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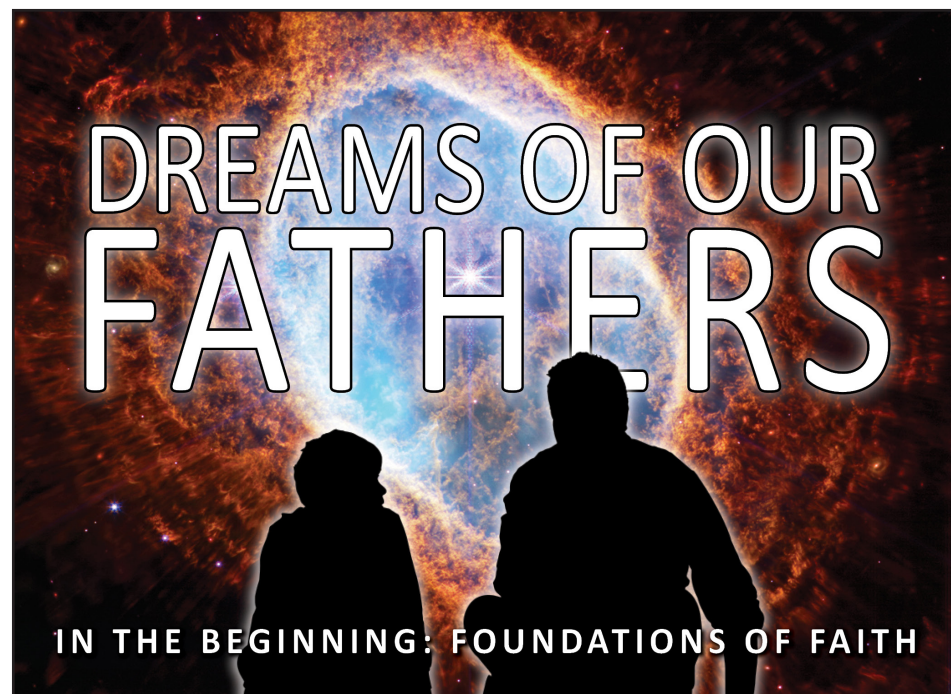
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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...
Changing lives forever!



SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH, 2023 - 10 A.M.

DREAMS OF OUR FATHERS:
I DREAMED A DREAM

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "All Hail, King Jesus/Majesty" JeHae Kim-Bixby

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

The first words of the Bible are "in the beginning." We know that God was there at the beginning of all things; and that even today, God is the source of new beginnings. As we prepare for worship, consider where Christ has already been the source of blessing in your life, and in what parts of your life you hope the Spirit will inspire something new to spring forth.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles: "Easter Hallelujah"

Call to Worship: 1 Peter 1:3, Psalm 118:1

By God's great mercy

we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

His steadfast love endures forever!

***Hymn:** "Thine is the Glory" (vs. 1,2,3) #238

***Call to Confession:**

In the wake of Easter, we are tempted to return to our normal lives. We have heard good news, celebrated, and then gone back to being Pre-Easter people. Conscious of our sins, we make our confession to God and one another.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Like Peter returning to fishing in Galilee, we have gone back to normal this week. Sometimes this has included our habitual sins; sometimes this has just meant that the miracle of Easter has faded in our consciousness. But we do not want to be a people who go back to normal.

Lord Jesus, you have already forgiven and atoned for us on the cross; you have already conquered our sin at the empty tomb. Redirect us by your Spirit today to a new life, that we might see the world through the lens of your victory for us. Let us not return to fishing, but press forward to be fishers of people; let us not return to who we were, but press forward to discover who we will be, in you.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

Media account to participate (check your email inbox for an invite or see today's insert to get started). You can also see tomorrow's Covenant Connections email for more specific instructions on starting the devotional. If you have any questions, contact Jim (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

FAITH & FITNESS — Just in time to get in shape for the summer, Faith & Fitness returns on Thursday, April 27 at 4:30pm in the Activity Room downstairs. This is a wonderful opportunity for ALL to fellowship with others, partake in a devotional together, and break a sweat with a light workout! This will take place every Thursday through May 25. Contact Deb Tice (debtice77@yahoo.com) with any questions.

