



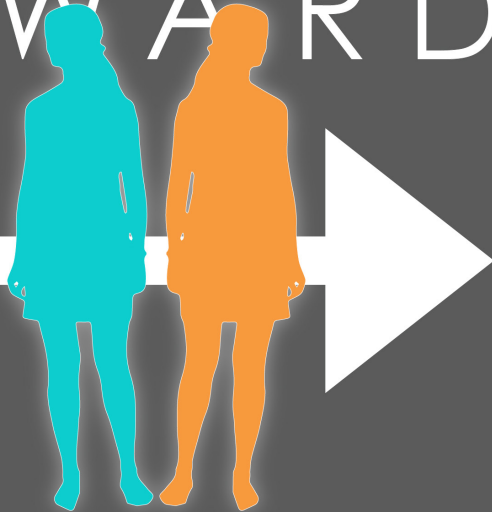
COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

FORWARD

FROM PAST
TO FUTURE



— GOD'S CALL TO MOVE —>

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2020 - 10 A.M.

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GLIMPSES OF FUTURE HOPE

LIVE STREAMING

CCPC live streams our 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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Gathering Around the Word

Prelude: "Give the Whole Creation Hope" Les Fraaza

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

What if God's call is not to go "back to normal" but to go forward with Christ? In what direction is your life moving? Are you going backwards to your old life, or forward into the Spirit's new adventure? Consider this morning what your next step towards God might be, and commit to strain forward to what lies ahead.

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship: Philippians 3:9-10

We want to know Christ,

And the power of his resurrection

And the sharing of his sufferings by coming like him in death,
If somehow we may attain the resurrection from the dead.

***Hymn:** "Our Hope, Our Life" (vs. 1,2) #847

***Call to Confession:** Romans 8:24-25

Paul encourages us, saying, "For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience." This week, we have struggled to patiently wait on God; we have placed our hope in other sources. So let us come to God together and acknowledge our sins.

*Prayer of Confession:

Holy Spirit, you are the Lord, the Giver of Life. You are the first fruits of our future hope. Yet despite your presence in our lives, we have not always hoped in you. You work slowly, and we want change now. You work through struggle, and we want comfort. You point us to the cross, and we look instead to crowns, coins and celebrity.

Forgive us for missing the glimpses of future hope that you regularly offer to us. Forgive us for believing that any source other than you, O God, could meet the deepest desires of our hearts. Today we recommit to placing our hope in you, and in the name of our Lord Jesus.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

*Assurance of Pardon:

Romans 8:38-39

Believe the good news! "For I am convinced "that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, no things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." In Christ's name, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

Children's Message

Period of Fellowship

An Introduction to the CCPC Endowment Fund

Proclaiming the Word

Old Testament Reading: Ruth 2:17-23 NRSV Bible

Special Music: "In Christ Alone" Herb Westlund

New Testament Reading: Philippians 3:10-16 NRSV Bible

Sermon: Forward from Past to Future: Glimpses of Future Hope Jim Gates

Responding to the Word

***Hymn:** "Fight the Good Fight" (vs. 1,2) #846

Confirmation Celebration - Ava Luedtke

Offering

Offertory Music: "In My Heart there Rings a Melody" Marcy Fehrman & Les Fraaza

Connection Card and giving are available on the live stream web page.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Announcements

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "May the God of Hope Go with Us" #765

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE-THE-DATE: FAMILY SERVICE DAY—Join us for "Live Like Jesus" Family Service Day on Saturday, October 17th from 9am to 1pm. We will gather at CCPC to organize, which will include pairing up with one other family to serve in our community. This service will include fall yard cleanup, after which we will reflect on our experience as a family. We have two separate signups:

Need yard work done this fall - contact Sharon Maltbey (Sharon.maltbey@gmail.com or 715-573-7427)

Will serve by doing the yardwork - contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org or 715-359-6467)

WARMING SHELTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—As the seasons change and cold weather is on the doorstep, the Wausau Warming Center is preparing to help feed and shelter the homeless in our community. CCPC has long worked with, and supported the Center... and will continue to do so this year. If you would like to be involved, please contact Sharon Maltbey (Sharon.maltbey@gmail.com or 715-573-7427) as soon as possible!

COLLEGE/TECH STUDENT GIFT CARDS—Parents of those attending college or tech school: The Deacons would like to remember your young adults during Christmas by sending them a small gift. We want them to know their church family is prayerfully thinking of them! Please contact Ken Zblewski (715-393-5885 or kenzblewski@yahoo.com) with your student's mailing address. Thank you from the Deacons!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT L.I.F.E. VIA ZOOM CONTINUES—Join us in person or via Zoom continuing *THIS* Wednesday, October 2 (through October 21) from 6-7pm to discuss a "Christ & Caesar: House Divided," and together we can learn from Jesus what a unique Christian witness might be in our world today. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions.

SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S. 2020-2021—Calling all Secret and Jr. Agents! It is time for another mission! Students will be partnered with an adult who will pray for them regularly and anonymously exchange letters through March, at which time we will celebrate with a Reveal Party! Registration *IS OPEN* (For adults: www.covenantcommunitypc.org/secret-agents; for students, 4th -12th graders: www.covenantcommunitypc.org/jr-agents). Join this amazing ministry of prayer, mentorship, and generational connection!

CCPC 101—Have you been visiting us before and/or during this season of distancing and lockdown? Want to know more about CCPC, our beliefs, and our ministries? We will cover all these topics and answer all your questions on Sunday, October 11 after worship, both in person and via Zoom. *Those who wish to join us in person will be required to wear a mask and we will be social distancing. Those who wish to join us via Zoom will be given the necessary login information after they RSVP.* If you or someone you know would like to be a part of this informational session, please contact Drew Bouché (drew@covenantcommunitypc.org).

IN-PERSON WORSHIP RESERVATIONS—Reservations for next Sunday, October 4 will open *TOMORROW* (Monday) September 28 at 9am. Please go to www.covenantcommunitypc.org/reservations to secure your family's spot for the 10am service. You can also call the church office at 715-359-6467.

CCPC COOKBOOK PROJECT—We are still accepting recipes! We are especially in need of recipes from our phenomenal male chefs of CCPC. Also, we

are calling all participants in past CCPC Gourmet Dinners, as we will be devoting a chapter to these amazing meals. We need your assistance to find all of these past recipes! Our goal is to have the proofed version to the printers by early October, so please consider sharing soon! Please visit our website for submission instructions (www.covenantcommunitypc.org/cookbook). If you are interested in helping, please contact Colleen Geurink (cgeurink@charter.net or 715-359-6038).

ZOOM LOGIN INFORMATION—As we kickoff our fall programming, much of which will be virtual, we invite you to visit a private webpage with all of our Zoom login information. Please visit www.covenantcommunitypc.org/online-login and get connected this fall!

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

BOOK CLUB—The Book Club invites you to join them via Zoom (Hosted by Kay Smith)! The discussion will be about "The Huguenot: Flight from Terror" by D.C. Force and will take place Monday, September 28 at 6:30pm. If you would like to participate, please contact Kari Kufahl (kari.kufahl@gmail.com) or Judy Dorn (jaju-dorn@charter.net) for the Zoom invite information.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM—We continue our new Bible study on the first six "minor" prophets: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, and Nahum *THIS* Tuesday, September 29, at noon. Remember that you can purchase the study book for \$9 by visiting the church building, or by contacting Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

SAVE-THE-DATE: FAMILY FALL FUN DAY—Join us for an evening outside at Schairer's Autumn Acres on Saturday, October 3 from 3-7pm. Bring the whole family to wander the corn maze, enjoy a bonfire, or even meet some of the furry residents! The church will be covering the cost of those attending, but reservations will be required with a digital ticket provided. You can reserve your spots by going to <https://covenantcommunitypc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/539984>.

YOUTH GROUP VIA ZOOM—All students grades 6th-12th grade are invited to join us online, using Zoom, *THIS* coming Wednesday at 6pm. If you would like to see video messages and materials from previous weeks, please go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/youth-group>. If you have any questions, contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org).

YOUTH I.D. VIA ZOOM—Youth Institute of Discipleship is off and running! We have *THREE* classes (6th & 7th; Confirmation; 9th & 12th) via Zoom at 9am every Sunday morning. For more information, please visit <http://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/sunday-school-2> for more information, or contact Dan Frost (dan@covenantcommunitypc.org).

KIDS I.D. VIA ZOOM—Kids I.D. is all about growing closer to God through Bible knowledge. We have special plans for the kiddos so that they are not just sitting in front of a screen! All kids start in a large group via Zoom and then breakout into two groups (PreK-1st & 2nd-5th grades). Each group will need their own device. Join us every Sunday at 9am. Learn more at <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/sunday-school-1>.

KIDS L.I.F.E. VIA ZOOM—Wednesday nights (through October 21) are all about connecting with church friends and developing spiritual habits that help us grow. LIFE will be fun, faith focused, and friend centered! We encourage each kid to have their own device for these Zoom gatherings. To learn more, please go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/kids-life>.