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THY KINGDOM COME: THE WORD SPREADS

Daniel 7:9-14 & Mark 1:40-2:12

September 24, 2023

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" JeHae Kim-Bixby

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: Daniel 7:13-14

I saw one like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations and languages should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

***Hymn:** "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" (vs. 1,4,6) #687

***Call to Confession:** Mark 1:40

"If you are willing, you can make me clean." The words of the leper to Jesus are relevant for us today. He wanted clean skin; we want clean hearts. As a people seeking to be holy, we bring our prayer of confession before our God.

*Prayer of Confession:

So often, O Lord, we want to be happy more than we want to be holy. It is easy for us to overfocus on the temporary things of this world and forget entirely about those things of eternal significance.

We echo the wise request of man with unclean skin – if you are willing, you can make us clean. Clean our hearts from the love of fleeting things, and from all self-centeredness. Jesus, we know you are willing, and so we know you are acting. Thank you even today for making us a people purified by your grace.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

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 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Our Men's Bible study will meet *THIS* Tuesday, September 26 at 12pm. We are studying the Book of Isaiah. Join us and bring a friend!

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) with any questions.

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

WARMING CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — CCPC is honored to support the Good Shepherd Shelter, formerly known as the Wausau Warming Center, with our time and contributions. 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. We are responsible for the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month (and any 5th Tuesday). 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 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.

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 17 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **205**

AM Livestream Total: **82**

PM In-Person Total: **25**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT L.I.F.E. GUEST SPEAKER THIS WEDNESDAY — We are so excited to welcome Noemi Sanchez, a peacemaker from El Salvador, *THIS* Wednesday, September 27 at 6pm. She and her interpreter, Leslie Vogel, will be doing a workshop during the Adult L.I.F.E. time slot, instead of our normal class (which will resume next Wednesday, October 4).

'THE LORD'S TABLE' COMMUNION CLASS — *TODAY* after worship we are hosting, "The Lord's Table", an informational class for kids and adults 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 — Our Secret A.G.E.N.T.S. registration period is coming to an end! 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. We would like to have everyone who would like to participate sign up no later than this week!

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 *NEXT* 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.

ENDOWMENT MATCHING GIFT — We have been given a \$25,000 matching gift challenge towards our CCPC Endowment. Every dollar you give to the Endowment through *THIS* Saturday, September 30 will be doubled until we reach that \$25,000 goal! To date, we have reached an amount of **\$16,043**. 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 COOKBOOKS FOR SALE — Our church cookbook "Not by Bread Alone" is available to purchase. There are so many recipes to help your family get together this fall for a good meal... and they make a great Christmas gift, as well! All proceeds are going to our kitchen fund. Books are available for purchase in the Narthex and on our website.

FESTIVAL OF TREES PREPARATIONS — CCPC is thrilled to participate, once again, in the 26th Annual Festival of Trees (all proceeds going to Aspirus Hospice House). This year our theme will be Snoopy and the Peanuts Gang, and we will be working decorations and ornaments Thursdays, October 19, October 26 and November 9th if needed, from 12-3pm. If you would like to participate, contact Colleen Geurink (715-432-4671 or cgeurink@charter.net).

ROBERT SCHUBERT RECITAL FEATURING JEHAE KIM-BIXBY — Violinist Robert Schubert will be sharing his wonderful gift on Sunday, October 22 at 2pm, right here at CCPC. Our very own JeHae Kim-Bixby will be accompanying him on piano, as well. Tickets for the performance are available at The Hub for \$15.

KRINGLES — If you are interested in ordering Kringles, please speak with our Hub attendant to get an order form. They are \$13 a piece and all orders (with payment) are due here at the church on October 29th. Please make checks out to CCPC. Kringles will be available for pickup on November 12th!

*Assurance of Pardon:

Mark 2:5,10

"When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Child, your sins are forgiven.'" For "the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." Thanks be to God – Jesus has forgiven us as well! **Amen.**

*Gloria Patri:

See Screen

Children's Message

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

Period of Fellowship

*Hymn:

"You Are My Strength When I Am Weak" (1x)

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading:

Daniel 7:9-14

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Special Music:

"Follow Me to Jordan"

CCPC Choir

New Testament Reading:

Mark 1:40-2:12

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Sermon:

"Thy Kingdom Come: The Word Spreads"

Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn:

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (vs. 1,2,4)

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Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

See Page 4

Offering

Offertory Music:

"Word of God, Across the Ages"

JeHae Kim-Bixby

*Doxology

Welcome of New Members:

Jeff & Char Marcell: Jeff and Char are enjoying their retirement, which includes traveling and spending time with their blessed family. They have 2 daughters/sons-in-law and 5 amazing grandchildren. The Marcells are "snow birds" to Florida (Jan.-March) and can't wait for the beauty of the Gulf. Jeff is an active sportsman and enjoys woodworking, while Char enjoys reading and baking.

*Affirmation of Faith:

"Apostle's Creed"

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*Welcome Song:

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds" (vs. 1)

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BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction:

"Seek Ye First" (vs. 1)

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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

Acolytes: Greta Spangler
& Sienna Doffing

Greeters: The Lancelle Family

Elder Greeter: Sheldon Rouse
& Sue Thompson

The Hub: Terri Goldsworthy

Live Stream: Derek Nelson

Slides: Craig Spangler

Gatekeeper: Kyle Baumann

Usher Lead: Jeff Kibler

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)

Howie Pries
(Pride TLC)

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	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	
10AM	WORSHIP (BIBLE SUNDAY)		6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	
11:15AM	"THE LORD'S TABLE" COMMUNION CLASS			3PM	FOOD PANTRY
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL			6PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
6PM	WORSHIP			6PM	ADULT/KIDS LIFE
				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	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION
				10AM	WORSHIP
				11:15PM	CCPC 101
				4PM	BAND REHEARSAL
				6PM	WORSHIP

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