worship in Bouldin Hall. It will be a great time of food, fellowship, and the kids meeting their Secret Agents! For those who cannot be with us in person, we will have a Zoom component for participation. If you participated in the ministry this year and plan on attending, contact Jason Fandrey (jason.fandrey@gmail.com) to let him know who will be joining you.

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.

DEACON'S HOSPITAL MINISTRY — The Deacons would like to remind our CCPC family that they can be contacted regarding loved ones who are in the hospital and are in need of prayer. Visit our website at www.covenantcommunitypc.org/our-session for contact information, or feel free to call Terri Goldsworthy at 715-613-1535.

MISSIONS

26TH ANNUAL MISSIONS AUCTION & GALA — The 26th Annual Mission Auction, "Carry the Light," is now *LIVE!* This week-long, *ONLINE* event will conclude with an in-person reception/gala *THIS* Saturday, March 12. The reception (hors d'oeuvres/desserts and item viewing) begins at 5pm (*free ticket or online RSVP required to attend; available at the Hub and on our website*) with the gala beginning at 6pm (*tickets/RSVP is not necessary to attend*). To access the bidding, visit www.covenantcommunitypc.org/auction where a link is provided, or be looking for that same link in tomorrow's email. Please share with friends and family! All the items available online are on display for viewing after worship *TODAY*. Take a look at what you might be interested in and then go online to bid!

PINE RIDGE, SD MISSION TRIP — This summer we will travel to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and work with Wings as Eagles ministries as we share hope with the children of the poorest community in the US. The trip will take place July 23-31 and is open to youth and adults (6th graders and up). We will allow 3rd-5th graders provided they are accompanied by a parent or adult relative, 21 or older. *The deadline for signup and a deposit of \$100 is NEXT Sunday, March 13.* You can pay on our website or by dropping the money off with John Jacobs during the week. To learn more or to register, visit our website: www.covenantcommunitypc.org/pine-ridge.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

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 included in your emails, or call the church for help anytime. If you want to follow along without the app, simply read three chapters a day, continuing *TOMORROW* with Deuteronomy 6-8 (use today as a catch up day).

***Assurance of Pardon:** *Philippians 2:12-13*
Paul encourages us, saying, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure." Jesus' life, death and resurrection invite us into a new salvation life with Christ. Thanks be to Him! **Amen.**

***Congregational Response:** "There is a Redeemer" #443

Special Music: "The Lord's Prayer" Children's Choir

Children's Message:

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

Period of Fellowship

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: 1 Chronicles 4:9-10 Page 363

Special Music: "I Can Only Imagine" Jeff & Levi Theilig

New Testament Reading: Philippians 2:5-18 Page 197

Sermon: Vision of God: A Get-Out-Of-Jail-Free God Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "Lift High the Cross" (vs. 1,2,3) #826

The Sacrament of Communion

Offering

Offertory Music: "Good News" Les Fraaza & Marcy Fehrman

***Doxology**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction:** "Lift High the Cross" (vs. 4) #826

Postlude: Les Fraaza

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

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!

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| <p>Worship Leader: Stephanie Finamore</p> <p>Acolytes: Bradley Kyle & Zach Fuls</p> <p>Elder Greeter: Bob Warner & Julie Nelson</p> | <p>The Hub: Dianne Abel</p> <p>Live Stream: Jared Fuls</p> <p>Slides: Luke Coenen</p> <p>Fellowship: Vicki Anderson</p> |
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PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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| <p>Tom Scott
<i>(Home)</i></p> | <p>Dee Jenkins
<i>(Home)</i></p> <p>Cheryl Lenz
<i>(Colonial Center in Colby)</i></p> | <p>Don Hawkins
<i>(Home)</i></p> |
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THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
9AM	I.D.	7PM	DARTBALL	NOON	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	3PM	FOOD PANTRY
9AM	SINGLES SMALL GROUP			7PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	KID'S/ADULT L.I.F.E.
10AM	WORSHIP					6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
11:15AM	AUCTION ITEMS ON DISPLAY					6PM	KID'S/BELL CHOIR
6PM	HS YOUTH GROUP					7PM	CHOIR PRACTICE
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
12PM	OLD GUYS RULE (GORSKI'S MOSINEE)			5PM	AUCTION RECEPTION (RSVP)	9AM	I.D.
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD			6PM	AUCTION GALA (NO RSVP)	9AM	SINGLES SMALL GROUP
4:30PM	FAITH & FITNESS					10AM	WORSHIP
						11:15AM	SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S. REVEAL PARTY
						6PM	HS YOUTH GROUP

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.