RETIRED SINGLES SMALL GROUP & LUNCH BUNCH — Our retired singles small group will be joining the Lunch Bunch *THIS* Wednesday, April 19 at 11am for a tour of the new Community Partners Campus. The small group typically meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1pm. Lunch Bunch typically meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at 12pm. Contact Bonnie Rogers (rogersski1@gmail.com or 715-370-7618) or Ruth Wrynski (ruthiewry@charter.net or 715-409-0582) with any questions.

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

CCPC YOUTH GROUP — Students who are in 6th through 8th grades gather on Wednesdays at 6pm (including this week) for CCPC Youth Group. All 9th-12th graders will meet Sunday evenings from 4pm-5:30pm, prior to our evening service, including *TONIGHT*. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH LOCK-IN — All our 6-8th graders are invited to join us for our Lock-In *THIS WEEK* from Friday, April 21 at 7pm to Saturday, April 22 at 8am. We'll take a trip to WOW for Laser Tag and pizza, and of course have a blast with games and movies back at the church. The cost is \$20 and as always, scholarships are available. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) to sign up!

KID'S MINISTRY PROGRAMMING — CCPC Kid's Ministry includes I.D. (Sunday mornings at 9am), Kid's Worship and "Wiggles" (during morning and evening services), and Wednesday night L.I.F.E. at 6pm. We're continuing our journey through the life of Jesus in the Gospels. April's theme is "Rise and Shine", a look at how Jesus conquered death and rose again! Contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions. Come be with us!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023 — As summer approaches and plans need to be made, mark your calendars for Sunday, June 25 through Thursday, June 29 from 6-8pm for CCPC's Vacation Bible School 2023! This year's theme will take the kids on a cosmic adventure with "Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light." Registration will be available on our website beginning May 7!

CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

THROUGH FEBRUARY 2023:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$92,535**
Actual Operating Revenues: **\$90,637**
Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$94,493**
Actual Operating Expenses: **\$89,331**

EASTER SUNDAY ATTENDANCE:

8AM In-Person Total: **88**
10AM In-Person Total: **381**
8AM & 10AM Livestream Total: **114**
PM In-Person Total: **24**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — We will be having a Congregational Meeting *TODAY* after worship for the purpose of electing two new Deacons. We invite all members to join us and have your voice heard. Printed agendas are available.

NURSERY & CRY ROOM— CCPC is happy to provide a nursery (newborns to 3-year-olds), as well as a Cry Room for parents with small children. When Nursery Attendants are available, you can leave your little ones and attend worship. Please sign in and leave your name and contact number in case we need to come find you in the service. Families who want to participate in the worship service but need some space for their littles to move are welcome to use the Cry Room as a family. Please *DO NOT* leave your children unattended.

CCPC 101— Would you like to know more about CCPC, our beliefs, and our ministries? Thinking about making this your church home? Join us in the Bouldin Hall conference room immediately following worship *NEXT* Sunday, April 23. We will provide food and childcare for this event that typically runs 1 hour and 30 minutes. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) to RSVP.

FCA GOLF OUTING — The Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Northcentral Wisconsin will be hosting their annual golf scramble fundraiser on July 10. They are looking for sponsorships, as well as teams to participate. If you would like to be a part of a team, or help sponsor a team, please contact Jim Gates.

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

DRIVERS NEEDED — The Deacons are looking to recruit volunteers to assist in driving folks to church that are unable to do so themselves. If you are interested in serving in this way, please sign up at The Hub.

