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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!*

*Jesus said to him,
"I am the way,
and the truth,
and the life.
No one comes
to the Father
except through me."*

John 14:6

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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: *Psalm 92 and Revelation 1:5*

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; ² to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, ³ to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. ⁴ For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy. ⁵ How great are your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep! ⁶ The stupid man cannot know; the fool cannot understand this: ⁷ that though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish, they are doomed to destruction forever; ⁸ but you, O LORD, are on high forever. ⁹ For behold, your enemies, O LORD, for behold, your enemies shall perish; all evildoers shall be scattered. ¹⁰ But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; you have poured over me fresh oil. ¹¹ My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies; my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants. ¹² The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. ¹³ They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God. ¹⁴ They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green, ¹⁵ to declare that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood

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

Worship songs of praise to God

#76; Lamb of God

(Blue Worship Book)

Hymn #181; We Come, O Christ, to You

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading from the Lord's Ten Commandments:

Exodus 20:1-17 and 1 Peter 2:24-25

We listen to God and speak with Him

Congregational Prayer

We receive God's blessing and give to bless others

Tithes and Offerings

God's Word speaks to us

Scripture Reading: **Galatians 3:10-14** (page 973 in ESV Bible)

Sermon Title: **From Cursed to Blessed Through Faith in Jesus Christ**

In preparation for the Lord's Supper

Hymn #261; What Wondrous Love Is This

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Observance and Celebration of The Lord's Supper

The bread of the Communion plate is Gluten Free and the inner most section of the Communion plate for wine has the non-fermented wine.

Deacons Offering: In grateful response to Christ's sacrificial love for us, we will now take up an offering to help those in need in our congregation and community, as the offering is taken please remain seated to sing **Hymn #709; Now I Belong to Jesus**

Diaconal Prayer: Deacon Mr. Glenn Grossbier

Benediction **Hymn #733; Doxology**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading

from the Lord's Ten Commandments: Exodus 20:1-17 and 1 Peter 2:24-25

God spoke all these words, saying, ²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³“You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“**You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.**

⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷“**You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.**

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God.

On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.

¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²“**Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.**

¹³“You shall not murder.

¹⁴“**You shall not commit adultery.**

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“**You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

²⁴ **He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.**

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.

New adult Sunday school class begins next Sunday, September 11. The class will be on the Kings of Israel beginning with a focus on the prophetic ministries of Elijah and Elisha. This class will be taught by Pastor Marsh.

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: DeLadurantey family
September 11: Josh Agen
September 18: John Tremann

Upcoming Events

September 4: Celebrating the Lord's Supper
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 Jesus Christ God's Son who bore the curse of our separation from God The Father which we earned because of our sin so that we might receive Christ's perfect righteousness and forgiveness.

Praise God that He has given us the Holy Spirit to empower us to serve Him.

Praise God for the strength of His all sustaining grace through the trials of life.

Praise God for our witness to the Gospel in this community.

Family of the week to pray for: Budithi Family

Pray for Iunia for the Lord to use chemotherapy treatments to heal the particular form of brain cancer she struggles under. Pray that the Lord will sustain her and strengthen Iunia and her family during this ordeal. Pray that Christ will be glorified through this trial in her life.

Pray for Rachel Sanders for the Lord's peace and strength to undergird her as she adjusts to chronic weakness and pain. Pray that her doctors would be given wisdom to help her adjust to her weakness and pain.

Pray for Carol Morris that the Lord would grant her relief from the acute and chronic pain from cemented bones in her back. Pray that the Lord would give her doctor wisdom in diagnosing and treating her pain from the bone structure in her back.

Pray for John and Tesh Tremann physical and spiritual strength.

Pray for Glenn Grossbier physical and spiritual strength and comfort.

Pray for Pastor Brandon Wilkins church planter in Crystal Lake, Wisconsin. Pray for the Lord to bless his outreach efforts and strengthen and encourage Brandon and his wife.

Pray for Jane Konings healing from fluid buildup in her chest cavity and for patience in waiting for the Lord's healing.

Pray for the advertising we are doing in the New Berlin and Muskego Now that the Lord will use these efforts to attract visitors to worship with us.

Pray that the Lord would enable us to willingly submit our lives totally to Him.

Pray that our children will grow in their love for Jesus and willingness to serve Him.

Pray that the Lord will use the adult Sunday School class on I Kings to teach us to live in reliance on the Lord and to serve Him with greater wisdom and zeal.

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.

Celebrating the Lord's Supper - Today

We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper during our Worship Service.

New Adult Sunday School Class On I Kings begins Sunday, September 11

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.

Donation Opportunity -- Sunday, September 11

Next Sunday we will be 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 consider buying or setting aside food items now that you can donate.

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 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.

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 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.