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Covenant OPC is a family of followers of Christ who are committed to loving the Lord and loving each other. Our vision for ministry is to glorify God and to enjoy Him by embracing and advancing the gospel of Jesus Christ through faithful proclamation and personal witness of God's Word, actions of Christ-like love, caring fellowship and Christ-centered worship in southwestern Milwaukee, our surrounding communities and throughout the world.

We are a congregation in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church which has been proclaiming the good news of salvation from sin in Jesus Christ and planting churches throughout the United States and the world since 1936.

Covenant is a place of new beginnings, yet with its roots in the past. It is Presbyterian in that it is led by servant-leaders who serve Jesus Christ and His people. Covenant Presbyterian is a church that takes the Bible seriously. We desire to be a community that is formed and informed by His word.

The beliefs of the OPC are set forth in the Westminster Standards. These documents reflect the historical, scriptural teachings on the authority of the Bible, the necessity of faith and repentance for salvation, the conviction of salvation by grace alone and secured by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Because "Covenant" rests on the promise of God and the completed work of Christ, "Covenant" shows great promise for the future.

If you desire more information, or are interested in becoming a member of Covenant, please contact Pastor Frank at 414.541.3282.

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Welcome to

Covenant

Orthodox Presbyterian Church

To know Christ and to make him known!

*I will bless
the LORD
at all times;
his praise
shall continually be
in my mouth.*

1 John 4:19

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Morning Worship - 10:30 am

Prelude - please make the first note of the prelude your cue for quiet meditation

Welcome - Greeting of one another

Call to Worship the Lord: *Psalm 18:1-14 and 2 Corinthians 1:3-4*

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, the servant of the LORD, who addressed the words of this song to the LORD on the day when the LORD rescued him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. He said:

I love you, O LORD, my strength. ²The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. ³I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. ⁴The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me; ⁵the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me. ⁶In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears. ⁷Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked, because he was angry. ⁸Smoke went up from his nostrils, and devouring fire from his mouth; glowing coals flamed forth from him. ⁹He bowed the heavens and came down; thick darkness was under his feet. ¹⁰He rode on a cherub and flew; he came swiftly on the wings of the wind. ¹¹He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him, thick clouds dark with water. ¹²Out of the brightness before him hailstones and coals of fire broke through his clouds. ¹³The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Most High uttered his voice, hailstones and coals of fire. ¹⁴And he sent out his arrows and scattered them; he flashed forth lightnings and routed them.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

God's Greeting - Prayer for God's Grace and Power to fill our lives.

Worship songs of praise to God

#106; *We Declare Your Majesty* (Blue Worship Book)

#35; *O How I Love Jesus* (Blue Worship Book)

Hymn #167; *When Morning Gilds the Skies* (Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading: Colossians 2:8-15, Psalm 32:1-7 and Romans 8:1-4

We listen to God and speak with Him

Congregational Prayer

Hymn #129; *I Belong to Jesus* (Red Trinity Hymnal)

We receive God's blessing and give to bless others

Tithes and Offerings:

God's Word speaks to us

Scripture Reading: **Galatians 1:11-24** (page 972 in ESV Bible)

Sermon Title: **Staying Faithful when Your Opponents Attack You**

We respond in faith

Hymn #705; *I Know Whom I Have Believed* (Red Trinity Hymnal)

Benediction

Hymn #733; *Doxology* (Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading

Colossians 2:8-15, Psalm 32:1-7 and Romans 8:1-4

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,

¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.

This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ²Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

⁵I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

⁷You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,

⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Sunday School - 9:15 am

Please join us for Sunday School, a great opportunity to grow in your knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and to fellowship with others around God's Word.

Children - Led by Jayne Langnes

The children's Sunday school meets in the fellowship hall.

Adults - Led by Elder John Nyenhuis

The adult Sunday school meets in the fireside room.

Custodial Care

July: Covenant OPC - DeLadurantey family / Lisa Peterson
August: Calvary Community Church
September: Covenant OPC - Ron Crown / Mike and Rae Putirskis

Setup/Greeters

Today: Josh Agen
July 31: John Tremann

Upcoming Events

July 26: Community Women's Evening Bible Study; 7:00 pm
July 28: Community Women's Afternoon Bible Study; 1:30 pm
August 2: Men's Evening Bible Study; 7:00 pm
August 3: Prayer Gathering; 7:00 pm
August 7: Celebrating the Lord's Supper
August 9: Downtown Morning Bible Study; 7:00 am

Covenant Praise & Prayer Requests

Praise God that He chose us for salvation in Jesus Christ long before we ever chose Him.

