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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...

Changing lives forever!



SENIOR SUNDAY, MAY 23RD, 2021 - 10 A.M.

FORWARD!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Song of the Spirit" 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:

Call to Worship:

Philippians 3:13-14

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own;

But this one thing I do:

*Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.*

***Hymns:** "Standing on the Promises" (vs. 1,2,4.) #838

***Call to Confession:**

Our world instructs us to retreat from our confidence, our faith, our hope, and our love. But God calls us to "strain forward to what lies ahead." This week we have struggled to ignore the voices calling us to move backwards from God. Let us therefore offer our prayer of confession, so that we might move forward, together.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord Jesus, throughout the pandemic, our common refrain and deep desire has been to go back to normal. But going backwards takes us back to our mistakes, back to our painful history, back to our old habits. Like the Israelites in the wilderness, we are sometimes so frightened about what is before us that we forget how far we have come, and how much you have already done.

Grant us the ability to forget what lies behind, and to strain forward to your coming kingdom, even when that seems more like a raging sea than dry ground. Show us who we are to become in You, and grant us the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER—Pick up a Baby Bottle in the Narthex TODAY, fill it with change, cash or checks, and return it to CCPC by NEXT Sunday, May 30! All donations will support our local Crisis Pregnancy Center. You can also make a donation online via the website to help these moms and moms-to-be!

FUNERAL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—If you would like to help honor God and comfort those who mourn, join us in serving as part of the Funeral Ministry! This ministry includes members who carry out a variety of tasks during Celebrations of Life, including serving meals as Team Leaders, Team Callers, Workers, Food Donors, and Clean Up Crew. We are blessed to have Carol Anklam heading up these teams. If you have already been involved, or wish to become involved, **we invite you to come to a meeting TODAY immediately following service in Bouldin Hall.** If you are unable to attend, please reach out to Carol Anklam (715-446-2062) to let her know of your interest.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—The men's study continues in the Book of Hebrews THIS Tuesday, May 25 at noon. All are welcome to join us in person or via Zoom on Tuesdays. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) for the Zoom information.

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

KIDS & YOUTH I.D. ENDS FOR THE SUMMER—TODAY, May 23, is the last day that we will be having our 9am Youth and Kid's I.D. classes before the summer months. We of course look forward to starting them up again this fall!

SAVE-THE-DATES: KID'S MINISTRY—Families are beginning to plan their summer schedule, so make sure to save-the-dates (subject to some change if necessary) for ART Nights at CCPC on June 9th and 16th, as well as an Escape Room Night, right here at the church on June 30th from 6-7pm. **INVITE FRIENDS!** Don't forget about VBS 2021 taking place in the evenings from August 2nd to the 5th. Also, FaithLab 2.0 will be available for families looking for an online option available from June to August. Contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS—Are your kids excited to be attending a Bible Camp this summer? We love that our children will have places to go and have fun, explore, build relationships, and most importantly, grow in their walk with Christ. Alas, camps can be expensive... so CCPC would like to help! Go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/summer-camps> to learn more about places to send your kids, as well as an opportunity to have \$50 from the church go towards the cost! Make your kids spiritual growth a priority this summer and let us help make it happen!

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, May 26. We will be wearing masks and social distancing. Contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

OTHER PROGRAMMING DATES FOR MAY & JUNE

- New Member Sunday - **May 30**
- Confirmation Sunday - **June 13**
- Ordination Sunday - **June 6**
- Invitation Sunday (Father's Day) - **June 20**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATION MEETING—We will be having a Congregational Meeting following worship *NEXT* Sunday, May 30 for the purpose of voting for Deacons. All members are welcome to join us!

KID'S AND ADULT SPRING L.I.F.E.—Spring L.I.F.E. (Living In Faith Everyday) session concludes *THIS* Wednesday, May 26 at 6pm. Kid's L.I.F.E. is outside and is 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.**" Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) for online information, and Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) for questions pertaining to Kid's L.I.F.E.

SCRIP TABLE RESUMES WEEKLY! NEW LOCATION!—We are happy to announce that the Scrip Committee will be available in person *EVERY* Sunday! Be sure to stop by and check our Quick Pick inventory or to pick up an order form. **We are now located behind the counter next to the name tags!** If you have any questions, please contact Ken Zblewski (715-393-5885) or Kate Lillie (715-581-9666).

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE TOGETHER—Our Journey through Scripture continues as we are now reading The Book of Romans (as of today we are in chapter 13). On May 27, we begin reading through 1 and 2 Corinthians. Links will be sent via the weekly email!

COVENANT CONVERSATIONS PODCAST - NEW EPISODE!—Covenant Conversations podcast with Dan Frost, Episode 4, is now available! Dan discusses "Disciple-Making Parents" with speaker, author, and executive director of The Apollos Project, Chap Bettis. Join the conversation on our website or these popular platforms: **Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Stitcher, Podbean, Amazon Music, and our YouTube channel: CCPC Productions.**

CCPC CONTENT AND INFORMATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA!—Looking to stay connected and find content for all things CCPC?! Along with Facebook, you'll find us on Instagram... as well as our YouTube channels where you can find sermons (including our live stream on Sunday mornings), classes, children's content, and more! Follow us on Instagram, like us on Facebook, and subscribe to our YouTube channels by going to the links below:

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CCPC Instagram - www.instagram.com/ccpcschfld/

Kid's Ministry Instagram - www.instagram.com/covenantcommunitypc_kids/

CCPC YouTube Channel - "CCPC Productions"

Kid's Ministry YouTube Channel - "CCPC Kids Ministry"

MISSIONS

CAR RIDES TO COVENANT—If you are in need of a ride to church on Sunday mornings, or know someone in need, please contact Bill Rhodes at 715-803-0025 or billrhodes6514@gmail.com. You can also contact Bill if you are interested in being a driver.

*Assurance of Pardon:

Philippians 3:9

Believe the good news! We may "gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of our own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ." 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.]

Celebrating & Commissioning our Seniors

Period of Fellowship

*Hymn:

"Spirit Song" (See Slides)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading:	Exodus 14:10-18	Page 60
Special Music:	"Broken Vessels"	Caroline Kibler
New Testament Reading:	Acts 2:1-13	Page 119
Sermon:	Forward!	Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (vs. 1,2,4) #286

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

Offering

Offertory Music: "The Power of Your Love" Deb Perrin

[Connection Cards are in your bulletin. Please leave your gifts and Connection Cards in the plates as you leave today.]

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction: "Go to the World" (vs. 4) #295

Postlude: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" 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 (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 at (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

Greeters: Barb Smejkal &
Shirley Hodgdon

The HUB: Bob Warner

Elder Greeter: Jim Jackson

Slides: Michelle Zblewski

Acolytes: Paige Mathies

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 (SENIOR SUNDAY)			6PM YOUTH GROUP
			6PM KIDS & ADULT L.I.F.E.
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
			10AM WORSHIP (NEW MEMBER SUNDAY)
			11:15AM CONGREG. MEETING

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.