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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...

Changing lives forever!



SUNDAY, APRIL 25TH, 2021 - 10 A.M.

FORWARD FROM BELIEVER
TO DISCIPLE:
BE LIKE

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Happy Day Medley" 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: "All Hail the Power" Men of Praise

Call to Worship: Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God also highly exalted him

And gave him the name that is above every name,

So that at the name of Jesus, every knee would bend

In heaven and on earth and under the earth,

And every tongue should confess

That Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

***Hymns:** "My Life is in You Lord"

***Call to Confession:** 1 John 2:5b-6

John writes to us, saying, "Whoever says, 'I have come to know God,' but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist. But whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him: whoever says, 'I abide in him,' ought to walk just as he walked." Let us pray.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord Jesus, this week we have not always walked just as you walked; we have not always loved as you loved, or served as you served. We know you, and yet have also been disobedient. Have mercy on us.

Wash us clean again, and strengthen us, Holy Spirit, that we might truly be like Christ. Help us to obey your word, walk like you walked, and may the love of God reach perfection in us.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

***Assurance of Pardon:** Acts 2:37-39

"Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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! You can register online to volunteer or request work at

<https://covenantcommunitypc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/834548>

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

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—The men's study continues in the Book of Hebrews *THIS* Tuesday, April 27 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 28 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 *TOMORROW*, 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

CHRIST & LIFE PARENT CLASS TODAY—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) *TODAY* from 4-5pm, for "Christ and Life: Priorities and Balance in the Christian Home." This will be in person, as well as Zoom (*Meeting I.D. Number: 830 2281 1138 Passcode: 396305*).

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 28. 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

NEW SUNDAY MORNING SEATING—Beginning *TODAY*, the "piano side" of the sanctuary will continue to be every other pew (all those labeled with red), while the "organ side" will have every pew open for seating. If you would like to keep more distance between yourself and others, we invite you to sit on the "piano side." If you have received your vaccine, or simply feel more comfortable being closer to others, please sit anywhere you'd like on the "organ side." Please see an greeter or HUB attendant if you have any questions.

KID'S AND ADULT SPRING L.I.F.E.—Our Spring L.I.F.E. (Living In Faith Everyday) session is quickly approaching (every Wednesday in May at 6pm)! 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. Please register your kids at (no adult registration): <https://covenantcommunitypc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/834466>

COVENANT CONVERSATIONS PODCAST—Covenant Conversations podcast with Dan Frost, Episode 2, is now available! As we dive into the "Christ and Life" parent class taking place *TODAY* at 4pm, the conversation of balancing the chaos of everyday life with the necessity of being Christ-centered continues in this conversation with Brian Aaby. Join the conversation 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 BIRTHDAY DONATIONS—Have someone special in your life that is celebrating a birthday? Donate a gift to our endowment fund in their honor! We have hardcopy cards in the church office that you can personalize and give to them in recognition after your donation is made. You can also go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/endowment> to pay and print off a digital version that you can give after the gift has been donated. Celebrate others while contributing to the future of our church!

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. 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 view the table and sign up out in the Narthex. You can also visit <https://damascusroadproject.org/> to learn how you can be a spiritual partner for these women.

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

For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." 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:** "O God, You Are My God" (x2) #743

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Leviticus 21:1-8 NRSV Bible

Special Music: "Victory in Jesus" Men of Praise

New Testament Reading: Philippians 2:1-11 NRSV Bible

Sermon: Forward from Believer to Disciple: Be Like Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" (vs. 1,2,3) #727

The Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer (See page 4 for words)

Offering

Offertory Music: "Just a Closer Walk" Marcy Fehrman & 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**

Welcome New Members:

Cathy Evans - Cathy was born and raised in Wausau and is retired after serving many years as the manager of the gift shop at Wausau Hospital. She has two daughters, Melissa (who lives in Colorado) and Megan (married to Drew Bouché). Cathy has one grandson of whom she is very proud!

Mary Towle - Mary grew up in Port Edwards, WI, but has lived in Wausau ever since attending NTC after high school. She was married to Archie Towle, who passed away in 2000, and they had one daughter together, Kim, who lives in Wausau. Since retirement, Mary enjoys traveling, watching sports on TV, and spending time at a cottage she share's with her brothers.

***Affirmation of Faith:** (See page 4 for words)

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

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction:** "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" (vs. 5) #727

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

Do you believe in God, the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe 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.

Do you believe in the Holy Ghost?

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: Jared Fuls

The HUB: Deb Wakefield

Acolytes: Connor & Grant
Knoepke

Greeters: Sue Taylor, Kay Storm,
Tom & Carol Anklam

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. | 6:30PM | BOOK CLUB | NOON | MEN'S BIBLE STUDY | 3PM | FOOD PANTRY |
| 10AM | WORSHIP | | | | | 6PM | YOUTH GROUP |
| 4PM | PARENT CLASS | | | | | 6PM | PRAYER MEETING |
| <u>THURSDAY</u> | | <u>FRIDAY</u> | | <u>SATURDAY</u> | | <u>SUNDAY</u> | |
| | | | | | | 9AM | KID'S & YOUTH I.D. |
| | | | | | | 10AM | WORSHIP |

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.