Praise God that by the gracious working of the Holy Spirit, He intervened to give us a new heart of faith in Christ freeing us to trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation and to serve Him.

Praise God that He also chose a life calling for us giving us gifts to serve Him in a particular calling in life for His glory and for the blessing of others.

Praise God for the fellowship committee and the ministry of mercy to Glenn Grossbier and his family in the meal provided during the memorial visitation for his mother.

Person of the week to pray for: Josh Agen

Pray for the Lord's comfort to sustain and strengthen Glenn Grossbier and his family in the death of his mother. Pray that those in his family without a saving relationship in the Lord Jesus may come to know Him as their personal Savior and Lord.

Pray for Rachel Sanders for physical healing. Pray that the Lord will renew and refresh her strength.

Pray for Jeff Wilhelm for protection from diseases and infections as his immune system is in the process of being built up from scratch. Pray for healing of his cancer. Pray for encouragement for Alexia, Hannah and Sophia as they care for and encourage Jeff.

Pray that when we are attacked by our opponents that we will be driven to Christ for His all sufficient grace and also trust in the truth that the Lord called us to faith and service to Christ.

Pray for Karen Jones as she moves back to Texas to be near her children.

Pray for our children to grow in their love for Jesus Christ.

Pray that the Lord will pour out His Holy Spirit on Pastor Jim and Bonnie Hoekstra as they church plant in Andover, Minnesota. Pray that the Lord will bless the preaching and teaching of God's Word and draw people to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known.

Pray that we will not only begin well in the Christian life but end well faithfully serving Jesus Christ.

Announcements

Prayer Chain

If you would like to place a prayer request on the prayer chain it is active from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. To place a request contact Gordon Morris at 414-526-4502.

Informal Lunch and Fellowship - Today

All are welcome join us for lunch, fellowship, Bible discussion, singing and prayer in the fellowship hall following our Worship Service.

Donation Opportunity - Today

Today we are collecting supplies for CareNet Pregnancy Center of Milwaukee. Please leave your donations in front of the Covenant mailboxes. Questions? Contact Josh Agen (jaagen@hotmail.com; 734-645-4482).

Vacation - July 25 thru August 1

Pastor Frank, Debbie, Hannah, Elizabeth and Rachel will be on vacation from July 25 through August 1. If you have any pastoral needs, please speak with Gordon Morris or John Nyenhuis.

Community Women's Evening Bible Study - Tuesday, July 26

Held at 7:00 pm at the home of Sharon Kolff. They are currently studying Matthew. Sharon's home is located at 2950 S. 91st St in West Allis. Her phone number is 414-321-8941. All women are welcome for an encouraging time of fellowship and prayer.

Community Women's Afternoon Bible Study - Thursday, July 28

Held at 1:30 pm at the home of Sharon Kolff. They are currently studying Matthew. Sharon's home is located at 2950 S. 91st St in West Allis. Her phone number is 414-321-8941. All women are welcome for an encouraging time of fellowship and prayer.

Covenant Family Camping & Fellowship - July 28 thru August 1

This years family camping is at Kohler-Andrae State Park again. Which is just an hour drive North of Milwaukee off of Hwy 43 on the shore of Lake Michigan. Even if you are not camping, come out to enjoy the day with us while we fellowship around a campfire! We are camping in the South loop. The site numbers are 214, 215, 216 & 217.

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Upcoming Events

Men's Bible Study - Tuesday, August 2

The next men's Bible Study will be Tuesday, August 2 at our church in the Fireside room. We will be discussing chapter six of the book "The Hole In Our Holiness" which is Spirit Empowered-Faith Fueled Gospel Driven Effort. We will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

Covenant Family Prayer Gathering - Wednesday, August 3

Held from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in Pastors office. Please join us in our prayer gathering as we gather together to share our praise and prayer requests and to lift them up before the Lord.

Downtown Morning Bible Study - Tuesday, August 9

The next downtown morning Bible Study will be Tuesday, August 9 at the East Café located at 600 Wisconsin Ave. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Frank, Josh Agen or Glenn Grossbier.

Annual Church Picnic - Sunday, August 14

This year our picnic will be combined with Calvary Community Church and will be held at Calhoun Park located at 5400 S. Calhoun Rd.

SouthPointe Healthcare Center - Sunday, August 21

We will be hosting the worship service at 3:00 pm for the residents of SouthPointe Healthcare Center located at 4500 W. Loomis Rd in Greenfield. All are welcome to join the residents in worship and singing.