



COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



— PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2020 - 10:00 A.M. —

ON THE ROAD AGAIN:
KNOWING &
BEING KNOWN

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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Gathering Around the Word

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

This year we will read through the Book of Acts together, considering how the story of the early church might shape and guide our own congregation's story. Like Acts itself, we are Unfinished. Study this week's Acts passage and note the additional readings for the week at www.covenantcommunitypc.org/unfinished-sermon-series.

Welcome:

***Hymn:** "All Glory, Laud and Honor" #196

*Call to Confession:

As Jesus enters Jerusalem, he weeps over the city, saying, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes ... you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you." We recognized that we have not looked exclusively to Jesus for our peace this week, nor have we watched faithfully for the time of God's coming. With repentant hearts, we bow our heads together and make our prayer of confession.

*Prayer of Confession:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us, for we are sinners. We have been content to know about you without seeking to truly know you. Even this week, we have forgotten that you, and you alone, are the source of our peace and our life. We have spoken when we should have been silent, and we have been silent when even rocks would cry out to testify to you.

Find us on the road again today, so that we might lay our cloaks and our lives at your feet. Holy Spirit, come and fill us again as you have done since our baptisms; equip us to know you, O God, and be known by you. Then may we live always in readiness for the time of your coming, Jesus, O Lord of all Lords, and King of all Kings.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

***Assurance of Pardon:** Luke 19:37-38

Scripture tells us, "When Jesus came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!' 'Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'" Christ has gained the victory; Christ has redeemed us from every sin; Christ has secured for us peace in heaven. Christ is the King. Thanks be to God! **Amen!**

Children's Message Period of Fellowship

Amanda Fuls
Video Greetings

Proclaiming the Word

New Testament:	Acts 18:24-19:20	NRSV Bible
Gospel Reading:	Luke 19:28-44	NRSV Bible
Sermon:	On The Road Again: Knowing and Being Known	Jim Gates

Responding to the Word

***Hymn:** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" #197

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Please have your bread and juice available at this time. You can utilize "sacred substitutes" at your discretion (remember that Jesus turned water into wine anyway).

The Invitation to the Lord's Table and Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration and 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.

Sharing of the Elements

We celebrate "Open Communion" at CCPC which means ALL baptized believers here today are welcome to share in our Lord's Feast.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering

Offertory Music: "God of the Harvest" Barb & Jay St. Clair
Connection Card and giving are available on the live stream web page.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Announcements

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "O God, You Are My God" #743

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCPC BUILDING CLOSED—Due to the Governor's executive order to close all non-essential businesses, the church building will be closed for the foreseeable future. However, our staff is still working and available! You can contact us via email (go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/staff> for all of our contacts) or on our personal phones.

COMMUNION IN YOUR HOME!—For today's service, Maundy Thursday (April 9), and Easter Sunday (April 12), we will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion. To participate in Communion at any or all of these services, you will need to purchase grape juice and bread! Since we don't drink a lot of juice for communion, one bottle should be more than sufficient per family. Any kind of grape juice or bread will work. Please have your juice and bread ready and available when you tune in to each of those services! We will explain what to do at the beginning of each worship time.

If you are not shopping for groceries this week, you can utilize "sacred substitutes" at your discretion (remember that Jesus turned water into wine anyway). More important than purchasing specific elements for the service is remaining safe and keeping others safe.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES—Join us on our live-stream next week for our Maundy Thursday service at 6:30pm. This service will include communion, so be prepared with grape juice and bread. Then, tune in again on Friday, April 10, for our Good Friday service at 6:30pm. If possible, plan to worship in a space where you can darken the room. More to follow next week on each of these special services!

LIVE STREAM GREETINGS!—The unfortunate reality of this season of adaptation is that we cannot physically come together, see the smiles of our brothers and sisters in Christ, and embrace each other with a hug or handshake. Our Sunday mornings are for the worship of the Most High, but it also is for the relationships we've been blessed with in our faith family.

Though there is nothing that compares to being together, we want to create a sense of community through our live stream service. We invite everyone to send a 10-second or shorter video greeting from yourself, or your entire family. Every Sunday morning during the worship live stream, we will play a handful of these greetings for all to see! Please go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/share-greeting> for more information and say hello to our faith family!

ONLINE GIVING—Please consider continuing your regular giving online by going to clicking on the button below the live stream window. When you give, you can choose to make a one time donation, or setup a reoccurring gift.

Online giving options include either ACH Bank Transfer (also known as e-checks) or with a debit or credit card. You can also give via Apple Pay - a more secure means of online giving than the traditional credit card method.

As a member or regular visitor, you are already in our database. So, when you give online, please enter your individual first and last name (i.e. Jim Gates, not Jim and Krista Gates). This will allow the computer to automatically match your gift with your profile.

You can also choose to log in to see your donation history or your reoccurring gifts. Just click the smiley face emoji on the top right hand corner of the giving

page, and select "log in." Enter your cell phone and the system will send you back a 6-digit code to confirm your identity. Enter that code and then you have access to your personal giving history and previous donation methods (i.e. a saved bank account for ACH transfer).

If you have any questions or hit any snags in giving, please contact the church office, John Jacobs (john@covenantcommunitypc.org), or Jim Gates (jjim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

USING ZOOM TO GATHER ONLINE—During this time of disconnect due to Covid-19, CCPC will be utilizing Zoom for a large portion of our online discipleship, as well as important meetings.

From Wednesday night Youth Group and Sunday I.D. lessons to important meetings, Zoom will allow our congregation to connect live and face-to-face, while following the social guidelines set in place by our government. CCPC staff will be coordinating these gatherings/meetings, making attendance as simple as a few steps for those participating. Please go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/using-zoom> to get all the information!

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

YOUTH GROUP VIA ZOOM—All students grades 6th-12th grade are invited to join us online, using Zoom, *THIS* coming Wednesday at 6pm. There will be more information to come via emails and texts, so be on the lookout! If you would like to see video messages from previous weeks, please go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/youth-group>. If you have any questions, contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org).

YOUTH I.D. VIA ZOOM—All of our 6th-8th graders are invited to join us via Zoom for I.D. (Institute of Discipleship) every Sunday at 9am. Be on the lookout for email invitations and text messages! If you have any questions about how your student can participate, please contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org).

KID'S I.D. VIA ZOOM—Kid's I.D. (Institute of Discipleship) will continue to take place every Sunday morning at 9am using Zoom! Parents, make sure you check your email and pay attention to text messages related to this virtual class. If you have any questions about how your kids can participate, contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org).

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday	6:30 p.m.	Deacon's Meeting via Zoom CE Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Young Adult Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Salt & Light Youth Group via Zoom
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Live-Stream
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Good Friday Live-Stream
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Kid's I.D. via Zoom Youth I.D. via Zoom
	10:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Live-Stream

LIVE STREAM PARTICIPATION

Worship Leader: Stephanie Finamore