

Evangelical Covenant Church

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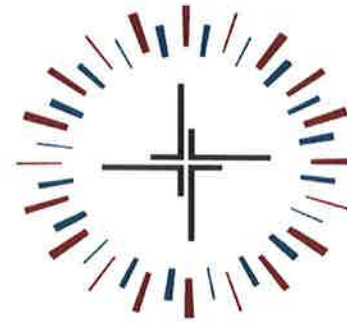
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Copies of The FOCUS, our monthly newsletter, are available near the mailboxes on the lower level. If you are new to the church, feel free to take one.



Evangelical Covenant Church

Princeton, IL

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2021

Welcome!



*Inviting people of all ages and backgrounds
into a growing relationship with Christ.*

Sermon series: Exodus: A Wild Journey of Faith

Our faith in God has carried us into many unknowns, even as we go into a new year. We don't know what the future holds, so let us draw strength from the people of Israel whom God led on a wild journey of faith—long before us! We can draw strength from their example.

Prelude (10:30)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

This is the day that you have made, Lord.

Help us to rejoice in it and be glad!

Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people:

To come to you in these moments,

To confess our sins,

To receive forgiveness and give it,

To pray and sing and listen,

To renew our fainting spirits,

To rest in all your promises.

Open our eyes to see you, Lord.

Open our ears to hear your Word.

Visit us through your Holy Spirit,

And help us to truly celebrate our faith through praise!

Amen.

Praise Song:

So Will I (100 Billion X)

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah! (10:30)

Invocation

Kids' Moment

Pastor Jessica

Greetings and Offering

Reading of Scriptures (10:30):

Reader: Lynn Stickel

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 15:1-22

New Testament Lesson: 1 Peter 2:9

Reader: "The word of the Lord"

Congregation: **"Thanks be to God"**

Hymn (10:30): #61

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Sermon:

"The Songs of Freedom"

Pastor Derek

Text: Exodus 15:1-22

Prayers of the People

Closing Praise Song (9:00): *How Can I Keep from Singing Your Praise*

Closing Hymn (10:30): #271

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Benediction

Postlude (10:30)

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SERMON NOTES

TODAY, January 24

~ Services Broadcasted 10:30 AM each Sunday on WZOE-1490AM Radio

Celebrating 59 Years of Radio Ministry on WZOE

- 9:00 am Worship Service via Facebook Live
- 10:00 am Pre-K-1st Grade Mission Kids (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 am Worship Service (WZOE & ECC YouTube)
- 4:00 pm Small Group Study (Fellowship Hall & Zoom)
- 6:30 pm Sr. High Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, January 25

- 1:30 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, January 26

- 8:30 am ECC Prayer Group (Room C)

Wednesday, January 27

- 6:15 pm Confirmation (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 pm Mid-Week Devotional (via Facebook)

Thursday, January 28

- 6:00 pm Financial Peace University (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, January 29

- 6:00 am Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, January 30

Sunday, January 31

- 9:00 am Worship Service via Facebook Live
- 10:00 am Pre-K-1st Grade Mission Kids (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 am Worship Service (WZOE & ECC YouTube)
- 4:00 pm Small Group Study (Fellowship Hall/Virtual)
- 6:30 pm Sr High Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)



SEASON OF Epiphany:

4th Sunday after Epiphany (January 31)

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111;
1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

(Scriptures are taken from The Revised Common Lectionary)

Prayer Requests: Please contact the church office with any prayer requests. The Prayer Team and the Church Staff will pray faithfully during the week. If you would like to be added to the Prayer Chain, please contact the church office at 815-875-2124 or linnea@eccprinceton.org.

~ NEWS OF THE CHURCH ~

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We want to love our neighbors by protecting their health, so we ask you to observe the followings:

- Please wear a mask when entering & exiting the service/building.
- Please remain seated throughout the service, even when singing.
- During times of singing, please hum along, or if you would like to sing lightly, please wear your mask.
- Please refrain from hugs and handshakes – waves will do!
- Please wait for the ushers to dismiss you at the end of the service. Remember to take all items with you.
- Please use the Happy Hands (rear) entrance to exit the building unless the elevator is needed.



RSVP for January 31st

Reservation for next weeks 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM services will open at 9:00 AM on Monday, January 25th. Online access

can be found on the church's web page www.eccprinceton.org (click on the green bar at the top of the home page). If you do not have web access, please contact the church office at 815-875-2124 to reserve your seat. *Thank you.*

Following Jesus in a Divided Society

Tuesday, February 2nd at 6:00 pm | Fellowship Hall

Many of us are concerned about divisions that seem to be tearing our country apart. What can Christians do to live as peacemakers in the middle of it? Please join us for an open conversation in which we will (carefully) share frustrations, concerns, and prayers for our common national life.

Radio Connections!



