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CULTIVATING MATURITY IN 5 SHIFTS: FROM SELF TO OTHERS

Proverbs 11:24-27, 18:1-3, 21:26, 31:8-9
& Matthew 20:20-28

COVENANT COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 14, 2024
10AM SERVICE

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Love, Crucified, Arose" Les Fraaza

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

Our culture no longer has defined marks of adulthood for men and women – indeed, we struggle to articulate what maturity means and when people reach it. This challenge is amplified in our spiritual lives and in our relationship with Jesus. What do you think it means to be an adult, and are you one? What does it mean to be an adult in Christ, or to be spiritually mature? Does that describe you?

Lighting of the Candles

***Call to Worship:** 1 Corinthians 3:1-2, 16-17

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people but rather as infants in Christ

I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? **For God's Temple is holy, and you are that temple.**

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

***Call to Confession:** Matthew 20:25-28

But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you, but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave, just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many." Let us confess together as we continue to struggle with self-centeredness.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Jesus, we confess we are often consumed with self-centeredness. We sometimes serve in order to achieve. We worry about our status, our works, our own needs. Help us to move from ourselves into service that elevates others over ourselves. Help us to want good for others even if that means it is difficult for us. Holy Spirit, change our hearts and our motivations, even at the expense of our own comforts.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — Celebrate Recovery is a Bible-centered, recovery ministry that meets every Tuesday at 6pm in Bouldin Hall. It is for those who struggle with ANY hurt, hangup, or habit... from a grief and depression, to addiction and emotional struggles. Meetings are open to anyone... from our church or any other walk of life. It is a community group. Contact Drew Bouché (drew@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

H.S. YOUTH GROUP (NO M.S. YOUTH GROUP THIS WEEK)— The Middle School Youth Group WILL NOT meet this week in preparation for the lock-in Friday night. The High School Youth WILL meet from 6:30-8pm THIS Wednesday, April 17.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH LOCK-IN — It's time for an age-old tradition for our youth, which includes taking over the church building and staying up way too late! The Middle School (6th-8th) Youth Ministry lock-in will be THIS WEEK, April 19-20, with drop off at 7pm and pickup at 8am. We'll have adventures in Wausau and great fellowship. Please let us know that you will be attending by signing up at The Hub.

KIDS L.I.F.E. — At Kids L.I.F.E., we gather on Wednesdays at 6pm to strengthen our friendship with Jesus and each other. Living in Faith Every Day is a bright spot in our week and there is a group for every age!

WORSHIP & WIGGLES — Worship & Wiggles is for preschoolers during Sunday worship in the Nursery/Cry Room. It is designed for our littlest worshipers to make new friends and learn about God's love. They will have Bible Story time before they "play with a purpose."

SAVE-THE-DATE: VBS 2024 — As you begin to plan your summer months, save-the-date for an underwater adventure at VBS 2024 entitled, "Scuby: Diving Into Friendship with God." This year, it will take place Sunday, July 14 to Thursday, July 18 from 6-8pm. Stay tuned for registration opening on June 1.

CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

THROUGH MARCH OF 2024:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$169,487**

Actual Operating Revenues: **\$177,117**

Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$171,616**

Actual Operating Expenses: **\$148,511**

APRIL 7 ATTENDANCE:

10AM In-Person Total: **226**

10AM Livestream Total: **64**

11AM In-Person Total: **40**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S. REVEAL PARTY — All Jr. and Secret Agents (and families) are invited to a special, top-secret reveal party TODAY at 12pm in the Activity Room downstairs. Come and be with us for snacks, fellowship, and the all-important reveal of who the kid's Secret Agents are! Jr. Agents that are able to identify the correct person will be in the running for a gift basket.

