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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH, 2022 - 10 A.M.

VISION OF THE END CHURCH: PATIENT ENDURANCE

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Majesty" JeHae Kim-Bixby

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 to me 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:** "Christ is Risen, Shout Hosanna" (vs. 1,2,3) #248

***Call to Confession:** Revelation 14:12

"Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and hold fast to the faith of Jesus." We are called to the same patient endurance and faith today. Though we sometimes stumble, the Lord draws near to us in our confession and is ever ready to forgive. Therefore, let us pray.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Father, we struggle with patience. We know you are always working, but we are often frustrated with the speed at which you work. You are working for our good in all things, but enduring the trials of this world can make it difficult to see your plan of redemption.

Forgive us for our easily exhausted faith. Set us again upon the rock of Jesus, so that we can stand secure with you, whatever storms may come.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

fellowship! We will need donations of food, charcoal, paper plates, and more; as well as outdoor games for all to enjoy. Contact Kari Kufahl (kari.kufahl@gmail.com) with any questions and sign up to take part at the Hub.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

ADULT L.I.F.E. - APOLOGETICS — Continuing *THIS* Wednesday, April 27, our Adult L.I.F.E. course is covering logical arguments for components of our faith, known as Apologetics. Join us from 6-7pm to participate in the discussion! Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

NO FAITH AND FITNESS THIS WEEK — The Faith and Fitness group will not be meeting *THIS* Thursday, April 28, but will resume gathering for exercise and devotionals at 4:30pm on May 5. Note that Faith and Fitness will pause during the summer months and resume once again in September. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Tice (debtice77@yahoo.com).

GOLDEN AGERS RETREAT — If you are interested in attending a "Golden Agers Day" at Camp Forest Springs on April 26 from 9am-2:30pm, go to www.forestsprings.us, or contact Jess Wakefield (jdseed41@gmail.com).

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 provided below, or call the church for help anytime. We continue in the Books of History *TODAY*, with 2 Kings 4-6 (tomorrow is a catch up day). Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

SALT & LIGHT YOUTH GROUP — Students who are in 6th through 8th grades gather on Wednesdays at 6pm, including *THIS* week, April 27) for Salt & Light Youth Group, with 9th through 12th graders meeting on Sunday nights (including *TONIGHT*).

KID'S I.D. & KID'S L.I.F.E. — Kid's I.D. (Sundays at 9am) and L.I.F.E. (Wednesdays at 6pm) help connect the dots of what is being taught, why it matters to God, and what we can do about it. Join us for special times of God's Word, activities, and fun with friends.

PARENTING THROUGH THE PHASES — We are excited to provide a wonderful three-day small group experience for parents entitled, "Parenting Through the Phases" this summer during VBS. Drop your kids off and join us from 6:15-7:15pm from June 27 through June 29 for a conversation about parenting through the many phases from birth to high school graduation. Go to www.covenantcommunitypc.org/kids-ministry (the same button as VBS registration) to sign up.

VBS 2022 — Mark your calendars for CCPC Kids Ministry's Vacation Bible School 2022! Join us *Sunday, June 26 through Thursday, June 30 from 6-8pm* for loads of fun, education, snacks, and most importantly... learning about God's Word and His amazing gift of salvation! This year's theme is "Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness." Go to www.covenantcommunitypc.org/kids-ministry to register your kiddos. You can also see today's Connection Card for opportunities to serve our children.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP MUSIC TEAM— CCPC is excited to begin a new contemporary worship service that will take place Sundays at 6pm, beginning September 11. In preparation for this new service, we have hired Contemporary Music Director Orlando diValentin and will be using the summer to recruit musicians/singers to begin rehearsals. If you are interested in being a part of this music team, see today's Connection Card or contact Orlando at orlando@covenantcommunitypc.org.

MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE— CCPC's only remaining debt to the bank is on our line of credit - the remaining expenses on our Bouldin Hall renovation project. To date, we owe just under \$50,000. We are excited to announce that we have received another matching gift - dollar for dollar up to \$25,000! If met, this will finish off our line of credit. To donate towards this match, you can simply write "Match" on your check or give on our website. **WE HAVE UNTIL NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 1 TO REACH THIS GOAL!**

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.

FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW — CCPC will be hosting a car show in our parking lot on Sunday, June 19th (Father's Day) following service. Join us and invite your family and friends to enjoy up to 85 cars, as well as food provided by the CCPC Softball Team to help raise money for their season. Many of the cars on display are provided by the "Wisconsin Road Knights" auto club, but we invite ANYONE to bring their car to show as well. We will have voting and prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd best in show.

MISSIONS

FUNERAL LUNCHEON VOLUNTEERS — CCPC is looking to grow our funeral luncheon volunteer team to assist with setup and serving food for guests after the service. We are looking for two teams of 7-8 people. If you are interested in helping, please signup at the Hub, or contact Tom Daman (tdaman62@gmail.com) or Bev Werner (blw.cats@gmail.com).

NO DONATIONS FOR CARE CLOSET — The Missions Committee has agreed to temporarily suspend the Care Closet operations as they plan for the future of the ministry. We will not be accepting donations. If clothes are left at the church, they will be disposed of.

CCPC SERVICE DAY — The CCPC Missions Committee is hosting a Service Day, here at the church, on Saturday, June 11 from 9am to 12pm. We would love for this to be a day of spring cleaning here at our building, which will include tasks for ALL ages (we would LOVE to see kids and youth here to help with the adults). Save the date and come help us spruce up our amazing facilities! More details to come!

COOKOUT FOR BRIDGE STREET MISSION — The CCPC Mission Committee will be hosting a cook out at Marathon Park (shelter #1) on Friday, June 18 from 5-7:30pm, through the Bridge Street Mission. We are looking for up to 20 people to help bring hope to the homeless on that day by filling bellies and engaging in

***Assurance of Pardon:** Psalm 40:9-10
David writes, "I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation ... I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation." We know even more fully the story of salvation thanks to the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus. Thanks be to him! **Amen.**

***Gloria Patri**

The Sacrament of Baptism

Today we celebrate the baptisms of Daphne Ann Prazuch, daughter of David and Dana Prazuch, and Silas Kevin Schmitt, son of Ryan Schmitt and Megan Nowinsky.

***Hymn:** "Jesus Loves Me" (vs. 1) #188

Children's Message:

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

Period of Fellowship

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

O.T. Reading: Psalm 40 Page 513

Special Music: "It is Finished" Herb Westlund

N.T. Reading: Revelation 1:9, 2:2-3, 2:19, 3:10, 13:9-10, 14:12-13 Page 245

Sermon: Vision of the End Church: Patient Endurance Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer See Page 4

Offering

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

***Doxology**

The Sacrament of Baptism for David Brian Farrar

Welcome of New Members

***Affirmation of Faith:** Apostles Creed (See Page 4)

***Welcome Song:** "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" (vs. 1) #306

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction:** "The Day of Resurrection" (vs. 3) #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 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

Acolytes: Abby Wensel &
Allie VanSlyke

Elder Greeter: Bob Warner &
Julie Trebus

The Hub: Deb Wakefield

Gatekeeper: Larry Geurink

Live Stream: Jared Fuls

Slides: Michelle Zblewski

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)

Stella Lamping
(Home)

Stanley Zyduck
(Home)

Joyce Michna
(Fond du Lac)

Cheryl Lenz
(Colonial Center in Colby)

Don Hawkins
(Home)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
9AM	I.D.	6PM	BOOK CLUB	7PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	1PM	RETIRED SINGLES SMALL GROUP
9AM	"MIDDLE" SINGLES SMALL GROUP					6PM	KID'S/ADULT L.I.F.E.
10AM	WORSHIP					6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
11:15AM	WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP					6PM	KID'S/BELL CHOIR
6PM	HS YOUTH GROUP					7PM	CHOIR PRACTICE
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					9AM	I.D.
						9AM	SINGLES SMALL GROUP
						10AM	WORSHIP
						6PM	WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP
						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.