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CULTIVATING MATURITY **THE 5 SHIFTS**

CULTIVATING MATURITY IN 5 SHIFTS: FROM TEMPORARY TO ETERNAL

Proverbs 4:18-23, 10:27-32, 11:21, 12:28
& Matthew 6:25-33

COVENANT COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 5, 2024

10AM SERVICE

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Come, Ye Disconsolate" JeHae Kim-Bixby

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

Our culture no longer has defined marks of adulthood for men and women – indeed, we struggle to articulate what maturity means and when people reach it. This challenge is amplified in our spiritual lives and in our relationship with Jesus. What do you think it means to be an adult, and are you one? What does it mean to be an adult in Christ, or to be spiritually mature? Does that describe you?

Lighting of the Candles:

***Call to Worship:** Ephesians 4:14-15

We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness and deceitful scheming.

But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.

***Hymn:** "Seek Ye First" (vs. 1,2,3) #175

***Call to Confession:** Job 21:7

Immediate gratification feels superior to delayed gratification. Cutting corners and compromising our character seems to lead to good outcomes in the short term, and sometimes even over time. As Job says, "Why do the wicked live on, reach old age, and grow mighty in power?" We have fallen into the temptation to live focused on temporary things this week, and for this, we come together to make our prayer of confession.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord Jesus, you call us to strive for your kingdom first. We prefer to strive for our own enjoyment and success and comfort first, and fit your kingdom in when it is convenient to do so. You ask us to have an eternal perspective; we tend to see our lives through the urgent and immediate.

Forgive us for confusing what really matters. Forgive us for confusing what really lasts. Give us hearts that desire eternal values, and may we strive today to accumulate only the treasure that is in heaven.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

CELEBRATE RECOVERY - SPECIAL GUEST — Celebrate Recovery 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. CR will be welcoming Dr. Scott Bautch on June 4 to speak on mental health issues. This talk is open to ALL, whether you regularly attend CR or not. It is a great opportunity to learn more about a very important topic that impacts everyone.

BIBLE APP STUDY — Join Jim Gates in reading the entire Bible this year in Chronological order using the Bible App by YouVersion. You can join at anytime! Just download the Bible App from the Apple Store or Google Play for free, and contact Jim Gates for the invitation.

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

YOUTH GROUP — Middle School Youth meet from 6-7:30pm, and High School Youth meet from 6:30-8pm on Wednesday nights. Join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and discipleship.

KIDS L.I.F.E. - "HIS PLANS OUR HANDS" SPECIAL PRESENTATION — Kids L.I.F.E. gathers on Wednesdays at 6pm to strengthen our friendship with Jesus and each other. Wednesday, May 22 is our last day of L.I.F.E. as we break for the summer, and we will have a special presentation by the group "His Plans Our Hands" at 6pm! This amazing music and puppet show is a wonderful experience to invite friends!

VBS 2024 — As you begin to plan your summer months, save-the-date for an underwater adventure at VBS 2024 entitled, "Scuba: Diving Into Friendship with God." This year, it will take place Sunday, July 14 to Thursday, July 18 from 6-8pm. Registration will open on June 1.

WORSHIP & WIGGLES — Worship & Wiggles is for preschoolers during Sunday worship in the Nursery/Cry Room. It is designed for our littlest worshipers to make new friends and learn about God's love. They will have Bible Story time before they "play with a purpose."

CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

THROUGH MARCH OF 2024:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$169,487**

Actual Operating Revenues: **\$177,117**

Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$171,616**

Actual Operating Expenses: **\$148,511**

APRIL 28 ATTENDANCE:

10AM In-Person Total: **239**

10AM Livestream Total: **80**

11AM In-Person Total: **25**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENDOWMENT CELEBRATION TACO MEAL — To celebrate the milestone of reaching \$150,000 in the CCPC Endowment Fund, the committee would like to serve a taco meal TODAY at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a wonderful meal recognizing the importance of CCPC's future and legacy!

