

LIVE STREAMING

CCPC live streams worship services every Sunday morning. Please join us in spirit by going to www.covenantcommunitypc.org/live-stream. You can give, fill out a Connection Card, and also view archives of past services and sermons all from the comfort of your home.

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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2022 - 10 A.M.

IN THE BEGINNING: TOV & RA TREE

Prelude: "Majesty" Les Fraaza & JeHae Kim-Bixby

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

The first words of the Bible are "in the beginning." We know that God was there at the beginning of all things; and that even today, God is the source of new beginnings. As we prepare for worship, consider where Christ has already been the source of blessing in your life, and in what parts of your life you hope the Spirit will inspire something new to spring forth.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship: Isaiah 2:1-3
*In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of all mountains
 And shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.*

*Many peoples shall come and say,
 "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."*

***Hymn:** "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (vs. 1,2,3) #192

***Call to Confession:** Matthew 16:24, 26
Jesus says, "If any want to become my disciples, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ... for what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life?" Unfortunately, we have not always believed Jesus about what is good and gives life. Recognizing our sin, we gather together in prayer.

***Prayer of Confession:**
Father, we acknowledge that we have tried to tell you what is good this week, instead of letting you tell us. Your instructions about what is life-giving don't match our expectations, and we struggle to trust you over ourselves.

Today we repent of our spiritual pride, and our desire for self-rule. We turn back to you and ask that we might return to the mountain of your presence, even at the cost of our comfort. Help us to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Jesus.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

NEW SMALL GROUP — Dan and Angie Frost will be starting a new small group TODAY after worship in the Cry Room. This group will be discussing the sermon, as well as spending time in prayer and fellowship. This small group is an intentional and committed group that will gather to study God's Word, as well as establish relationships outside of the church walls.

WEDNESDAY L.I.F.E. — Wednesday L.I.F.E. continues September 28 at 6pm for adults. We are studying C.S. Lewis' "The Screwtape Letters". Note: We are not be having meals this year.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY — Our study of the Gospel of John continues *THIS Tuesday*, September 27 for the men (meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. All are welcome!

BIBLE READING PLAN - OLD TESTAMENT — We continue through the Old Testament on the Bible App. To join in any time, download the free Bible App (aka YouVersion) and go to the link provided below or in our Covenant Connection Monday emails. Today is a catch-up/reflection day as we continue in the Major Prophets TOMORROW with Jeremiah 27-30. Use the following link: <https://bible.com/p/51396291/4dfaa88fcc0a98d97dcfaa7afab02c42>

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

FAMILY MEAL & SERVICE NIGHT — *THIS* Wednesday, September 28 will be a special night for Kid's Ministry volunteers, teachers, kids, and parents to break bread together and get to know each other! It will also be a night to explore how young families can serve their church and the community! Come be with us at 6pm!

FAMILY FALL FUN DAY — Come for an afternoon of fall fun at Schairer's Autumn Acres *THIS* Saturday, October 1 from 3-6pm. This is free, but you will need to get tickets from Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) to present for entry. Come and enjoy animals, games, food, rides, and the corn maze!

SALT & LIGHT YOUTH — Students who are 6th through 12th are invited to Salt & Light Youth Group on Wednesday nights from 6-7:30pm, including this week, September 28! Go to (www.covenantcommunitypc.org/youth-ministry) to learn more about this ministry and all the events coming up! Contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

KID'S MINISTRY PROGRAMMING — Kid's I.D. (Sundays at 9am), Kid's Worship/Wiggles (during service), and Kid's L.I.F.E. (Wednesdays at 6pm) share the same Bible story each week, but with different emphasis. Join us for these amazing times of growth for your kiddos and see their relationship with Jesus flourish! Contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCPC 101—Would you like to know more about CCPC, our beliefs, and our ministries? Thinking about making this your church home? We will cover all these topics and answer all your questions after worship **TODAY** in the Bouldin Hall conference room. We will provide food and childcare for this event that typically runs 1 hour and 45 minutes. Lunch will be served and childcare can be provided as well.

DIRECTORY PHOTO REGISTRATION!—Time is winding down to register for your photo shoot time slot for the new directory! The photo sittings are **THIS WEEK**, September 27-30 (2-8:30pm) and also on October 1 (10am-4:30pm). **The schedule has now been filled Tuesday through Friday, with openings remaining on Oct. 1 only!** Registration is open and can be done by going to our website. If you are not comfortable doing your registration yourself, please call the church office for assistance or stop by the table in the Narthex.

