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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!

*without faith
it is impossible to please him,
for whoever
would draw near to God
must believe that he exists
and that he rewards
those who seek him.*

Hebrews 11:6

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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: *Revelation 5:9-14*

⁹ And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.” ¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” ¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

God’s Greeting -

Prayer to Our Great God to Glorify Himself through our Worship and Our Lives.

Worship songs of praise to God

#77; Majesty

(Blue Worship Book)

#98; You Are My Hiding Place

(Blue Worship Book)

Hymn #34; The God of Abraham Praise

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading: Romans 4:13-25 and Hebrews 11:8-12

We listen to God and speak with Him

Congregational Prayer

Assurance of God’s Pardon: Ephesians 1:7

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace

Hymn #517; I’ve Found a Friend, O Such a Friend!

(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 3:6-14** (page 973 in ESV Bible)

Sermon Title: **Father Abraham Had Many Sons**

We respond in faith

Hymn #305; Arise, My Soul, Arise

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Benediction

Hymn #733; Doxology

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading

Romans 4:13-25 and Hebrews 11:8-12

¹³ For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

¹⁴ **For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.**

¹⁶ That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,

¹⁷ **as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.**

¹⁸ In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.”

¹⁹ **He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.**

²⁰ No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

²² **That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³ But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours also.**

It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵ who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

⁸ **By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.**

⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.

¹⁰ **For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.**

¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.

¹² **Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.**

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: Lisa Peterson
September 4: DeLadurantey family
September 11: Josh Agen
September 18: John Tremann

Upcoming Events

August 30: 5th Tuesday - no Bible Study scheduled
September 4: Celebrating the Lord's Supper
September 6: Downtown Morning Bible Study; 7:00 am
September 13: Community Women's Evening Bible Study; 7:00 pm
September 14: Prayer Gathering; 7:00 pm
September 15: Community Women's Afternoon Bible Study; 1:30 pm
September 20: Men's Evening Bible Study; 7:00 pm

Covenant Praise & Prayer Requests

Praise God that He credits the righteousness of Christ to us on the basis of faith in Christ alone even though we are still actually unrighteous.

Praise God that the Lord strengthens our faith through the trials and obstacles of life so that we learn to cling to Him more closely.

Praise God that His perfect plan from all eternity has been the gospel of forgiveness be proclaimed throughout the world.

Praise God that the Lord is able to accomplish His good will in our lives.

Family of the week to pray for: Michael and Jennifer Widowski

Pray for the Lord's comfort for Glenn Grossbier in his mother's death and wisdom with handling her estate.

Pray for the Lord by His irresistible grace to draw our loved one's into a saving relationship with Himself.

Pray for the Lord to give us fruit from our advertising to the community.

Pray that we would understand and praise God for the amazing grace of our God through which the righteousness of Christ is credited to us.

Pray that the object of our faith would be Jesus Christ and that we would trust in His faithfulness to His promises.

Pray for the upcoming fall Sunday School class for the adults on the Book of I Kings. Pray for the Lord to bless the family intergenerational Sunday School class on I Kings taught by Pastor Frank.

Pray for the Lord to bless the ministry of Pastor Jim and Bonnie Hoekstra in Andover, Minnesota. Pray that the Lord would give them fruit from their evangelistic outreach.

Pray for Matt Agen in Wausau that the Lord will bless his ministry of compassion to his clients and give him fruitful evangelistic contacts.

Pray for physical healing for Dave Dathe.

Pray for physical healing for Carol Morris through a procedure to cement broken bones in her back.

Pray for healing of cancer for Jeff Wilhelm and that the Lord will draw Jeff and his family near to the Lord through his ordeal.

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.

Tuesday, August 30

This Tuesday is the 5th Tuesday of the month - there will be no men's Bible study.

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.

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.

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.

Announcements

Upcoming Events

Celebrating the Lord's Supper - Sunday, September 4

Next Sunday we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper during our Worship Service.

Downtown Morning Bible Study - Tuesday, September 6

The next downtown morning Bible Study will be Tuesday, September 6 at the East Café located at 600 Wisconsin Ave. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Frank, Josh Agen or Glenn Grossbier.

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.

Community Women's Evening Bible Study - Tuesday, September 13

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.

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.

Community Women's Afternoon Bible Study - Thursday, September 15

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.

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 Bread 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.

Ladies Save-the-Date: Saturday, October 1

Pastor Michael Van Maastricht and his wife Marie of Calvary Community Church are expecting their child. Calvary will be hosting a baby shower on October 1 and has invited all the ladies of Covenant to attend. More details to come soon.

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.