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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...

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CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH, 2021 - 10 A.M.

WE THREE KINGS:
SAUL - "WHY" DAY

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Everlasting God/Bless the Lord" Les Fraaza

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 (Korean Translation):

John 9:3,5

예수께서 대답하시되 이 사람이나 그 부모의 죄로 인한 것이 아니라
Jesus answered, Neither this man nor his parents sinned;

그에게서 하나님께서 하시는 일을 나타내고자 하심이라

He was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him.

내가 세상에 있는 동안에는
As long as I am in the world,

내가 세상의 빛이니라
I am the light of the world.

***Hymns:** "Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining" (vs. 1,3) #192

***Call to Confession:**

In the Gospel of John, even the disciples are convinced that this man was born blind because of sin; their only question is "who sinned?" But Jesus turns this question upside down, and in doing so, challenges both the judgment-ready apostles and all of us today. Let us reflect on this story as we come together in prayer.

***Prayer of Confession:**

We see others in misfortune, O God, and we are often moved to judgment rather than compassion. We see those who have indeed made poor choices, and we conveniently forget that we are guilty of similar or worse decisions. We accuse others of wasting their lives, but we do not seek out clarity from You, Holy Spirit, about is the right way to live our own. Lord God, forgive us for our sin. Forgive us for judgment, for hypocrisy, and for disinterest in your will. Inspire us today to find our role in your kingdom, and to value the roles of others. This we ask in the name of the One True God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

PRAYER MEETINGS—Our weekly Prayer Meeting continues *THIS* Wednesday, June 16 at 6pm via Zoom. Join us for a time to petition before the Lord together every Wednesday night. All are welcome! To join the Zoom meeting, go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82054635060?pwd=MTkzOGJqMFRWamxrMy9CSHBwcUMrUT09> Meeting ID: 820 5463 5060 Passcode: 711155

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

THE GROWMEC JOURNEY ESCAPE ROOM!—Put your "thinking caps" on and join the fun right here at CCPC on Thursday, July 8 for our first-ever Escape Room! You will have one hour to escape or you'll be stuck in "Growmec" forever! Kids 5-12 years old can register for 2pm, 4pm, or 6pm. Go to our website (www.covenantcommunitypc.org) to register for one of the timeslots! You can also RSVP by contacting Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org).

KID'S WORSHIP CONTENT AT HOME!—Parents! Have you heard your kiddos talking about "Cali's World" or "Cool Carl" (yes, spelled with TWO L's)? Maybe you've been listening to them singing songs or reciting memory verses from our Sunday Kid's Worship?! Did you know that you have access to all of our Kid's Worship content on any of your devices? We invite you to subscribe to CCPC Kids Ministry on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXhZ5cZSk1QIAtp715mH2ig/featured>

Subscribe and click the alerts for any new uploads of entertaining videos, great music, and their memory verses to be learned.

VBS 2021—This summer's Vacation Bible School will be an exploration of the known, and unknown mysteries of God's creation... US! Join us on Monday, August 2 through Thursday, August 4 from 6-8pm for "I Wonder"... where they will ponder: "I wonder what makes my story unique?"; "I wonder what gifts God gave me?"; "I wonder what I can learn from others?"; "I wonder how I can spend time with God?" Go to www.covenantcommunitypc.org/vbs to learn more and get your kiddos signed up! **Also, we are in need of volunteers to help facilitate the four evenings of fun! Please see today's Connection Card in your bulletin to sign up!**

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS—CCPC would like to help get your kids to Bible camp this summer! We invite your kid(s) to go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/summer-camps> to learn more about camps around the state of Wisconsin, 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 this summer from 6-7:30pm, including *THIS* Wednesday, June 16. **INVITE A FRIEND!** Contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

IMPORTANT PROGRAMMING DATES FOR JUNE & JULY

- Masks Optional - **June 20**
- Youth Group at WOW- **June 30**
- Book Club - **June 28**
- Kid's Escape Room - **July 8**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASK OPTIONAL STARTING NEXT SUNDAY—Due to the extremely positive direction of the pandemic and the guidance of the CDC, we are accelerating our move to "mask optional" to begin *NEXT* Sunday, June 20. This means that today will be our last "mask required" service. Effective June 20th, *ALL* church programming including worship will be mask optional. Please feel free to wear or not wear a mask based on your own personal health and comfort decisions. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) if you have any questions.

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE TOGETHER—Our Journey through Scripture together continues as we begin 2 Corinthians *TODAY*. 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 5, is available (along with all other episodes of course)! Dan discusses "Christ-Centered Strategies" with Kellee Gentry and Linda Moon of GROW Curriculum. 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 SHOE SALE 2021—Just in time for school shopping, our annual shoe sale is an amazing opportunity to stock up on new, brand-named shoes for the whole family (limited sizes available). Join us Friday, August 13 (That's right, just *ONE NIGHT*) from 4-8pm for deals including \$25 per pair (3 pairs for \$60 Mark your calendars, get here early, and stock up for yourself and the kiddos!

CCPC SOFTBALL TEAM—The CCPC softball team invites you to come out to the Kelly Club to support them as they compete. They take to the field *TODAY* at 5pm. Last Sunday was a tough one as they dropped two games with scores of 27-7 and 37-32.

MISSIONS

DONATE BY SHOPPING ON AMAZON—You can support Mission Starfish Haiti by shopping on Amazon! Just go to smile.amazon.com to make all your amazon purchases. The first time you visit, you will be asked to select a charity. Search for Mission Starfish Haiti (based out of Davenport, IA). Each time you shop on smile.amazon.com, a percentage of what you spend will go to Haiti!

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—The women's study continues in the Book of Hebrews *THIS* Tuesday, June 15 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.

*Assurance of Pardon:

1 Samuel 11:13

When the army of Saul wanted to punish those Israelites who had rebelled against him, Saul said, "No one shall be put to death this day, for today the LORD has brought deliverance to Israel." Far more than Saul could have imagined, on this day, Jesus has brought deliverance to each of us who trusts in his name. Indeed, for those in Christ, even death is defeated. 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: "I Worship You, Almighty God" (see screen)

"To God Be the Glory" (vs. 1)

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 10:25-11:15 Page 253

Special Music: "In His Time/Gentle Shepherd" Praise Singers

New Testament Reading: John 9:1-11 Page 102

Sermon: We Three Kings: Saul - "Why" Days Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "Arise, Your Light is Come" (vs. 1, 2, 4) #744

Celebrating and Confirming our 2021 Confirmation Class

*Affirmation of Faith (See page 4 for words)

Offering

Offertory Music: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" Marcy Fehrman & Les Fraaza

[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: "Great Are You, Lord"

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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 (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: Barb Lamping

Elder Greeter: Deb Tice

Greeters: Sue Taylor &
Barb Smejkal

Worship Leaders: Confirmands

Slides: Jared Fuls

Nursery: Tracy Jaeck &
Jesse Lawton

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 CONFIRM. SUNDAY	5:30PM	MISSION COMM. MEETING	NOON	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	6PM	YOUTH GROUP
		6:30PM	ADMIN. COMM. MEETING			6PM	PRAYER MEETING
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
						10AM	WORSHIP (MASKS OPTIONAL)

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.