PASTA & BOOK NIGHT FOR HEARTS OF HOPE FAMILIES — We are so excited to be hosting our Hearts of Hope families on Tuesday, May 23 for our Pasta & Book Night! We have been collecting thousands of new and gently used books to distribute to the children (toddler through high school) on that evening, along with a wonderful pasta meal! If you would like to help organize and handout books, or prepare and serve the food, please contact Sarah Luedtke (sluedtke@sluedtke.com).

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT DONATIONS — The Mission Committee would like to take a collection of personal care items for families that have come to Wausau through the ECDC refugee resettlement program. Items needed include body wash/ soap, shampoo, conditioner, and other personal items, as well as household cleaning supplies, paper products, garbage bags, etc. Monetary donations will also be accepted (drop off at the church office). There are two baskets in the Narthex for a donation drop off. Contact Kari Kufahl (kari.kufahl@gmail.com) with any questions.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Our study on the Gospel of John continues! Come join us for an exploration of the Gospel written by the beloved disciple. Women meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, including *THIS* Tuesday, April 18 at noon. All women, including newcomers, are welcome!

RIGHTNOW MEDIA DEVOTIONAL — Join Jim Gates and others in a devotional entitled "Made New" (a 15-day series on Colossians chapter 3) using RightNow Media, starting *TOMORROW*, April 17. You will need to setup your RightNow

***Assurance of Pardon:** 2 Corinthians 5:17
"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" Believe the good news – we are new creations in Christ. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Children's Message

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

Period of Fellowship

***Hymn:** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (vs. 1,2) #829

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 37:1-11 Page 34

Special Music: "First Things First" Jay & Barb St. Clair

New Testament Reading: Matthew 1:20-25 Page 1

Sermon: "Dreams of Our Fathers: I Dreamed a Dream" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "Because He Lives" (See Screens)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (See Page 4)

Offering

[Please fill out a Connection Card and let us know you were with us!]

Offertory Music: "Jesus Paid it All" JeHae Kim-Bixby

***Doxology**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Benediction**

Congregational Meeting: Voting for New Deacons

Derek Hawley - Derek is the father of 2 kids, Mikaela and Darian, and husband to Ashley. He works as a Segment Manager at Greenheck and has been a member of CCPC for the last 7 years. Derek is an avid tennis player and loves spending time "up North" at Pelican Lake with his family.

Fred Hillman - Fred and his wife, Janna, have been CCPC members for more than 5 years. He has worked in Marketing Communications at UMR for 22 years and has been involved with local sports for over 30 years. Fred and Janna are avid golfers and enjoy watching and attending a variety of sporting events and walking/spending time with their golden retriever, Josie.

***Choral Benediction:** "The Day of Resurrection" (vs. 2) #233

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, 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

The Hub: Dianne Abel

Acolytes: Abby Wensel
& Zoë Gates

Usher Lead: Jesse Lawton

Elder Greeter: Julie Nelson
& Kari Kufahl

Fellowship: Tom & Carol
Anklam

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*)

Joyce Michna
(*Fond du Lac*)

Mike Petterson
(*Hospice House*)

Stella Lamping
(*Home*)

Cheryl Lenz
(*Colonial Center in Colby*)

Jerry Pearson
(*Home*)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
9AM	I.D. CLASSES			12PM	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	11AM	LUNCH BUNCH/ RETIRED GROUP OUTING
10AM	WORSHIP			6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	KID'S L.I.F.E.
11AM	CONGREGATIONAL MEETING					6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
11:15AM	WOMEN'S SM. GRP.					6PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL					7PM	ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE
4PM	HS YOUTH GROUP						
6PM	WORSHIP						
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD	7PM	MS LOCK-IN BEGINS	8AM	MS LOCK-IN ENDS	9AM	I.D. CLASSES
						10AM	WORSHIP
						11:15AM	CCPC 101
						11:15AM	WOMEN'S SM. GRP.
						4PM	BAND REHEARSAL
						4PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
						6PM	WORSHIP

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