A radio is not only a great way to listen to our church service every Sunday at 10:30 on WZOE, but also can bring joy and connection to those who might not have any. The Local Outreach Team is working to see if this is a need in our community, so if you or someone you know might need a radio, please contact Pastor Alex at 815-875-2124 or alex@eccprinceton.org.

CovKids Will Return: Kids ages preK through 6th grade are invited to join us for growing in God's Word while having fun on Wednesday nights, 6:00-7:15. **Restarts February 3rd.**



Sign up on Facebook @ECCPrincetonCovKids, or email Pastor Jessica (jessica@eccprinceton.org) with your child's name and grade. (Note: Children preK-4th grade must attend with an adult family member. 5th & 6th graders meet in separate boys' and girls' classes for fun and spiritual growth.)

Stewardship remains important during this challenging time.



TITHE.LY

Options on how to give are below & on our website:

1) **CHECK:** Mail your check to the church or drop it in the secure mail slot located just outside our front entrance (to the right)

2) **ONLINE BILL PAY** through your own bank (the most efficient and cost-effective method for the church) –

select **Pay by Check**; or

3) **TITHE.LY** Click the "Give" button at

<https://eccprinceton.org/giving/> to set up an account with ECC Princeton's secure Tithe.ly service. (Or download the free Tithe.ly app to give easily from your smartphone; search for "Evangelical Covenant Church".) Gifts given via Tithe.ly go directly to the General Fund. If you need to designate your gift, please note in the "memo/note".



THANK YOU all so much for your support of the Karawa Coffee Project. With a combination of our December special giving project and generous donations from you, we were able to send **\$4,480** towards this project. That money will go towards creating a sustainable lifestyle for many poverty stricken people in the Congo of Africa.

Save the Date – ECC Annual Meeting

Annual Congregational Meeting **Sunday, February 7th**

2020 Annual Report will be available
starting Sunday, January 31st.

Please watch for additional details about the meeting.

Congregational Meeting – The annual congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 7th**. The following candidates will also be presented for a vote of membership:

Jared & Jill Frueh	Ryan & Sydney Markham
Patrick & Linda Griggs	Ethan & Lauren Smith
Danny & Niki Hartz	Jessica Wright
Luke & Paige Heaton	

Any member desiring to provide feedback regarding an applicant, please do so in writing to the Leadership Council by February 1st.

Community Announcement: COVID-19 Vaccinations

(Phase 1b - essential workers, teachers, etc. & individuals 65+)

If you fall into Phase 1b of the COVID vaccination process, live in Bureau, Putnam, or Marshall County, and are interested in receiving the vaccination, there is an online form you can complete to provide information to the Bureau, Putnam, Marshall Co Health Department. ****Completing the form does NOT confirm an appointment time; they with CALL YOU as vaccines are available.** If you have already called the Health Department, you do NOT need to complete the form...they have your information.

To complete the form, visit www.bchealthdepartment.org. If you do not have internet access, please call **815-872-5091** to provide your information to them.

Student News

Sr High Youth Group –



SAVE THE DATE!

We are having a Sr. High student retreat on February 27, 2021. This will be at Menno Haven Camp and Retreat Center; the cost will be \$10 per/person. For more information, or if you think you will attend, please talk with Pastor Alex.



PreK – First Grade
10:00 AM
Fellowship Hall

Prayer Focus

- + For people in our lives and those around us to come to Christ
- + Those confined to their homes, facing surgeries, health concerns, unemployment/underemployment, marriages/families, troubles adults, troubled teens, unspoken requests

CHURCH

- + For Gary Grady recovering from COVID-19 & restarting therapy
- + For Mitch Lanxon recovering from knee surgery
- + For Pastor Derek, Pastor Jessica, Levi, Eve, & Olive Boggs
- + For Pastor Alex, Stacey, Truly, & Oliver Taylor
- + For MissionKids Ministry & volunteers
- + Shut-In of the Week: Vivian King (Aperion Care)

CENTRAL CONFERENCE / DENOMINATION

- + For our Central Conference Camps: Covenant Harbor & Covenant Point
- + For missionaries serving the DR Congo
 - >>see **2020-21 Covenant Missionary Calendar**, page 28
 - 2020-21 Prayer Calendars** available in the church office
- + Our Special Interest Missionaries:
 - + Minh & Jen Dao (Thailand), page 15
 - + Eugenio & Pia Restrepo (Latin America), page 47
 - + Tim & Helen Smith (Congo), page 55
 - + Andy Larsen & Cari Conklin (Middle East/North Africa), page 29

LOCAL

- + For local law enforcement, fire department, 1st Responders, & EMT's
- + For WZOE Radio Ministry & their listeners
- + For prayers for strength & patience for our local health department employees & director Hector Gomez

STATE/NATIONAL

- + For healing & comfort for those suffering from COVID and for families who have lost loved ones
- + For strength for the medical community & those administering COVID vaccines
- + For wisdom & guidance for our new president Joe Biden
- + For healing in the aftermath of the violence in Washington, DC

GLOBAL

- + Nations of the World*: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden