

## LIVE STREAMING

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# COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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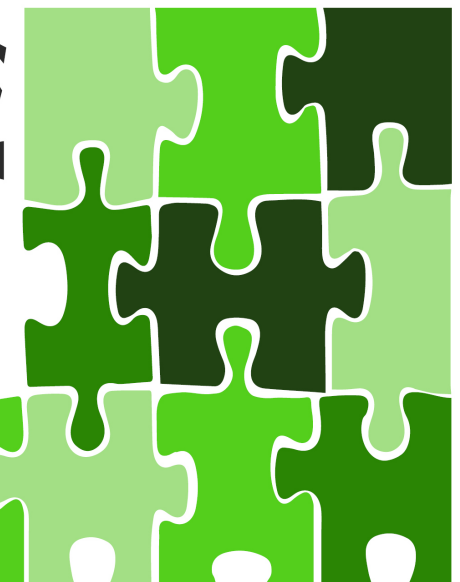
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# FREEDOM & UNITY

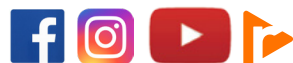
## UNITED: A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS



SUNDAY, JULY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2023 - 10 A.M.

## FREEDOM & UNITY: FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE

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## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**Prelude:** "The Potter's Hand" Les Fraaza

### **Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:**

*Our world encourages us to divide into the smallest possible affinity groups, to distrust and dislike the others, and even to pursue opportunities for self-isolation. The church has sometimes reflected the culture in this regard. Paul, in writing to the church in Corinth, encourages a different virtue – unity. As we reflect on the call to be United to Christ and to each other, consider what might be the next step in your own journey from division to unity in your life and relationships today.*

### **Welcome & Announcements**

**Lighting of the Candles:** "Holy, Holy, Holy" The Finamore Family

**Call to Worship:** 1 Corinthians 10:1-4

*I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,*

**And all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink.**

*For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and that rock was Christ.*

**Sharing in the baptism of Christ, partaking of the body and blood of Christ, we come to celebrate Jesus our Rock. Let us worship him!**

**\*Hymn:** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (vs. 1,2,3) #65

**\*Call to Confession:** 1 Corinthians 10:5-12

*In 1 Corinthians 5-12, Paul reminds us that our ancestors, despite being baptized in the cloud and sea, despite being sustained with spiritual food and drink, still displeased God and were struck down in the wilderness. "Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did ... we must not engage in sexual immorality as some of them did ... we must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did ... and do not complain, as some of them did ... for these things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall." Recognizing the example of our ancestors and our own failings, let us join together in prayer.*

### **\*Prayer of Confession:**

**Like our spiritual mothers and fathers, we have stumbled and sinned. We have not learned from their examples, but have repeated their stories in our lives. Forgive us, O God.**

**Our confidence and strength to remain standing before you, Father, comes not from our righteousness, but from what we have received in Christ. All have fallen, save the One Man; but we who chose to live in that One Man, remain standing in Him. Praise be to you, O God, for the One who never failed or fell!**

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

**WARMING CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** — CCPC is honored to support the Wausau Warming Center with our time and contributions to help feed those in need. This year's 2023-24 season runs from November 1 through the end of April and is located at the new Community Partners Campus building on Grand Avenue. The CCPC volunteer team is responsible for the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month (and any 5th Tuesday), which includes preparing and serving the meal, checking in the guests, changing bedding, and other tasks. If you are interested in being a part of the team, please contact Colleen Geurink (715-432-4671, [cgeurink@charter.net](mailto:cgeurink@charter.net)) or Sharon Maltbey (715-573-7427, [sharon.maltbey@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.maltbey@gmail.com)).

## BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** — Celebrate Recovery Ministries 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

**CCPC YOUTH GROUP** — Youth Group continues through the summer with rising 6th-8th graders meeting from 5:30-7pm on Wednesdays, and rising 9th-12th graders meeting after from 7-8:30pm. To learn about all of our fun activities going on this summer, grab a flyer at the Hub or visit our website! Contact Jim Gates ([jim@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:jim@covenantcommunitypc.org)) with any questions.

**UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS** — There's still plenty of summer left for CCPC youth to gather and have some fun! On Monday, July 31 we will be meeting here at the church at 12:30pm before heading to Oak Island for Capture the Flag! We'll return to church at 3:30pm. On Monday, August 7, we invite all youth to come to the church at 12:30pm for Waterballoon Games! Bring your swimsuit or something that can get wet... and towels! Finally, on Monday, August 21 we'll be heading to Riverlife Park, downtown Wausau, from 6:30-8pm. We'll meet at the church at 6pm and return at 8:30pm. We will provide Briq's ice cream for all who are with us! All rising 6th-12th graders are welcome... and bring a friend! Contact Jim Gates ([jim@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:jim@covenantcommunitypc.org)) or Abi Fraaza ([abi@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:abi@covenantcommunitypc.org)) with any questions.

## CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

### **THROUGH MAY 2023:**

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$242,684**  
Actual Operating Revenues: **\$232,910**  
Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$234,087**  
Actual Operating Expenses: **\$225,169**

### **JULY 16 ATTENDANCE:**

AM In-Person Total: **184**  
AM Livestream Total: **102**  
PM In-Person Total: **37**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW CHURCH ACCOUNTANT**— CCPC is thrilled to announce that Jay St. Clair has been hired to be our new Church Accountant! Jay will be handling all of the churches financial responsibilities, including any giving, purchasing, and endowment needs, among many other tasks. He has extensive experience in all aspects of church accounting and financial management (with some bonus skills in IT). He will be in the office every Monday through Friday from 1-4pm, beginning **TOMORROW**, July 24! You can reach him at [jay@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:jay@covenantcommunitypc.org). Our finances and reporting will be in great hands!

**NEW HOUSEKEEPER**— We are so excited to announce that Scott Pearson will be taking over as Housekeeper from Carol Anklam, beginning in September! Carol will stay on through that month to work with Scott before she officially retires. He will be handling all janitorial duties, as he has a strong background in cleaning large buildings and spaces. Our facilities will be in great hands! When his tenure begins, you will be able to reach him at [scott@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:scott@covenantcommunitypc.org).

**AN AFTERNOON AT THE BALLPARK** — Join us at the ballpark **TODAY** for the Wausau Woodchucks Family Funday! First pitch is at 1:05pm and kids will be able to meet their favorite players and run the bases after the game. We have tickets available (sitting together as a CCPC group) at the Hub for \$15.50, which includes your seat, a hot dog, and a drink. Join us for an afternoon of great baseball and fellowship together.

**WOMEN'S HAT SUNDAY!**— The Sunday, August 6 sermon will be diving into commands discussed in 1 Corinthians 11 and how we are to interpret/clarify passages with a cultural context. One of those topics is the tradition of head coverings. To celebrate the tradition, and participate in the sermon message, we invite **ALL** women to where a hat to church on that day! Feel free to have fun with this by wearing your favorite hat, a crazy hat, or something you wouldn't normally wear.

**CHURCH CENTER APP**— Did you know we have an app for church? We do! The Church Center App can be downloaded in the Apple Store and on Google Play. The app is a great way to access the online directory, as well as online giving, filling out a connection card, and staying up-to-date with upcoming events. Download it today!

**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. Members 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!

## MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

**BRIDGE ST. SOBER LIVING HOUSE VOLUNTEERS**— The Mission Committee is always looking for folks to cook and serve meals at the Bridge Street Sober Living Center every month (1st & 4th Tuesday and 1st & 4th Wednesday). Meals will be for 15-20 people. Guidance on how to do all of this can/will be arranged. You can sign up for these opportunities at the Community Board in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, contact Kari Kufahl ([kari.kufahl@gmail.com](mailto:kari.kufahl@gmail.com); 715-218-2498).

**\*Assurance of Pardon:** 1 Corinthians 10:13-14

Paul writes, "No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide a way out so that you may be able to endure it." Believe the gospel: in Jesus Christ, God has granted a way out even of sin and of death. Hallelujah! Amen.

**\*Congregational Response:** "How Great is Our God" See Screen

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** Today we celebrate the baptisms of Bennett Drew Rose, son of Joey and Taylore Rose, and Brooklyn Grace Shroyer, daughter of Bo and Brittany Shroyer.

**Children's Message**

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

**Period of Fellowship**

**\*Hymn:** "I Need Thee Every Hour" (vs. 1,4) #735

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**Old Testament Reading:** Exodus 20:1-6 Page 66

**Special Music:** "Called Me Higher" Caitlin Kyle & Susan Schumann

**New Testament Reading:** 1 Corinthians 8, 10:14-11:1 Page 171

**Sermon:** "Freedom & Unity: Freedom of Conscience" Jim Gates

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*Hymn:** "To God be the Glory" (vs. 1,2) #634

**Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer** See Page 4

**Offering**

**Offertory Music:** "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" Les Fraaza & JeHae Kim-Bixby

**\*Doxology**

**Welcome of New Members:**

**Cyndi Schneider** - Cyndi's passions are her family (3 grown children and 10 grandchildren) saving animals, and learning more about God's love for all of us. She is CCPC's Office Manager during the week and is beyond happy to become a member for a church she calls a second home.

**Wayne & Karen Earney** - Wayne and Karen are transplants to the Wausau area and stay busy chasing after their 4-year-old daughter, Evelyn, and 11-month-old son, Charlie. They are excited to have found a church home in the area.

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** Apostles Creed See Page 4

**\*Welcome Song:** "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" (vs. 1) #306

### BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction:** "To God be the Glory" (Refrain) #634



## 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.
- † 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!

<b>Worship Leader:</b> Caroline Kibler	<b>Slides:</b> Jared Fuls
<b>Elder Greeter:</b> Julie Nelson & Sheldon Rouse	<b>Usher Lead:</b> Craig Briggs
<b>The Hub:</b> Terri Goldsworthy	<b>Fellowship Hour:</b> Linda & Scott Doescher
<b>Live Stream:</b> Jack Dupuis	

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following folks who were recently in the hospital or reside in an assisted-care facility.

<b>Mary Zuidema</b> <i>(Renaissance in Wisconsin Rapids)</i>	<b>Joyce Michna</b> <i>(Fond du Lac)</i>	<b>Jerry Pearson</b> <i>(Aspirus)</i>
<b>Stella Lamping</b> <i>(Home)</i>	<b>Cheryl Lenz</b> <i>(Colonial Center in Colby)</i>	<b>Dave Vachowiak</b> <i>(Forest Park Village)</i>

### THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
10AM WORSHIP 11:15AM FAMILY MISSION CAMP MEETING 1PM WOODCHUCKS GAME 4PM BAND REHEARSAL 6PM WORSHIP 5PM CCPC SOFTBALL AT KELLY CLUB	6:30PM BOOK CLUB	RECOVERY	3PM FOOD PANTRY 5:30PM MS YOUTH GROUP 7PM HS YOUTH GROUP
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
2PM SHEEPSHEAD			10AM WORSHIP 4PM BAND REHEARSAL 6PM WORSHIP 5PM CCPC SOFTBALL AT KELLY CLUB

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