

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!



SUNDAY, APRIL 18TH, 2021 - 10 A.M.

FORWARD FROM BELIEVER
TO DISCIPLE:
BE TOGETHER

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "He is Exalted" Les Fraaza

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: Psalm 27:4

*One thing I asked of the LORD, that I will seek after:
To live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the LORD
And to inquire in his temple.*

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

***Call to Confession:** 1 John 1:8-9

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Confident in God's mercy, we join together in prayer.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Together with the Son and the Spirit, O Father, you created us for the purpose of being together with you. Lord Jesus, God the Son, you went further and became one of us. God the Spirit, you went further still and chose to live within us as your temples on this earth. Your desire to be together with us, O God, is abundantly clear.

But we have often run away from you. We have hidden ourselves from you and others. We have lived as though we are alone, and even convinced ourselves that it was so. Forgive us. Today, we come to seek your face, O Lord. Welcome us back into togetherness with you, and let us see your goodness in the land of the living.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

DAY OF SERVICE—The Mission Committee is planning the Annual Spring Community Service Day for Saturday, May 15th and we are in need of volunteers and work! We will be helping congregational members that need spring yard work done and may also do some cleanup at Rib Mountain State Park, or on the Ice Age Trail (if enough volunteers sign up). Come and join us for a day of fellowship and service! Please contact the church office (715-359-6467) or Kari Kufahl (kari.kufahl@gmail.com) to volunteer or request work to do be done. You can also sign up at The Hub!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!—As in-person attendance and programming continues to grow, we are back to needing volunteers to assist us on Sunday mornings and beyond. For those who feel comfortable doing so, we invite you to mark your interest in a certain ministry on today's Connection Card in your bulletin, or online. You can also contact Drew Bouche (drew@covenantcommunitypc.org), Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org), Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org), or Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) for a number of opportunities to serve and get involved.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—The women's study continues in the Book of Hebrews *THIS* Tuesday, April 20 at noon. Books are available at The Hub for \$10. All are welcome to join us in person or via Zoom on Tuesdays. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) for the Zoom information.

PRAYER MEETINGS—Our weekly Prayer Meeting continues *THIS* Wednesday, April 21 at 6pm via Zoom. Join us for a time to petition before the Lord together every Wednesday night. All are welcome! To join the Zoom meeting, go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82054635060?pwd=MTkzOGJqMFRWamxrMy9CSHBwcUMrUT09> Meeting ID: 820 5463 5060 Passcode: 711155

BOOK CLUB—The Book Club will be meeting Monday, April 26 at 6:30pm and will be discussing the book "God Help the Child" by Toni Morrison. Kari Kufahl will be hosting the discussion via Zoom. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Judy Dorn at jajudorn@charter.net. May's book will be "The Lions of Fifth Avenue" by Fiona Davis.

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

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? We invite you to join Dan Frost (in person or via Zoom) *NEXT* Sunday, April 25, from 4-5pm, for "Christ and Life: Priorities and Balance in the Christian Home." Contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org) if you would like to attend.

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, April 21. We will be wearing masks and social distancing. Contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

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

SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S.—We hope that you have all enjoyed getting to know your partner during this year's mission. Now it's time for the big Reveal Party **TODAY** following worship. In-person participants will be wearing masks and social distancing in Bouldin Hall. Be sure to have your devices ready with the Kahoot! app downloaded for some fun!

KID'S AND ADULT SPRING L.I.F.E.—Our Spring L.I.F.E. (Living In Faith Everyday) session is quickly approaching! We will return to separate adult and kids classes, with the little ones having their time together outside (weather permitting)! Kid's L.I.F.E. will be unpacking the "**PATHS of Prayer**" by exploring what praying looks like in community and at home by ourselves. The adult class is entitled, "**The Spiritual World: Angels, Demons, and Things of God.**" This course will be exploring the forgotten spiritual world around us, including angels, chariots of fire, demons and exorcisms, and more. Mark your calendars for the four Wednesdays in May at 6pm and be on the lookout for registrations in the coming weeks.

COVENANT CONVERSATIONS PODCAST—We are so excited to announce the brand new podcast hosted by Dan Frost called "Covenant Conversations." This production will cover a number of topics with new guests for every episode! Episode 1 is now available, as Dan sits down with Mark Oestreicher to discuss social media's impact on families and youth, and how to navigate this new world of communication. Join us at <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/covenant-conversations>, and stay tuned for its future availability on platforms such as iTunes, Spotify, and Google Podcasts!

CCPC ENDOWMENT—**THANK YOU** to all of our "Founders" for helping us kickstart our CCPC Endowment! As of April 7, we have met our entire matching goal of \$25,000! This brings our Endowment Fund total (cash, pledges and matching money) to \$59,119.49. And remember, this is just the beginning! We welcome anyone who desires to donate cash in hand or through legacy gifts. Have a birthday, anniversary, or baptism coming up that you would like to donate on behalf of someone? Your gifts plant seeds for our church future! For more information about giving to the endowment fund, please go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/endowment>.

CCPC SOFTBALL TEAM IS LOOKING FOR PLAYERS!—If you enjoy softball, we'd love to have you on the team! Games are Sunday afternoons/evenings. Our first practice is **THIS** Sunday, April 18 at 4pm at Weston Elementary School - we'll meet at the small warming house. You are welcome to simply show up! For questions, or if you'd like to join the team, contact Dustin Vreeland at 715-581-2703.

MISSIONS

DAMASCUS ROAD SCARLET CORD PRAYER MINISTRY—CCPC continues its relationship with Damascus Road, a ministry devoted to saving women from the evil of human trafficking in Wisconsin. Their "Scarlet Cord" prayer ministry is one way in which we help support the organization, but more specifically the women involved. We invite you to "adopt a woman" in prayer by signing up and picking up an informational card that is available **TODAY** in the Narthex. Please consider the power of prayer and how you can have an amazing spiritual impact in the lives of those freed from bondage! Come visit the table after worship!

*Assurance of Pardon:

Psalm 139:7-10

"Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take on the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast." Here the good news: Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us, and for those in Christ, there is nowhere in life or in death where he will not be with us. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Children's Message

[Children may come forward and be seated on an "X" in the first two rows of pews.]

Period of Fellowship

*Hymn:

"Be Still, My Soul" (vs. 1,3)

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading:

Psalm 27

NRSV Bible

Special Music:

"Here I Am Lord"

Ric Thompson

New Testament Reading:

Luke 10:38-42

NRSV Bible

Sermon:

Forward from Believer to Disciple:
Be Together

Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn:

"I'd Rather Have Jesus" (vs. 1,2,3)

The Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

(See page 4 for words)

Offering

Offertory Music:

"How Great Thou Art"

JeHae Kim-Bixby
& Les Fraaza

[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

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

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 (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 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!

Worship Leader: Deb Tice

Slides: Abram Bouché

The HUB: Deb Wakefield

Acolytes: Will VanSlyke
and Elli Briggs

Elder Greeter: Luke Coenen

Greeter: Kay Storm

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Tom Scott
(Home)

Dee Jenkins
(Home)

Jim Burgener
(Home)

Cheryl Lenz
(St. Joseph's Marshfield)

Don Hawkins
(Home)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
9AM KID'S & YOUTH I.D. 10AM WORSHIP 11:15AM SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S. REVEAL	6:30PM SESSION	NOON WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	6PM YOUTH GROUP 6PM PRAYER MEETING
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
			9AM KID'S & YOUTH I.D. 10AM WORSHIP 4PM PARENT CLASS

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.