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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...

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SUNDAY, MAY 30TH, 2021 - 10 A.M.

WE THREE KINGS:
PRELUDE TO A KING

Prelude: "I Worship You Almighty God" JeHae Kim-Bixby

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

The three kings of the united kingdom of Israel – Saul, David, and Solomon – are fascinating, important, and deeply flawed spiritual leaders. You can read their stories in 1 Samuel 8 through 1 Kings 12. Why are these stories preserved by the Spirit in our Scriptures, and what can we learn about God and Christ through them?

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles:

Call to Worship: Psalm 47:6-8

*Sing praises to God, sing praises;
Sing praises to our King, sing praises.*

*For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.
God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.*

***Hymns:** "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above" (vs. 1,4,5) #41

***Call to Confession:** 1 Samuel 8:7

After the people of Israel asked for a human king "like other nations," "the LORD said to Samuel, 'listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.'" We have also rejected God's kingship over us this week, and so we gather in prayer together.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You reign in heaven, and we in the church are those who accept and honor You as our King on earth.

Yet like our ancestors, we question whether you are the King for us. We know the extraordinary benefits of living in your kingdom, but we want to keep our options open for other ways of living. We realize you are all-wise, yet we think that in some situations, we might know better than you. We prefer leaders we can see and touch to the guidance of your Spirit.

Forgive us for our arrogance and disloyalty. Forgive us for wanting to place others, or ourselves, on the thrones of our lives. Thank you for sending Jesus, the King who understands our failings, and who has already atoned for our sins. May we honor him with our lives today.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—The women's study continues in the Book of Hebrews *THIS* Tuesday, June 1 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.

BOOK CLUB—The next Book Club gathering will be an in-person event taking place Monday, June 28 at 6:30pm. Peggy Kamenick will host a discussion of "Learning to Swim" by Sara J. Henry. (Note: There is *NO* audio version of this book. It is available from Overdrive/Libby or in hard copy from inter-library loan. Our local libraries do not have copies. Request this title soon). Moving forward, the host will choose how she/he wishes to have the gathering; either in person, via Zoom, or some blend of these. All are welcome to join us!

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

FULLY-STAFFED NURSERY BEGINNING NEXT SUNDAY—As more folks continue to come back to in-person worship, we want to make sure that you have the support and space that you need to bring the entire family. To that end, our nursery will be fully staffed beginning *NEXT* Sunday, June 6! Volunteers will be wearing masks in the nursery, and we will continue cleaning all of the toys on a weekly basis!

SAVE-THE-DATES: KID'S MINISTRY—Families are beginning to plan their summer schedule, so make sure to save these important Kid's Ministry dates on your calendar! We will be having an Escape Room Night, right here at the church on July 8th 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, June 2. We will be wearing masks and social distancing. Contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

IMPORTANT PROGRAMMING DATES FOR JUNE & JULY

- Staffed Nursery Begins - **June 6**
- Ordination Sunday - **June 6**
- Confirmation Sunday - **June 13**
- Masks Optional Begins - **July 1**
- Kid's Escape Room - **July 8**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SCRIP TABLE IS OPEN 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 1 and 2 Corinthians (as of today we are in 1 Corinthians 4). This habit of daily personal devotions is critical for us, and only enhanced as we share our thoughts and reflections with each other. Download the Bible app from YouVersion, which is free and easy to find on the Apple or Google App stores. You can also skip the technology and dive in with your hardcopy Bible! See tomorrow's email for more information, or contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org)

COVENANT CONVERSATIONS PODCAST—Covenant Conversations podcast with Dan Frost, Episode 4, is available (along with all other episodes of course)! 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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Kid's Ministry Instagram - www.instagram.com/covenantcommunitypc_kids/
CCPC YouTube Channel - "CCPC Productions"
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MISSIONS

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER—Baby bottles filled with donations must be turned in to the basket on the table in the Narthex *TODAY!* You can also submit any donations by going to <https://covenantcommunitypc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/hope-life-center>. All donations will support our local Crisis Pregnancy Center. Let's support all of these moms and moms-to-be!

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:

John 18:37

Jesus, the King of Israel, says, "For this I was born, and for this I came into the world to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Believe the truth of the gospel; in Jesus Christ the King, we are forgiven! 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: "Rejoice, the Lord is King" (vs. 1,2) #363

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 8:1-22 Page 251

Special Music: "Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones" Charlie Lewis

New Testament Reading: John 18:33-38 Page 113

Sermon: Prelude to a King Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "Lead on, O King Eternal" #269

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

Offering

Offertory Music: "Great is the Lord" JeHae Kim-Bixby

*Doxology

Welcome of New Members

Joe Johnson & Jean Rustad-Johnson: Joe and Jean moved to Wausau in 1996 and returned in 2016 after a few years living in Boston. Joe was a counselor and mentor of youth for his entire career, while Jean has spent most of her professional years with Liberty Mutual. She grew up in Monona, WI and he was raised in the Mississippi Delta, the fourth generation removed from slavery (you can learn more about his background and personal story in his book, "Nobody: The Perseverance of a Sharecropper's Son"). Joe is a sports enthusiast, while Jean is a painter who has done work for schools, family, and friends. They have two grown children and one beautiful grandchild. Please join us in welcoming Joe and Jean to our CCPC family!

*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

Congregational Meeting

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!

The HUB: Terri Goldsworthy

Worship Leader: Deb Tice

Elder Greeter: Lori Kibler

Slides: Abram Bouché

Greeters: Jerry Trebus &
Judy Geurink

Acolytes: Ellie McCarron &
Izzabella Prescott

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>
10AM WORSHIP (NEW MEMBER SUNDAY) 11:15AM CONGREG. MEETING		NOON WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	6PM YOUTH GROUP
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
			10AM WORSHIP

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