

## LIVE STREAMING

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# COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



SUNDAY, AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 - 10 A.M.

WE THREE KINGS: SOLOMON -  
THE HEART OF THE MATTER

**Prelude:** "Fairest, Lord Jesus" 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:** Proverbs 3:5-6

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
And do not rely on your own insight.*

*In all your ways acknowledge him,  
And he will make straight your paths.*

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

**\*Call to Confession:** Proverbs 3:11-12

*Solomon writes, "my child, do not despise the LORD's discipline, or be weary of his reproof, for the LORD reproves the one he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights." Trusting in God's love for us, we together offer our prayer of confession.*

**\*Prayer of Confession:**

*Father God, we confess that we have not acknowledged you in all our ways this week. Too often we have forgotten you in our successes and blamed you in our failures. And when we have chosen to walk a crooked path, we find ourselves simply hoping that you are not watching.*

*Forgive us for our wandering hearts. Today we reaffirm our trust in you and in your Son, Jesus the Christ, and not in ourselves. Thank you for delighting in us, your daughters and sons.*

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

**WOMEN'S COMMUNITY COLLECTION CONCLUDES THIS WEEK**—The Mission Committee's donation drive to collect items of need for the Women's Community's food pantry will end this week. Items needed include: dish soap, laundry soap, paper towels, toilet paper, canned fruit, strawberry jam, granola bars, cooking oil, brownie mix, and muffin mix.

**SEATS & FEETS/89Q FUNDRAISING**—Starting *TOMORROW* and running through midnight on September 5, 89Q is partnering with our Seats & Feets program by donating \$1 every time a music survey on their website is filled out. We invite you all to go to <https://89q.org/89q-music-survey/> to help contribute!

**REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP & SUPPORT**—If you have any interest in volunteer to support for refugees being relocated to Central Wisconsin, please contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) or Kari Kufahl (kari.kufahl@gmail.com).

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**—The women's study continues in the Book of Hebrews *THIS* Tuesday, August 31 at noon. All are welcome to join us for food, fellowship, and discipleship.

**YOUNG ADULT OUTING - "APPS AND AXES"**—All adults ranging from 18 (post high school) through mid-30s are welcome to join our Young Adult group gathering for appetizers and ax throwing *THIS* Wednesday, September 1. We will be meeting at Blades and Boards at 5:45pm. Childcare will be available!

**KID'S & YOUTH MINISTRY LUNCHEON**—Our CCPC Youth & Kids volunteers have a vital role in leading our kids in their spiritual journey. We want to celebrate you and discuss some important topics before we kickoff this fall. Join us *TODAY* for a Kids & Youth Ministry Luncheon immediately following worship in Bouldin Hall. We look forward to coming together as a team to serve our students, their friends and their families.

**NO YOUTH GROUP THIS WEEK**—There will be no Youth Group *THIS* Wednesday, September 1. The final meeting of our current framework of Salt & Light Youth Group will meet on Wednesday, September 8 at 6pm. Contact Dan Frost with any questions. See below for information on the upcoming meeting schedule.

**NEW YOUTH GROUP FORMAT STARTING IN SEPTEMBER**—Our Salt & Light Youth Group will look a little different this year. Students who will be in 6th through 8th grades will gather on Wednesdays at 6pm, beginning September 15. Our rising 9th through 12th graders will meet on Sunday nights at 6pm, beginning September 19. This new structure will allow for more in-depth discipleship geared towards the student's age group. It is also our hope that senior high students will have more freedom to attend on Sunday evenings, rather than competing with school extracurriculars during the week. Spread the word and invite friends as we kickoff a new year of being salt of the earth and light unto the world!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**RETURN OF CHOIR PRACTICES— Adult Choir** - Practices begin *THIS* Wednesday, September 1 from 7-8pm. Please contact Deb Perrin (715-432-1155) or Les Fraaza (715-574-2059) if you are interested in joining, or if you have any questions. **Kid's Choir** - Practices begin Wednesday, September 15 from 6-6:45pm. Please contact Deb Perrin (715-432-1155) if you have any questions **Bell Choir** - Practices begin Wednesday, September 8 from 6-7pm. If you are interested in joining the group, you can contact JeHae (715-310-0820).

**SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S. MISSION #4 - 2021-2022**—It will soon be time for another Secret A.G.E.N.T.S. mission! We are now looking for Jr. Agents (rising 4th-12th graders) and Secret Agents (adults). You can register right now on our website. We also have forms and a dropoff box located at the Hub.

