

LIVE STREAMING

CCPC live streams 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.



COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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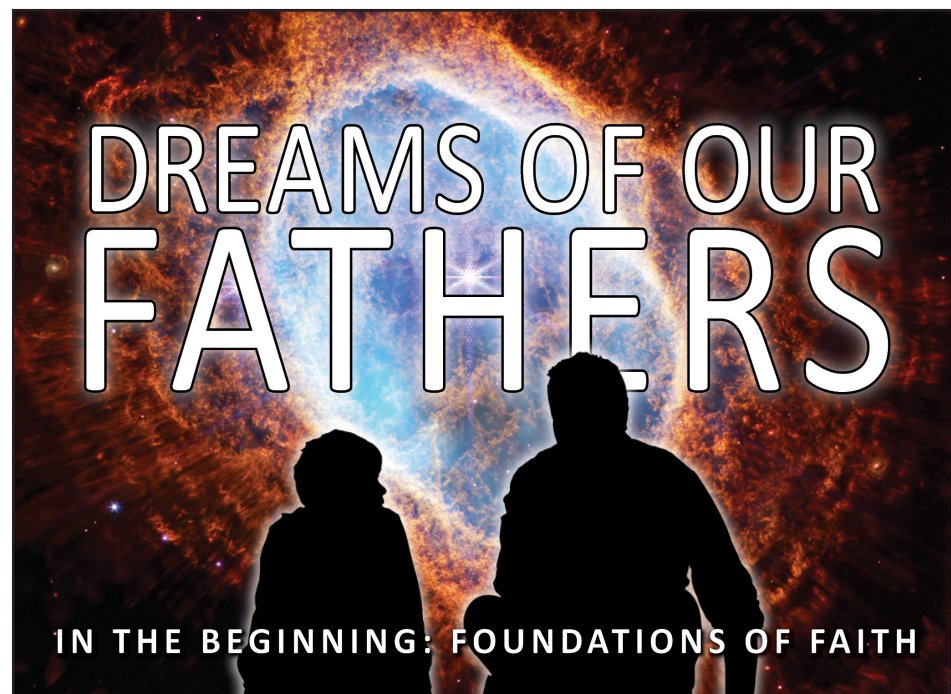
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SUNDAY, MAY 7TH, 2023 - 10 A.M.

DREAMS OF OUR FATHERS:
A BLESSING TO THE NATIONS

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" JeHae Kim-Bixby

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

The first words of the Bible are "in the beginning." We know that God was there at the beginning of all things; and that even today, God is the source of new beginnings. As we prepare for worship, consider where Christ has already been the source of blessing in your life, and in what parts of your life you hope the Spirit will inspire something new to spring forth.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles:

Call to Worship: Genesis 41:1-7

***Hymn:** "Fight the Good Fight" (vs. 1,2,3) #846

***Call to Confession:**

Every aspect of our life has relative value: a house is more valuable than a car, a marriage more valuable than a friendship, and so on. Sin comes when we elevate any aspect of our life above the relative value of knowing and following Christ. Whether or not we make this assessment consciously, we nevertheless drift away from God in those moments. Therefore, we gather to confess our sins to God.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord Jesus, forgive us for mis-valuing our lives. You have given us so many blessings, yet we sometimes fall in love with the gift rather than the Giver. May we, like Paul, regard everything as loss compared to the surpassing value of knowing you as Lord.

By your grace, may all our other blessings come together in our hearts and minds to enhance our love and devotion to the One who gave us everything – even life itself. Praise be to you, O Christ!

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

ADULT L.I.F.E. — Glenn and Barb Lamping are leading us in an Adult L.I.F.E. class every Wednesday through May 24 from 6-7pm. "This Is The Day" is an inspirational series from Tim Tebow, in which he shares stories from his life to show us what it means to act in God's glory. Join us in the Adult Education room downstairs.

FAITH & FITNESS — Just in time to get in shape for the summer, Faith & Fitness continues *THIS* Thursday, May 11 at 4:30pm in the Activity Room downstairs. This will take place every Thursday through May 25. Contact Deb Tice (debtice77@yahoo.com) with any questions.

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023 — As summer approaches and plans need to be made, mark your calendars for Sunday, June 25 through Thursday, June 29 from 6-8pm for CCPC's Vacation Bible School 2023! This year's theme will take the kids on a cosmic adventure in space with "Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light." Registration will be available on our website beginning May 14 for ages 3 through rising 5th graders. *We are looking for volunteers to help the week leading up to VBS... and the week of. There are lots of ways to be involved, including meal preparation, decorating, or even being a crew leader and escorting the kids from station to station.* Contact Kim Baumann at 715-302-0801 if you are interested.

KID'S MINISTRY PROGRAMMING — CCPC Kid's Ministry includes I.D. (Sunday mornings at 9am), Kid's Worship and "Wiggles" (during morning and evening services respectively), and Wednesday night L.I.F.E. at 6pm. We're continuing our journey through the life of Jesus in the Gospels. May's theme is "Heroic", a look at how Jesus is our hero and how he makes us heroes out of us too! *Note: I.D. for kids will have it's last day before the summer break on Sunday, May 21, while kids L.I.F.E. will end on May 24.*

CCPC YOUTH GROUP — Students who are in 6th through 8th grades gather on Wednesdays at 6pm (including this week) for CCPC Youth Group. All 9th-12th graders will meet Sunday evenings from 4pm-5:30pm, prior to our evening service, including *TONIGHT*. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions. *NOTE: Youth Group continues through the summer, so make Sunday and Wednesday evenings part of your plans. We will have a schedule of additional activities coming out in the next week or two.*

YOUTH BIBLE APP READING PLAN — CCPC Youth (6th-12th graders) are reading through the Gospel of Matthew. We are reading one chapter a day, and students (and their parents) are invited to join Jim Gates on the Bible app. Go to the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, and search for the Bible app (this is made by YouVersion), or go to www.bible.com. Contact Jim for the electronic invitation.

CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

THROUGH MARCH 2023:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$141,910**
Actual Operating Revenues: **\$134,143**
Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$153,548**
Actual Operating Expenses: **\$132,533**

APRIL 30 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **245**
AM Livestream Total: **94**
PM In-Person Total: **41**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOUSEKEEPING JOB OPENING— CCPC is looking for a detailed, self-motivated, strong Christian to fill the role of Housekeeper here at the church. This part-time (9 hours per week), hourly position will include cleaning duties throughout the building twice per week. Qualifications include excellent work ethic, experience in professional cleaning, and a servant's heart that is driven to communicate (in word and action) the church's objective of hospitality. To apply, please send your résumé to Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

FREE RIGHTNOW MEDIA ACCOUNT— We're excited to share that CCPC now has unlimited access to RightNow Media—the world's largest streaming library of Christian video content. You should have already received an email invitation for *FREE* access to RightNow Media. (If you haven't received it yet, be sure to check your spam or promotions folder.) To get started, simply click the link in that email (or go to <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/join/covenantcpc>), create your free account, and start browsing!

CCPC SOFTBALL TEAM— The CCPC Softball Team's summer season will be kicking off May 16 at The Kelly Club. If you would like to be a part of the team, please contact Dustin Vreeland (715-581-2703 or dvreelan@mtu.edu).

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER BEGINS TODAY— Every year, CCPC partners with Hope Life Center in Wausau to raise funds for their ministry. Join us *TODAY* through May 28 as we fill baby bottles with change, bills, or checks to help support mothers who are pregnant or have newborn babies. We have a table setup in the Narthex for you to pickup your bottles (make sure to write your name and number of bottles taken on the sheet provided), which you can then return to the church up through the 28th.

SERVING AT CCPC— Looking for a way that you can serve our church community on Sunday mornings and throughout the week? At this time there are opportunities as Nursery Attendants, VBS Helpers, and Leaders/Teachers for Kid's I.D. and L.I.F.E. beginning in September. Want to do something more "behind the scenes"? There are also opportunities for folks interested in doing the livestream camera and slides on Sunday morning, as well as the slides at our Sunday evening service. Please mark your interest on today's Connection Card.

THE HEARTS OF HOPE "PASTA & BOOK NIGHT" — We are so excited to be hosting our Hearts of Hope families and others on Tuesday, May 23 from 5-7pm for our Pasta & Book Night! We have been collecting thousands of new and gently used books to distribute to the children (toddler through high school) on that evening, along with a wonderful pasta meal! If you would like to volunteer for, or participate in the event, go to <https://vbspro.events/p/events/pasta-books> to sign up.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

MEN'S & WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY— Continuing this week through May 23, men and women (*TOGETHER*) meet on Tuesdays from 12pm-1pm. We are studying 2 Timothy in Bouldin Hall. All are invited to join us!

***Assurance of Pardon:** Philippians 3:8-9
Paul writes, "For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things ... in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith." We too receive the righteousness from God, and are forgiven for all our sins, when we place our faith in Jesus Christ. Thanks be to Him! **Amen.**

***Gloria Patri**

Children's Message

[Children may come forward and be seated on the stage.]

Period of Fellowship

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 41:8-57 Page 37

Special Music: "Thank God I Do" Jay St. Clair

New Testament Reading: Philippians 3:4-11 Page 198

Sermon: "Dreams of Our Fathers: A Blessing to the Nations" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "Lift High the Cross" (vs. 1,2,3) #826

The Sacrament of Communion

Offering

Offertory Music: "El Shaddai" JeHae Kim-Bixby

***Doxology**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction:** "Lift High the Cross" (vs. 4) #826

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 located across from the sanctuary
- † Activity bags for children are available in the Narthex.

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!

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| Worship Leader: Stephanie Finamore | The Hub: Terri Goldsworthy |
| Acolytes: Kenna Nelson
& Sophia Haulotte | Live Stream: Derek Nelson |
| Elder Greeter: Glenn Lamping
& Lynda Reis | Slides: Jack Dupuis |
| Greeters: Larry & Judy Geurink | Usher Lead: Jesse Lawton |
| | Fellowship: David & Sara Farrar |

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)
Stella Lamping
(Home)

Joyce Michna
(Fond du Lac)
Cheryl Lenz
(Colonial Center in Colby)

Mike Petterson
(Hospice House)
Jerry Pearson
(Home)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
9AM	I.D. CLASSES			12PM	MEN & WOMEN BIBLE STUDY	3PM	FOOD PANTRY
10AM	WORSHIP			6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	KID'S/ADULT L.I.F.E.
11:15AM	WOMEN'S SM. GRP.					6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL					6PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
4PM	HS YOUTH GROUP					7PM	ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE
6PM	WORSHIP						
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
12PM	OLD GUYS RULE AT PIZZA RANCH					9AM	I.D. CLASSES
12PM	LUNCH BUNCH					10AM	WORSHIP
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					11:15AM	WOMEN'S SM. GRP.
4:30PM	FAITH & FITNESS					4PM	BAND REHEARSAL
						4PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
						6PM	WORSHIP

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