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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!*

*Create in me a clean heart,
O God,
and renew a right spirit
within me.*

Psalms 51:10

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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: *1 Peter 1:1-9*

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you. ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

God's Greeting - Prayer for God's Grace and Power to Fill Our Lives.

Worship songs of praise to God

#4; Change My Heart, O God

(Blue Worship Book)

#52; How Deep the Father's Love for Us

(Blue Worship Book)

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

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading: Romans 5:1-6 and Romans 5:12-21

We listen to God and speak with Him

Congregational Prayer

Hymn #172; Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

(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 3:19-25** (page 973 in ESV Bible)

Sermon Title: **God's Law a Mirror That Cleanses and The On Ramp
Onto The Gospel Highway**

We respond in faith

Hymn #175; A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus My Lord

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Benediction **Hymn #733; Doxology**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading

Romans 5:1-6 and Romans 5:12-21

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame,

because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—

¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law.

¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.

¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.

¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,

²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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: John Tremann
September 25: Becky Metz
October 2: Lisa Peterson
October 9: Ron Crown

Upcoming Events

September 20: Men's Evening Bible Study; 7:00 pm
September 25: Luncheon/Bible discussion; 12:00 pm
September 27: Downtown Morning Bible Study; 7:00 am
September 27: Community Women's Evening Bible Study; 7:00 pm
September 29: Community Women's Afternoon Bible Study; 1:30 pm

Covenant Praise & Prayer Requests

Praise God that through the power of the Holy Spirit His Law reveals our imprisonment in sin showing us our need for Christ's grace so that we may be driven to cling to Christ for salvation.

Praise God that He causes us to take our sin seriously so that we will see and trust the all sufficiency of our Savior.

Praise God that Jane Konings is out of the hospital and slowly recovering.

Praise God for the strength of His grace in times of trial.

Person of the week to pray for: Stan Cassel

Pray that by the grace of the Holy Spirit we will take our sin seriously so that we will live in delight in our Savior and praise to Him for His saving love in bearing our sin.

Pray that we will yield to the Holy Spirit writing God's Law in our hearts by yielding to obey God's Law in our words, attitudes and actions.

Pray for healing for Jane Konings from anemia. Pray that the Lord would give her patience as she waits for healing.

Pray for those in our church family who have loved one's under the bondage of sin that they will turn to the Lord in repentance.

Pray for protection and wisdom for our police officers.

Pray that we would be faithful witnesses to the gospel in our homes and neighborhoods.

Pray for our Bible Studies that the Lord would give us a hunger to study His Word and live it out in our lives.

Pray that our children would grow in faith and love for Jesus.

Pray for comfort for those who have recently lost loved ones: Glenn Grossbier his mother, Vinay Budithi his aunt and Jane Konings her brother.

Pray for continued healing for Stan Cassel from physical complications.

Pray for persecuted Christians in Syria and Iraq. Pray that as they face daily the real possibility of being persecuted that they will remain faithful to the Gospel.

Pray for revival in our individual lives, family's, nation and 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.

Men's Bible Study - Tuesday, September 20

Men's Bible Study is this 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.

Informal Lunch and Fellowship - Sunday, September 25

Please join us next Sunday 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.

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.

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Upcoming Events

Downtown Morning Bible Study - Tuesday, September 27

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 27

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, September 29

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.

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. There is a sign up sheet on the fellowship table if you plan to attend or you may RSVP to Judy Irvy from Calvary at 414-305-7543.

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. We are looking forward 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)