

September 11, 2016

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!

*Let them thank the LORD
for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works
to the children of man!*

Psalm 107:15

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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: *Lamentations 3:22-26 and 2 Corinthians 1:3-4*

²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;

²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

²⁵ The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴ who 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

#56; *We Bow Down*

(Blue Worship Book)

#69; *I Will Praise Him, Still*

(Blue Worship Book)

Hymn #4; *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #1

We listen to God and speak with Him

Congregational Prayer

Hymn #295; *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

(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 3:15-18** (page 973 in ESV Bible)

Sermon Title: **Beneficiaries of God’s Promise of Love in Jesus Christ**

We respond in faith

Hymn #498; *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!*

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Benediction **Hymn #733; *Doxology***

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #1

Leader:

What is your only comfort in life and death?

Congregation:

That I am not my own, but belong-body and soul, in life and in death-to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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 and Adults - Led by Pastor Marsh
Sunday school meets in the fireside room.

New Sunday School Class On I Kings started this morning

Everyone is invited to the new adult Sunday school class on the Kings of Israel beginning with a focus on the prophetic ministries of Elijah and Elisha. We will learn what it means to follow Jesus Christ in dark times through our study of the spiritual failures and successes of the Kings of Israel and the faithful prophetic ministries of Elisha and Elijah. Come and learn how the ministries of the Kings of Israel point to and are fulfilled in the ministry of the perfect King Jesus Christ who is our King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The first month of our class will be a Family Intergenerational Sunday School class in which we will learn God's word from I Kings together children and adults. Sunday School begins at 9:15 am and ends at 10:10 am. All are welcome! This class will be taught by Pastor Frank.

This Week and Upcoming Events

Custodial Care

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

Setup/Greeters

Today: Josh Agen
September 18: John Tremann
September 25: Becky Metz
October 2: Lisa Peterson
October 9: Ron Crown

Upcoming Events

September 11: Donation opportunity to the New Berlin Food Pantry
September 13: 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
September 25: Luncheon/Bible discussion; 12:00 pm

Covenant Praise & Prayer Requests

Praise to God that the Sovereign, eternal and gracious God established His covenant of grace with Abraham and all of those who trust Jesus Christ, through the blood of His own Son Jesus Christ.

Praise God that salvation in Christ does not rest on the law but on God's faithfulness to His promise to redeem us through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise God that salvation is a gift once given and then kept forever through God's Sovereign grace.

Praise God for the faithful service of our deacons and elders.

Family of the week to pray for: John and Patricia Tremann

Pray for healing for Carol Morris acute and chronic pain in her back. Pray that her doctor will be given wisdom by the Lord to properly diagnose and treat her vertebrae in her back.

Pray for the new church plant of our Presbytery in Oshkosh. Pray for Bob Holda and his family as he pastors and leads this new work of the gospel under the oversight of Apple Valley Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Pray for healing for Jane Konings of fluid buildup in her chest.

Pray that we will rely more firmly and deeply on God's covenant keeping faithfulness in our daily lives.

Pray for the advertising our ministry will begin doing in the New Berlin and Muskego Now. Pray that the Lord would use the advertising to bring people to know Christ and worship with us.

Pray for Glenn Grossbier for comfort in the death of his mother and strength.

Pray for Dave Dathe healing from physical complications.

Pray for Pastor Frank as he teaches the adult class on I Kings that the Holy Spirit would give him wisdom and that the study of I Kings would deepen our knowledge and commitment to Christ's kingdom.

Pray that our children would grow deeply in their love for Christ and service to Him.

Pray for healing of Jeff Wilhelm's cancer. Pray that the Lord would draw Jeff, Alexia, Sophia and Hannah close to him.

Pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world.

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.

Donation Opportunity -- Sunday, September 11

Today we are collecting non-perishable food items for the New Berlin Food Pantry as a way to reach out to the local community and demonstrate God's love in a practical way. Please place your items in the blue bin located in front of our mailboxes in the fellowship hall. Contact Josh Agen with any questions.

Downtown Morning Bible Study - Tuesday, September 13

The next downtown Bible Study will meet Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00 am at the 600 East Cafe on Wisconsin Avenue. Everyone and anyone is welcome to join us for Bible Study on the book of Proverbs. Our next study will focus on how Daniel is a living example to us of the wisdom taught in the book of Proverbs. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Frank at 414-541-3282.

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.

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 1 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.

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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.

Our Next Informal Lunch and Fellowship - Sunday, September 25

Please join us for lunch, fellowship, Bible discussion, singing and prayer. To be held in the fellowship hall following our Worship Service. The fellowship committee will be providing the main dish for lunch, please bring a dish to pass.

Ladies Save-the-Date: Saturday, October 1

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

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.

Save the Date! Saturday, November 12

We are recruiting a group of volunteers from Covenant to participate in the Milwaukee Rescue Mission's Volunteer Saturday on November 12 from 9-11 a.m. We will be working on whatever is needed at the time -- cleaning classrooms, sorting clothes, working in the courtyard, wrapping presents, etc. Please consider joining us for this event as we seek to demonstrate Christ's love for the homeless. You can sign up using the sign-up sheet at the table outside the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please talk to Josh Agen (734-645-4482)