CCPC COOKBOOK — The CCPC Cookbook project is back on track! Our mission is to have them printed and ready to sell by Thanksgiving. Wondering how you can be involved? We could still use more recipes. We are especially looking for additions to our “Canning” chapter, but will also take any others. We need proofreaders, planners for the final design, and volunteers to help sell the book. If you would like to be involved, contact Colleen Geurink (715-432-4671 or cgeurink@charter.net).

FESTIVAL OF TREES PREPARATIONS — The Festival of Trees supporting the Hospice House is back for 2022! This is a very special 25th Anniversary event and CCPC is proud to participate once again. It will be held November 22-26 at the Central Wisconsin Convention and Expo Center. The theme for our tree will be "It's a Wonderful Life" and we are looking for folks to help make ornaments or donate items that could go on the tree. If you would like more details about this wonderful endeavor, check the Monday Covenant Connection email, or contact Colleen Geurink (715-432-4671 or cgeurink@charter.net).

VOLUNTEERING

SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS — There are **ALWAYS** opportunities for volunteering at CCPC, and it is no different this year! Sunday evening help is critical to the function, presentation, and hospitality of our worship services. We are looking for folks to fill these roles for our PM service. Mark your interest on the Connection Card, or contact Drew Bouché (drew@covenantcommunitypc.org) or Meagan Fandrey (mfandrey85@gmail.com).

WORSHIP & WIGGLES/NURSERY ATTENDANT — Can you serve in the evenings at our new service? We are looking for a few people to supervise in the nursery for kids under 5 that need a break from the service. Not available in the evenings? We are also looking for volunteers for the nursery during the morning service as well! Contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) if interested.

CLEANING CREW FOR KIDS MINISTRY — We are looking for a couple of folks willing to help clean in the Kid's Ministry wing of our building. Biggest needs include vacuuming, cleaning toys, and wiping tables on a weekly basis. Contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) if interested.

*Assurance of Pardon:

Acts 13:38-39

Paul says, “Let it be known to you therefore, brothers and sisters, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you; by this Jesus everyone who believes is set free from all those sins from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.” Believe the good news; in Jesus we are forgiven! Thanks be to Him. **Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

Children's Message

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

Period of Fellowship

*Hymn:

"Open the Eyes of my Heart"

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 2:4-25

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Special Music:

"Halle, Halle, Halle"

CCPC Choir

New Testament Reading:

Matthew 16:24-17:8

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Sermon:

"In the Beginning: Tov & Ra Tree"

Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn:

"Will You Come and Follow Me" (vs. 1,2,5)

#726

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory Music:

"In the Image of God"

Herb Westlund

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction:

"Our God is an Awesome God"

#616

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.

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

Thank you to all who serve the church on Sunday mornings!

Worship Leader: Deb Tice

The Hub: Gail Daman

Elder Greeters: Deb Tice &
Julie Trebus

Fellowship: Tom & Carol
Anklam

Greeters: Bonnie Rogers &
Barb Smejkal

Gatekeeper: Charlie Lewis

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)

Joyce Michna
(Fond du Lac)

Mike Petterson
(Riverview Assisted Living)

Stella Lamping
(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>
9AM I.D./CONFIRM. 9AM KID'S MUSIC 10AM WORSHIP 11:15AM WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP 11:15AM FROST SMALL GRP. 4PM BAND REHEARSAL 6PM WORSHIP		12PM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 2PM DIRECTORY PHOTO SHOOTS 7PM CELEBRATE RECOVERY	2PM DIRECTORY PHOTO SHOOTS 3PM FOOD PANTRY 6PM YOUTH GROUP 6PM KID'S/ADULT L.I.F.E. 6PM BELL CHOIR PRACTICE 7PM ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
2PM DIRECTORY PHOTO SHOOTS 2PM SHEEPSHEAD 4:30PM FAITH & FITNESS	2PM DIRECTORY PHOTO SHOOTS	10AM DIRECTORY PHOTO SHOOTS 3PM FAMILY FALL FUN DAY AT SCHAIRER'S AUTUMN ACRES	9AM I.D./CONFIRM. 9AM KID'S MUSIC 10AM WORSHIP 11:15AM WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP 11:15AM FROST SMALL GRP. 4PM BAND REHEARSAL 6PM WORSHIP

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