

LIVE-STREAM

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THY KINGDOM COME: INCOMING

Daniel 10:1-14 & Mark 1:16-39

September 17, 2023

COVENANT COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...
Changing lives forever!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Blessed Assurance Medley" Les Fraaza

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

Mark's account of Jesus' life closely parallels the Lord's Prayer. This section, Mark 1:1-3:6, connects powerfully to the line, "Thy kingdom come", as it details the inbreaking of the kingdom of God into a world already occupied by forces opposed to God. What does it mean for you to pray "Thy kingdom come"? What must happen to other kingdoms, if Christ's kingdom comes in its fullness?

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles:

Call to Worship: Mark 1:16-18
As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them,

"Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

***Hymn:** "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (vs. 1,2,3) #275

*Call to Confession:

As Jesus begins his ministry, he calls people to follow him. This week, we have been tempted to be "believers" without being "followers." But mental acceptance of Jesus' identity does not make us disciples; even the demons believe that Jesus is the Holy One of God. Let us therefore confess our sins and choose today to follow him.

*Prayer of Confession:

Lord Jesus, we know that you have invited us to follow you, and so doing, to know you, the Spirit, and the Father. But we have attempted to make the call of discipleship easy and the cost minimal. We often prefer to cheer you on from the sidelines rather than get involved in the game.

Forgive us, Lord. Jesus, we are thankful that you chose to get involved in our lives and in our world. We are thankful that you paid the ultimate cost to bring us back to yourself. May we today leave everything behind that keeps us from following you.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

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. CCPC 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. Please contact Colleen Geurink (715-432-4671, cgeurink@charter.net) or Sharon Maltbey (715-573-7427, sharon.maltbey@gmail.com) if interested.

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

KIDS & YOUTH I.D. — All our youth I.D. classes run from 9am-9:50am every Sunday. Our Middle School I.D. class for 6th & 7th graders meets in the basement; our High School class for 9th-12th graders meets in the Bouldin Hall Loft. Pre-K through 5th grade I.D. classes also meet in the basement. Drop your kiddos off and attend our Adult I.D. in the Cry Room!

YOUTH GROUP — Middle School Youth will meet from 6-7:30pm, and High School Youth will meet from 6:30-8pm on Wednesday nights. We'll do separate Bible study times for MS and HS but combine for our crazy games.

KIDS L.I.F.E. — Having friends at church is one of our core values. At Wednesday night L.I.F.E. (every Wednesday at 6pm) our first focus is a friendship with Jesus, and secondly, we encourage children to build relationships with other kids and adult leaders. This year we are excited to have an age specific rotation model so that we can connect with more kids doing the things they love to do.

BIBLE SUNDAY/COMMUNION CLASS — NEXT Sunday, September 24 will be a wonderful day of presenting Bibles to 3-year-olds, 3rd graders, and Confirmation students during worship! It is CCPC's tradition to share this gift with kids at important stages of growth and learning. We will follow it up with "The Lord's Table", an informational class for kids and parents of all ages discussing the Sacrament of Communion, what it means to us, why we do it, and what Scripture has to say about it. This will take place in the Sanctuary after worship.

SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S. MISSION #6 — It's almost time for Secret A.G.E.N.T.S. mission #6! We are looking for Jr. Agents (rising 4th-12th graders) and Secret Agents (adults). Each Secret Agent will be paired with a Jr. Agent to exchange letters from October through March, at which time we will celebrate with a Reveal Party! Online registration is open on our website, or you can sign up at the "Recruiting Station" next to the name tags. Registration closes NEXT Sunday, September 24.

CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

THROUGH JULY 2023:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$324,971**

Actual Operating Revenues: **\$331,879**

Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$328,468**

Actual Operating Expenses: **\$314,861**

SEPTEMBER 10 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **275**

AM Livestream Total: **94**

PM In-Person Total: **32**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENDOWMENT MATCHING GIFT — We have been given a \$25,000 matching gift challenge towards our CCPC Endowment. Every dollar you give to the Endowment from now until September 30 will be doubled until we reach that \$25,000 goal! To date, we have reached an amount of **\$14,062**. You can give towards this match by placing a check in the offering plate or giving online. Learn more about our Endowment Fund at the Ministry Fair!