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 following the 11am worship (12pm) TODAY. Snacks and childcare are available.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2024 — CCPC is thrilled to be a simulcast host of the 2024 Global Leadership Summit, August 8-9. This 2-day event is an opportunity to grow as an individual, a member of our local community, or a professional. From teachers, students, coaches, artists, medical professionals, and non-profit leaders ... to CEOs, managers, and more ... this event is for everyone! **Early-bird pricing includes \$139 for church members and \$179 for all others if you sign up before THIS Wednesday, May 8!** There are additional discounts for groups like teachers and first responders, as well. To learn more and register, go to our website or contact Jim Gates or Raissa Dupuis.

BUY SCRIP — Scrip is an easy way to help earn money for our church community by purchasing everyday items such as food, gas, clothing, gifts, entertainment, home improvements, and much more! It won't cost you a penny more than you already spend... while contributing to the growth of CCPC! Stop by the Scrip table in the Narthex to learn more!

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER BEGINS TODAY — Every year, CCPC partners with Hope Life Center in Wausau to raise funds for their ministry. Join us beginning TODAY through May 26 as we fill baby bottles with change, bills, or checks to help support mothers who are pregnant or have newborn babies. We have a table setup in the Narthex for you to pickup your bottles, which you can then return to the church up through the 26th. Be sure to share your name and how many bottles you've taken on the sign-up provided.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPRING CLEANING VOLUNTEERS — Thank you to all who helped with our facility spring cleaning on April 27th! We had a great turnout and were able to get work done inside and out. A big thank you to Terry from Orbit Window Cleaning for donating his Saturday morning to clean all of our outside windows.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

CRAFT GROUP CARDS FOR TROOPS PROJECT — The CCPC Craft Group will meet THIS Thursday, May 9, at 10am to make cards for troops to be able to send home to friends and family. This project will take place at the home of Colleen Geurink (1001 Yawkey Ave., Rothschild). If you would like to contribute any supplies for the project, contact Colleen (715-432-4671 or cgeurink@charter.net) to see what is needed.

*Assurance of Pardon:

Isaiah 40:28,31

"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. Those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." By trusting Jesus, we are connected to the everlasting and eternal One, and we become eternal with his Spirit within us. In Jesus, we are forgiven and we are transformed from temporary to eternal people. Thanks be to God!

Amen!

***Gloria Patri**

Children's Message:

Period of Fellowship

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 4:18-23, 10:27-32, 11:21, 12:28 Page 587

Special Music: "Cleanse Me" CCPC Choir

New Testament Reading: Matthew 6:25-33 Page 6

Sermon: "Cultivating Maturity in 5 Shifts: From Temporary to Eternal" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "Shall We Gather at the River" (vs. 1,3,4) #375

The Sacrament of Communion

Ministry Celebration: CCPC Endowment Fund

Offering

Offertory Music: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" JeHae Kim-Bixby

***Doxology**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction:** "Go to the World!" (vs. 4) #295

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 Leaders: Deb Tice

Livestream: Jack Dupuis

Acolytes: Nella Fischer & Sienna Doffing

Slides: Asher Gates

Elder Greeters: Deb Tice & Joy Briggs

Usher Lead: Jesse Lawton

Greeters: Tom & Carol Anklam

Gatekeeper: Charlie Lewis

The Hub: Joan Jackson

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)

Dave Vachowiak
(Forest Park Village)

Wynn Jones
(Stone Crest)

Joyce Michna
(Fond du Lac)

Howie Pries
(Pride TLC)

Bill Mathies
(Rennes)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
8:30AM	BAND REHEARSAL			12PM	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	3PM	FOOD PANTRY
9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION			6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	KIDS LIFE
10AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP					6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
11AM	PRAISE WORSHIP					6:30PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
11:15AM	TACO MEAL					7PM	CHOIR PRACTICE
12PM	CCPC 101						
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
10AM	CRAFT GROUP					8:30AM	BAND REHEARSAL
12PM	LUNCH BUNCH					9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					10AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
						11AM	PRAISE WORSHIP

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