**INSTITUTE OF DISCIPESHIP (I.D.) FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**—Our Institute of Discipleship (I.D.) classes are set to begin Sunday, September 12 at 9am for the whole family! Adult classes will include "Finding God's Vision for You" and "The Bible Project", while the Kid's I.D. lineup will include "Big Bible/Big God" for our 3rd graders. High school and middle schoolers will have their own classes, including Confirmation. We will have discipleship for pre-K through adults! More details will be shared in the coming weeks.

**CCPC PICNIC 2021/VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**—What a thrill to have the return of our faith family celebration to kickoff the church year! Amazing food, fun games and inflatables are back for our annual picnic in the Fellowship Hall and outside. There will be plenty of opportunities to work the event as well. We will need help with setup, cleanup, food preparations, and more. **We are also in need, specifically, of potato salad and beans for the potluck. You can see Jill Mathies (jill.mathies@gmail.com) at The Hub after service to ask questions and/or to sign up for responsibilities.**

**CCPC MINISTRY FAIR**—The CCPC "Ministry Fair" will take place in Bouldin Hall following worship on September 12 and will provide an opportunity for ALL to learn about, and participate in, the many ministries available within our church community. We will have tables and representatives for Worship & Fellowship, Christian Education, and Missions sharing how you can get involved in all aspects of discipleship, fellowship, and service. There will also be opportunities to win raffle prizes. Come learn and get connected!

**KID'S & ADULT L.I.F.E. EVERY WEDNESDAY BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER**—As we enter into the new "church calendar" year beginning in September, we are planning something a little different for our Kid's and adult L.I.F.E. classes. They will occur *EVERY WEDNESDAY* at 6pm (Kid's L.I.F.E. will run until 7:30pm), rather than our previous, seasonal schedule. Plan for weekly discipleship for the whole family on Wednesday nights, beginning September 15, with dinner at 5:30pm.

**JEHAE KIM-BIXBY IN CONCERT**—Our very own JeHae Kim-Bixby (Accompanist and new Bell Choir Director) will be performing a solo concert on Saturday, September 18 at 6pm. Purchase your tickets (\$25) by stopping the Hub, or going to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/payments>. JeHae will dazzle us all with presentations of Chopin, Brahms, Debussy, and Rachmaninoff, as well as an arrangement of classical hymns. **We are also looking for volunteers to be at the ticket booth (the Hub), usher, and serve refreshments! Contact Kari Kufahl (kari.kufahl@gmail.com) if interested in helping out!**

**\*Assurance of Pardon:** Psalm 103:11-12  
Hear the good news: "For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us." Thanks be to Jesus, in whose life, death and resurrection we are redeemed! **Amen.**

**\*Congregational Response:** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (vs. 1) #611

### Children's Message

[Children may come forward and be seated on an "X" in the first two rows of pews.]

### Period of Fellowship

**\*Hymn:** "O Jesus, I Have Promised" (vs. 1,2) #724

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**Old Testament Reading:** 1 Kings 11:1-11 Page 316

**New Testament Reading:** Matthew 6:18-24 Page 6

**Sermon:** We Three Kings: Solomon - The Heart of the Matter Dan Frost

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**Special Music:** "Here's My Heart Lord" Autumn Schwenk

### Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

### Offering

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

### \*Doxology

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \*Benediction

**\*Choral Benediction:** "O Jesus, I Have Promised" (vs.4) #724

# 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

## 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

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

**Greeter:** Judy Geurink

**Elder Greeters:** Jay St. Clair  
& Jim Jackson

**The HUB:** Deb Wakefield

**Fellowship:** Tom & Carol Anklam

## 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)

**Don Hawkins**  
(Home)

**Cheryl Lenz**  
(Colonial Center in Colby)

## THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
10AM WORSHIP 11:15AM FELLOWSHIP 11:15AM KID'S & YOUTH LUNCHEON	6PM DARTBALL PRACTICE	NOON WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	5:45PM YOUNG ADULT OUTING 6PM CHOIR PRACTICE 6PM PRAYER MEETING
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
2PM SHEEPSHEAD			10AM WORSHIP 11:15AM FELLOWSHIP

For more details about CCPC programming, refer to the next couple of pages in this bulletin, go to [www.covenantcommunitypc.org](http://www.covenantcommunitypc.org), or call the church office at 715-359-6467.