

## LIVE-STREAM

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## CULTIVATING MATURITY IN 5 SHIFTS: FROM WHOLE TO PART

Proverbs 13:20, 15:22, 27:17-19, 31:20-31  
& Hebrews 11:32-12:2

COVENANT COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 21, 2024

10AM SERVICE

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**Prelude:** "On Christ the Solid Rock" 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 14:20,25

*Brothers and sisters, do not be children in your thinking;  
Rather, be infants in evil, but in thinking be adults.*

*Then may the secrets of our hearts be disclosed, and may we together bow down before God and worship him, declaring,  
"God is really among us."*

**\*Hymn:** "For All the Saints" (vs. 1,3,4,5) #326

**\*Call to Confession:** Daniel 4:30  
*In the Book of Daniel, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon brags of his greatness, saying, "Is this not magnificent Babylon, which I have built as a royal capital by my mighty power and for my glorious majesty?" Swiftly, the king is rebuked by God for believing that the entire empire revolves around him. Though we are not kings, we share a similar worldview; and so we make this prayer of confession.*

**\*Prayer of Confession:**  
*Almighty God, we confess that this week, we made the mistake that only kings and emperors were foolish enough to make in the ancient world; we have lived and acted as though the world revolved around us. We are easily convinced, like the pagan emperors of old, that we are the main character in the story of our lives, and that others are merely playing supporting roles.*

*Forgive us for our warped worldview. Forgive us for thinking that everything, good or bad, is about us. Help us to see ourselves not as the whole story, but as part of your story.*

*(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)*

## BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — The men's Bible study is currently studying the book of Isaiah and meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 12pm, including *THIS* Tuesday, April 23.

**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](mailto:drew@covenantcommunitypc.org)) with any questions.

**BIBLE APP STUDY** — Join Jim Gates in reading the entire Bible this year in Chronological order using the Bible App by YouVersion. You can join at anytime! Just download the Bible App from the Apple Store or Google Play for free, and contact Jim Gates for the invitation.

## YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

**YOUTH GROUP** — Middle School Youth meet from 6-7:30pm, and High School Youth meet from 6:30-8pm on Wednesday nights. **This week is "Capture the Flag!" It's finally back! We'll play outside if possible, with all your favorite variations.**

**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 14 ATTENDANCE:

10AM In-Person Total: **225**

10AM Livestream Total: **74**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**"WHEN I'M GONE" IN FELLOWSHIP HALL** — We had a discussion at 9am this morning with experts pertaining to all aspects of end-of-life decisions. We were blessed to have Ashley Hawley (Ruder Ware), Shannon Dunn (Brainard Funeral Home), Scott Muchinske (Edward Jones), and Jim Gates to discuss topics such as estate planning, funeral preparations, and more. *If you were not able to attend, or did not have all your questions answered, stop by the Fellowship Hall after the 10am service to speak one-on-one with our expert guests!*

**ENDOWMENT CELEBRATION TACO MEAL** — To celebrate the milestone of reaching \$150,000 in the CCPC Endowment Fund, the committee would like to serve a taco meal on Sunday, May 5 at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a wonderful meal recognizing the importance of CCPC's future and legacy!

**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 following the 11am worship (12pm) on Sunday, May 5. Snacks and childcare will be made available. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) or Raissa Dupuis (raissa@covenantcommunitypc.org) to RSVP.

**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 *THIS* 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 tables across from The Hub or contact Dave and Sara Farrar at 715-846-8838 or farrara1dave@frontier.com.

### \*Assurance of Pardon:

Psalm 103:15-18

*"As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone. But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments." Believe the good news – through the steadfast love of the LORD, we are saved, and we are part of Something everlasting. Thanks be to God!*

**Amen!**

### \*Gloria Patri

### Children's Message

### Period of Fellowship

\*Hymn: "God, Be the Love to Search & Keep Me" (vs. 1,2,5) #543

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**Old Testament Reading:** Proverbs 13:20,15:22, 27:17-19,31:20-31 Page 596

**Special Music:** "Desert Road" Kent & Deb Perrin

**New Testament Reading:** Hebrews 11:32-12:2 Page 226

**Sermon:** "Cultivating Maturity in 5 Shifts: From Whole to Part" Jim Gates

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Hymn: "Fight the Good Fight" (vs. 1,4) #846

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

**Ministry Celebration:** CCPC Dartball Team

### Offering

**Offertory Music:** "Knowing You, Jesus" Les Fraaza & Marcy Fehrman

### \*Doxology

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction: "Go to the World!" (vs. 3) #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:** Jaelyn & Kenna Nelson

**Elder Greeters:** Julie Nelson  
& Julie Trebus

**Greeters:** Jesse Lawton & Tracy Jaeck

**The Hub:** Deb Wakefield

**Livestream:** Derek Nelson

**Slides:** Josh Werner

**Usher Lead:** Bobby Dupuis

**Gatekeeper:** Brian Haack

## 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**  
(Stone Crest)

**Joyce Michna**  
(Fond du Lac)

**Howie Pries**  
(Pride TLC)

## THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<b>TODAY</b>		<b>MONDAY</b>		<b>TUESDAY</b>		<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
8:30AM	BAND REHEARSAL	1:30PM	BOOK CLUB	12PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	3PM	FOOD PANTRY
9AM	"WHEN I'M GONE"			6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	KIDS LIFE
9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION					6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
10AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP					6:30PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
11AM	PRAISE WORSHIP					7PM	CHOIR PRACTICE
<b>THURSDAY</b>		<b>FRIDAY</b>		<b>SATURDAY</b>		<b>SUNDAY</b>	
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD			9AM	CHURCH SPRING CLEANING	8:30AM	BAND REHEARSAL
						9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION
						10AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
						11AM	PRAISE WORSHIP

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