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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!

*“Holy, holy, holy,
is the Lord God Almighty,
who was
and is
and is to come!”*

Revelation 4:8

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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 150 and 2 Corinthians 1:3-4*

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! ² Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! ³ Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! ⁴ Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! ⁵ Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! ⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise 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

#118; *He Is Exalted*

(Blue Worship Book)

#40; *Give Thanks*

(Blue Worship Book)

Hymn #100; *Holy, Holy, Holy!*

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading: Colossians 3:1-17

We listen to God and speak with Him

Congregational Prayer

Hymn #525; *A Child of the King*

(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 3:26-29** (page 974 in ESV Bible)

Sermon Title: **You Have an Unshakeable, Transforming Identity in Christ**

We respond in faith

Hymn #355; *We Are God's People*

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

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

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading

Colossians 3:1-17

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming.

⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. ¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through 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.

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: Becky Metz
October 2: Lisa Peterson
October 9: Ron Crown

Upcoming Events

Today: Luncheon/Bible discussion; 12:00 pm
September 27: Downtown Morning Bible Study; 7:00 am
September 29: Community Women's Afternoon Bible Study; 1:30 pm
September 29: Community Women's Evening Bible Study; 7:00 pm
October 2: Celebrating the Lord's Supper
October 4: Men's Evening Bible Study; 7:00 pm
October 5: Prayer Gathering; 7:00 pm

Covenant Praise & Prayer Requests

Praise God that we are all sons of God through faith in Jesus Christ. We therefore praise God that we receive the tender affection of God in forgiving our sin and making us His children through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise God that we are spiritually united to Jesus Christ and participate in His obedient life, His suffering death, and His victorious resurrection.

Praise God that because we belong to God we also belong to everyone else who belongs to Christ.

Praise God for the fellowship we have with one another through faith in Jesus Christ.

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

Pray for pastors retiring at the end of this year in the regional church: Pastor David King retiring from Janesville. Pastor Jonathan Falk retiring from Falls Presbyterian Church.

Pray for continued healing for Jane Konings from anemia. Pray for patience for Jane as she waits on the Lord for healing.

Pray for Carol Morris recovering at home from another procedure to cement broken vertebrae in her back. Pray that the Lord would bring her beyond the severe pain in her back.

Pray for those who have recently lost loved one: Jane Konings her brother Bud. Vinay Budithi his aunt. Glenn Grossbier his mother.

Pray for healing for Jeff Wilhelm from cancer.

Pray for Rachel Sanders to be given continued grace from the Lord for healing from pain and restored strength.

Pray for Pastor Frank as he travels to Philadelphia for the Committee On Foreign Missions meeting from tomorrow through Thursday. Pray for Christ's wisdom, unity and love as we interview four different missionaries who have been serving in various fields and give oversight to the various mission fields our denomination serves in.

Pray that we will grow in living out our identity as united with Christ so that Jesus Christ character will be reproduced and evidenced more and more in our lives.

Pray that we will grow deep in the love of Christ seeing others and treating others as Christ sees and treats us.

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

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.

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 Afternoon Bible Study - Thursday, September 29

This weeks study will be on the book of Jude. 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.

Community Women's Evening Bible Study - Thursday, September 29

The women's evening Bible study has been changed from Tuesday evenings to Thursday evenings beginning this Thursday, September 29 at 7:00 pm. This weeks study will be on the book of Jude. Held 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.

The next women's Bible study for both morning and afternoon studies will be a 10 week study by Nancy Guthrie called The Lamb of God, Seeing Jesus in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. Books are required for this study, if you are interested in attending it would be good to let Sharon know ahead of time so she can have ample books on hand. Sharon's number is 414-321-8941.

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Baby Shower - 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 Saturday, 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.

Celebrating the Lord's Supper - Sunday, October 2

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

Men's Bible Study - Tuesday, October 4

Men's Bible Study is at 7:00 pm. All men are welcome! We will be studying the book "The Hole In Your Holiness" Become Who You Are. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Frank at 414-541-3282.

Covenant Family Prayer Gathering - Wednesday, October 5

The prayer gathering gathers 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.

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)