

## LIVE-STREAM

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## CULTIVATING MATURITY IN 5 SHIFTS: FROM EASE TO DIFFICULTY

Proverbs 6:6-11, 13:4, 14:23, 20:4, 26:11-6  
& Colossians 1:24-29

COVENANT COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 7, 2024

10AM SERVICE

# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**Prelude:** "Because He Lives" 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?*

## Welcome

### Lighting of the Candles

**\*Call to Worship:** Ephesians 4:11-13

*The gifts that Christ gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,*

**To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,**

*Until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, To maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.*

**\*Hymn:** "Come! Live in the Light!" (vs. 1,2,3) #749

**\*Call to Confession:** Ephesians 4:14

*Paul continues, "We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their deceitfulness and scheming." But we have not always aimed for spiritual maturity. We have valued ease and comfort over the hard work of spiritual growth. Recognizing our shortcomings, we make together this prayer of confession.*

### \*Prayer of Confession:

**Father God, we are and will always be your children. Yet you call us into spiritual adulthood, so that we can partner with you in building up the body of Christ and expanding your kingdom.**

**Too often, we have been lazy in our devotion to you, and lazy in our efforts for your kingdom. We have embraced spiritual immaturity. Forgive us. Holy Spirit, cultivate in us a desire to grow into the measure of the full stature of Christ.**

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

**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.

**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.

## 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 "Bigger and Better." Be at church a bit early for this around-the-town scavenger hunt. What can you get for a penny?**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH LOCK-IN** — It's time for an age-old tradition for our youth, which includes taking over the church building and staying up way too late! The Middle School (6th-8th) Youth Ministry lock-in will be on April 19-20, with drop off at 7pm and pickup at 8am. We'll have adventures in Wausau and great fellowship. Please let us know that you will be attending by signing up at The Hub.

**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."

## 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**

### EASTER SUNDAY ATTENDANCE:

8AM In-Person Total: **105**

8AM Livestream Total: **20**

10AM In-Person Total: **364**

10AM Livestream Total: **118**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S. REVEAL PARTY** — All Jr. and Secret Agents (and families) are invited to a special, top-secret reveal party *NEXT* Sunday, April 14 at 12pm in the Activity Room downstairs. Come and be with us for snacks, fellowship, and the all-important reveal of who the kid's Secret Agents are! Jr. Agents that are able to identify the correct person will be in the running for a gift basket. Please RSVP to Raissa Dupuis ([raissa@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:raissa@covenantcommunitypc.org)).

**"WHEN I'M GONE" EVENT** — Join us Sunday, April 21 for an important morning of information and expertise pertaining to all aspects of end-of-life decisions. At 9am, we will have panel discussion with professionals in areas such as estate planning, funeral preparations, and more. You will have an opportunity to visit booths and talk to the experts in the Fellowship Hall after worship. This is a great event for adults of *ALL AGES*. **Terry and Colleen Geurink have generously offered to donate \$1,000 to the endowment fund if we can get 50 people to attend the event at 9am!**

**GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2024** — CCPC is thrilled to be a simulcast host of the 2024 Global Leadership Summit, August 8-9. This amazing 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! To learn more about early-bird pricing, and more, 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](mailto: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 on 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 The Hub or contact Dave and Sara Farrar at 715-846-8838 or [farrara1dave@frontier.com](mailto:farrara1dave@frontier.com).

## 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 9.

### \*Assurance of Pardon:

Jesus says, "My Father is still working, and I also am working." Believe the good news! Jesus never ceases in his work of salvation and intercession for us. Thanks to his death, resurrection, and ongoing intervention, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

**Amen!**

### \*Gloria Patri

**Children's Message**

**Period of Fellowship**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

<b>Old Testament Reading:</b>	Proverbs 6:6-11, 13:4, 14:23, 20:4, 26:11-6	Page 589
<b>Special Music:</b>	"King Jesus Is Arisen"	Glory Singers
<b>New Testament Reading:</b>	Colossians 1:24-29	Page 200
<b>Sermon:</b>	"Cultivating Maturity in 5 Shifts: From Ease to Difficulty"	Jim Gates

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*Hymn:** "Lift High the Cross" (vs. 1,3,4) #826

**The Sacrament of Communion**

**Ministry Celebration:** Mission Starfish Haiti

**Offering**

**Offertory Music:** "Trumpet Fanfare" Les Fraaza

**\*Doxology**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction:** "Go to the World!" (vs. 1) #295

**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.
- † 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:** Stephanie Finamore

**The Hub:** Dianne Abel

**Acolytes:** Piper Dupuis & Sophia Haulotte

**Livestream:** Craig Spangler

**Elder Greeters:** Lynda Reis

**Slides:** Derrick Nelson

& Shelby Waraksa

**Usher Lead:** Jesse Lawton

**Greeters:** Ally Evans & Beth Kohnert

**Gatekeeper:** Scott Doescher

## 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**

**Joyce Michna**  
(Fond du Lac)

**Howie Pries**  
(Pride TLC)

## THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
8:30AM	BAND REHEARSAL			12PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	3PM	FOOD PANTRY
9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION			6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE
10AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP					6PM	KIDS LIFE
11AM	PRAISE WORSHIP					6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
11:15AM	WOMEN'S STUDY					6:30PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
						7PM	CHOIR PRACTICE
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
10AM	CRAFT GROUP					8:30AM	BAND REHEARSAL
12PM	LUNCH BUNCH					9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					10AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
						11AM	PRAISE WORSHIP
						12PM	SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S. REVEAL PARTY

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