"WHEN I'M GONE" EVENT — Join us Sunday, April 21 for an important morning of information and expertise pertaining to all aspects of end-of-life decisions. At 9am, we will have panel discussion with professionals in areas such as estate planning, funeral preparations, and more. See today's insert for a full list of topics and the professionals participating. This is a great event for adults of ALL AGES. **Terry and Colleen Geurink have generously offered to donate \$1,000 to the endowment fund if we can get 50 people to attend the event at 9am!**

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2024 — CCPC is thrilled to be a simulcast host of the 2024 Global Leadership Summit, August 8-9. This 2-day event is an opportunity to grow as an individual, a member of our local community, or a professional. From teachers, students, coaches, artists, medical professionals, and non-profit leaders ... to CEOs, managers, and more ... this event is for everyone! **Early-bird pricing includes \$139 for church members and \$179 for all others if you sign up before May 8!** There are additional discounts for groups like teachers and first responders, as well. To learn more and register, go to our website or contact Jim Gates or Raissa Dupuis.

CCPC SOFTBALL — Softball season is just around the corner and the roster building is underway! If you have any interest in playing for the CCPC team on Sunday evenings during the summer (at the Kelly Club), please contact Dustin Vreeland at dvreelan@mtu.edu.

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS — We continue to look for new faces to join our volunteer teams for both services. If you are interested in greeting, security, video/ audio, or Kids Ministry roles in our nursery and Kid's Worship, please make your mark on today's Connection Card!

SPRING CLEANING AT THE CHURCH — It's that time of the year! We are looking for volunteers to help us spruce up our amazing building on Saturday, April 27, beginning at 9am. We will have all kinds of tasks, both inside and outside of the building. If you are interested in helping, please sign up at The Hub or contact Dave and Sara Farrar at 715-846-8838 or farrara1dave@frontier.com.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY — The women's Bible study is currently studying the book of Isaiah and meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 12pm, including THIS Tuesday, April 16.

*Assurance of Pardon:

Brothers and Sisters, we have been forgiven. The Gospel tells us of the good news, Jesus saves sinners. Let us continue to rely on our helper, the Spirit, as we move toward maturity in Christ, away from self-centeredness and into lives that look more like Jesus.

Amen!

*Gloria Patri

Children's Message

Period of Fellowship

*Hymn: "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" (vs. 1,2) #298

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 11:24-27, 18:1-3, 21:26, 31:8-9 Page 594

Special Music: "Goliath" CCPC Choir

New Testament Reading: Matthew 20:20-28 Page 22

Sermon: "Cultivating Maturity in 5 Shifts: From Self to Others" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing" (vs. 1,2,3) #319

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer: See Page 4

Ministry Celebration: The Hagar House

Offering

Offertory Music: "Crown Him Lord of All" Les Fraaza & JeHae Kim-Bixby

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction: "Go to the World!" (vs. 2) #295

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 across from the sanctuary
- † Activity bags for children are available in the Narthex.
- † Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for donuts, cookies, juice, coffee, and fellowship!

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

Acolytes: Abby Wensel & Eli Baumann

Elder Greeters: Julie Nelson
& Julie Trebus

Greeters: Jesse Lawton & Tracy Jaeck

The Hub: Joan Jackson

Livestream: Mike Iaffaldano

Slides: Tony Iaffaldano

Usher Lead: Jerry Trebus

Gatekeeper: Rick Barnes

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)

Dave Vachowiak
(Forest Park Village)

Wynn Jones

Joyce Michna
(Fond du Lac)

Howie Pries
(Pride TLC)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
8:30AM	BAND REHEARSAL			12PM	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	6PM	HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE
9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION			6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	KIDS LIFE
10AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP					6:30PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
11AM	PRAISE WORSHIP					7PM	CHOIR PRACTICE
12PM	SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S. REVEAL PARTY						
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD	7PM	M.S. YOUTH LOCK-IN DROP OFF	8AM	M.S. YOUTH LOCK-IN PICKUP	8:30AM	BAND REHEARSAL
						9AM	"WHEN I'M GONE" ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION
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						10AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
						11AM	PRAISE WORSHIP

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