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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*

*A church with its roots in the past . . .  
showing great promise for the future!*

*and all drank  
the same spiritual drink,  
For they drank  
from the spiritual Rock  
that followed them,  
and the Rock was Christ.*

*1 Corinthians 10:4*

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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 111 and Matthew 11:28-30*

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. <sup>2</sup> Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. <sup>3</sup> Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. <sup>4</sup> He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. <sup>5</sup> He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. <sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. <sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; <sup>8</sup> they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. <sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! <sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

<sup>28</sup> Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

Worship songs of praise to God

**#16; *Seek Ye First*** (Blue Worship Book)

**#12; *His Name Is Wonderful*** (Blue Worship Book)

**Hymn #55; *To God Be the Glory*** (Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading: John 16:5-15, Romans 8:1-4 and Ephesians 1:11-14

We listen to God and speak with Him

Congregational Prayer

**Hymn #499; *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*** (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 3:1-5** (page 973 in ESV Bible)

Sermon Title: **Entering and Advancing in the Christian Life by Faith in Christ Alone**

We respond in faith

**Hymn #585; *Take My Life, and Let It Be*** (Red Trinity Hymnal)

Benediction

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

## Responsive Reading

*John 16:5-15, Romans 8:1-4 and Ephesians 1:11-14*

<sup>5</sup> But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

<sup>7</sup> **Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.**

<sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in me;

<sup>10</sup> **concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer;** <sup>11</sup> **concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.**

<sup>12</sup> “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

<sup>14</sup> **He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.** <sup>15</sup> **All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For 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, <sup>4</sup> in 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.**

<sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

<sup>13</sup> **In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.**

## 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.

## This Week and Upcoming Events

### Custodial Care

August: Calvary Community Church  
September: Covenant OPC - Ron Crown / Mike and Rae Putirskis  
October: Calvary Community Church  
November: Covenant OPC

### Setup/Greeters

Today: Becky Metz  
August 28: Lisa Peterson  
September 4: DeLadurantey family  
September 11: Josh Agen  
September 18: John Tremann

### Upcoming Events

Today: SouthPointe Healthcare Center; 3:00 pm  
August 22: Session Meeting; 7:00 pm  
August 23: Downtown Morning Bible Study; 7:00 am  
August 23: Community Women's Evening Bible Study; 7:00 pm  
August 25: Community Women's Afternoon Bible Study; 1:30 pm  
August 30: 5th Tuesday - no Bible Study scheduled  
September 4: Celebrating the Lord's Supper  
September 14: Prayer Gathering; 7:00 pm  
September 20: Men's Evening Bible Study; 7:00 pm

## Covenant Praise & Prayer Requests

**Praise** God that Jesus Christ is our only and all sufficient Savior from sin.

**Praise** God that we did not work to gain the Holy Spirit that He is the gift of God who enables us to believe in Jesus and grow in faith in Jesus Christ.

**Praise** God that the Lord generously pours out the Holy Spirit upon us to enable us to bear under difficult circumstances.

**Praise** God for the musical accompaniment that the Lord has provided for us.

**Family of the week to pray for: John and Nancy Jo Baratti**

**Pray** for Carol Morris as she is bearing up under a great deal of pain from vertebrae in her back that underwent a procedure to heal them.

**Pray** for Jane Konings as she struggles with fluid in her chest cavity. Pray for her healing and patience as she waits for the Lord's healing.

**Pray** for peace true peace that comes from trusting Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord in Milwaukee, especially the Sherman Park area.

**Pray** for safety for our police officers and residents of Milwaukee.

**Pray** that we will live in submission and surrender to the Holy Spirit in our lives.

**Pray** that our entire Christian life will be lived through faith in Christ alone.

**Pray** that the Lord will be magnified in our marriages and homes. Pray that we will please the Lord as husbands, fathers, wives and mothers.

**Pray** that the Lord will supply the need of a medical missionary in Uganda to work among the Karamoja people.

**Pray** that the Lord will supply David Dathe with full time work as a professor.

**Pray** that the Holy Spirit will enable us to be faithful witnesses for 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.

### SouthPointe Healthcare Center - Today

This afternoon at 3:00 pm we will be hosting a worship service 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.

### Downtown Morning Bible Study - Tuesday, August 23

The next downtown morning Bible Study will be Tuesday, August 23 at the East Café located at 600 Wisconsin Ave. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Frank, Josh Agen or Glenn Grossbier.

### Community Women's Evening Bible Study - Tuesday, August 23

Held at 7:00 pm at the home of Sharon Kolff which 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, August 25

Held at 1:30 pm at the home of Sharon Kolff which 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.

### Nominations For The Office Of Elder And Deacon

The Session (board of Elders) invites the congregation to nominate individuals for the Session to train and consider for the offices of Elder or Deacons. The individuals you nominate must meet the following qualifications:

- ◆ *Member in good standing of our congregation for a year or longer.*
- ◆ *They must meet the Christ like character qualifications from God's Word in I Timothy 3:1-13.*
- ◆ *They must give a genuine testimony of faith in Jesus Christ alone for salvation and growth in Christian maturity.*
- ◆ *They should be willing to undergo training to serve as a church officer under the instruction of the Session.*

You can nominate individuals in writing or verbal communication to Pastor Frank, Gordon Morris or John Nyenhuis. Individuals nominated will be considered by the Session and approved to be contacted to serve. After they are approved and contacted by the Session acknowledging their willingness to serve they must undergo training to serve. After training they will be interviewed and certified by the Session and presented at the Annual Congregational meeting in January of 2017 for a congregational vote.

**Glenn Grossbier received a second car from his mother's estate. If anyone would have space for Glenn to park it, he would be very grateful. You can call Glenn at 704-837-6100.**

## Announcements

### Church Cleaning Volunteers needed for November.

The church building is cleaned once a week. The cleaning is alternated each month between us and Calvary. We are scheduled for the month of November and currently do not have anybody on the schedule. If you are able to help please contact either Debbie Nyenhuis or Pastor Frank for further details.

### Upcoming Events

#### Celebrating the Lord's Supper - Sunday, September 4

The first Sunday in September we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper during our Worship Service.

#### Donation Opportunity -- Sunday, September 11

For our next donation opportunity, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the New Berlin Food Pantry on Sunday, September 11, as a way to reach out to the local community and demonstrate God's love in a practical way. Please consider buying or setting aside food items now that you can donate.

#### Covenant Family Prayer Gathering - Wednesday, September 14

The prayer gathering for September has been changed to the 2nd Wednesday of the month, September 14. We will gather at 7:00 pm in Pastors office. Please join us in our prayer gathering as we share our praise and prayer requests and to lift them up before the Lord.

#### Men's Bible Study - Tuesday, September 20

The next Men's Bible Study will be Tuesday, September 20 at 7:00 pm. It will be held at Panera Restaurant located on the corner of Beloit Rd and Moorland Rd in New Berlin. All men are welcome! We will be studying chapter seven in "The Hole In Your Holiness" Become Who You Are. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Frank at 414-541-3282.

#### Women's Presbyterial of the Midwest - Saturday, October 1

This year's Women's Presbyterial will be held at New Covenant Church in Joliet, IL. Please put October 1 on your calendar and plan for a day of encouragement with our sisters in Christ! Their speaker will be Tin Ling Lee, a tentmaker missionary, currently serving in China. She has recently returned to the states and is looking forward to sharing with us.