CCPC 101 — Would you like to know more about CCPC, our beliefs, and our ministries? Thinking about making this your church home? Join us in the Bouldin Hall conference room immediately following worship on Sunday, October 1. We will provide food and childcare for this event that typically runs 1 hour and 30 minutes. To RSVP, please contact Jim Gates at jim@covenantcommunitypc.org.

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 and go to <https://youtu.be/aBtqDuf6H5U> for a tutorial for setting it up!

FUNERAL MEAL DONATION — CCPC has an amazing team of volunteers that prepare serve food to family and visitors of funerals held at the church. If you would like to be a part of this time, or if you would like to prepare desserts and sides for the meals, please contact Bev Werner (715-298-2052 or blw.cats@gmail.com).

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

ADULT I.D. — Our Adult I.D. class meets in the Cry Room every Sunday and runs from 9am-9:50am. All adults are welcome!

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY — Our women's Bible study meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (starting *THIS* week, Sept 19) and our men meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays (starting Sept 26). We will be studying the Book of Isaiah. The groups will occasionally meet together throughout the year, but whether together or separate, will always meet from 12-1pm.

RETIRED SINGLES SMALL GROUP — Our retired singles small group will be meeting at The Palms *THIS* Wednesday, September 20 at 5pm. The small group typically meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1pm here at the church. Contact Bonnie Rogers (rogersski1@gmail.com or 715-370-7618) with any questions about the upcoming gatherings.

ADULT L.I.F.E. — Adult L.I.F.E. continues *THIS* Wednesday, September 20th with a 7-class series entitled, "The Power of an Unoffendable Heart", taught and facilitated by Sue Thompson. All adults are invited to join us from 6-7pm in the Cry Room.

BIBLE APP STUDY OF PETER & JOHN — Join us as we continue a 28-day study on 1&2 Peter and 1, 2, & 3 John utilizing the Bible App by YouVersion. The Bible App is available for download on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. You can join the study and conversation by clicking the link provided in Monday's email, or contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) to get involved.

*Assurance of Pardon:

Hebrews 12:1-2

"Let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that cling so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God." Believe the gospel – in Christ, our sins are forgiven! Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

*Gloria Patri:

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Children's Message

(Children may come forward and be seated on the stage.)

Period of Fellowship

*Hymn:

"Day By Day"

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading:

Daniel 10:1-14

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Special Music:

"Be Still"

Glory Singers

New Testament Reading:

Mark 1:16-39

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Sermon:

"Thy Kingdom Come: Incoming"

Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn:

"Will You Come and Follow Me" (vs. 1,2,4)

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Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

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Offering

Offertory Music:

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Les Fraaza & Marcy Fehrman

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction:

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (vs. 4)

#275

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 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!

Worship Leader: Deb Tice

Elder Greeter: Bob Gebauer
& Scott Bouffleur

The Hub: Barb Lamping

Live Stream: Jack Dupuis

Slides: Luke Coenen

Gatekeeper: Kent Perrin

Usher Lead: Bobby Dupuis

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)

Cheryl Lenz
(Colonial Center
in Colby)

Tom Scott
(Home)

Joyce Michna
(Fond du Lac)

Dave Vachowiak
(Forest Park Village)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION		12PM	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	5PM	RETIRED SINGLES SMALL GROUP AT THE PALMS
10AM	WORSHIP		6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL				6PM	ADULT/KIDS LIFE
6PM	WORSHIP				6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
					6:30PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
					7PM	CHOIR PRACTICE
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD		9AM	VISITATION FOR RUTH REINICKE	9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION
			11AM	FUNERAL SERVICE FOR RUTH REINICKE	10AM	WORSHIP (BIBLE SUNDAY)
					11:15AM	"THE LORD'S TABLE" COMMUNION CLASS
					4PM	BAND REHEARSAL
					6PM	WORSHIP

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.