

October 2, 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*

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*A church with its roots in the past . . .  
showing great promise for the future!*

*But he was pierced  
for our transgressions;  
he was crushed  
for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement  
that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.*

*Isaiah 53:5*

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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: *Isaiah 12 and Romans 8:14-17*

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. <sup>2</sup>"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." <sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. <sup>5</sup>"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup>Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

<sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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

Worship songs of praise to God

**Hymn #650; I Will Sing of My Redeemer**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

**#10; There Is a Redeemer**

(Blue Worship Book)

Responsive Reading: Exodus 20:1-17 and Colossians 2:13-15

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 4:1-7** (page 974 in ESV Bible)

Sermon Title: **Changed From a Slave To a Son**

In preparation for the Lord's Supper

**Hymn #247; O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

(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 loving and grateful service to the Lord Jesus love in saving us from our sin, we will now take up an offering to help those in need in our church family and community. Please remain seated as the deacons take the offering and we sing **Hymn #528; My Faith Looks Up to Thee** from the Red Trinity Hymnal

Diaconal Prayer: Deacon Mr. Josh Agen

Benediction **Hymn #733; Doxology**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

## Responsive Reading

*Exodus 20:1-17 and Colossians 2:13-15*

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

<sup>4</sup>**"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.**

<sup>5</sup>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, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>**"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.**

<sup>8</sup>"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>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.**

<sup>11</sup>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.

<sup>12</sup>**"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.**

<sup>13</sup>"You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>**"You shall not commit adultery.**

<sup>15</sup>"You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>**"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

<sup>17</sup>"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."

<sup>13</sup>**And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh,**

God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.

**This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in 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**

October: Calvary Community Church  
November: Covenant OPC - Karen Jones / Ron Crown  
December: Calvary Community Church

### **Setup/Greeters**

Today: Lisa Peterson  
October 9: Ron Crown  
October 16: DeLadurantey family  
October 23: John Tremann  
October 30: Becky Metz

### **Upcoming Events**

Today: Celebrating the Lord's Supper  
October 4: Men's Evening Bible Study; 7:00 pm  
October 5: Prayer Gathering; 7:00 pm  
October 9: Fellowship Meal  
October 10: Session Meeting; 7:00 pm  
October 11: Downtown Morning Bible Study; 7:00 am  
October 13: Community Women's Afternoon Bible Study; 1:30 pm  
October 13: Community Women's Evening Bible Study; 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.

**Person of the week to pray for: Stan Cassel**

**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 for relief of pain and restored strength.

**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.

**Pray** that we will grow in the assurance that we are redeemed and placed into God our Heavenly Father's forever family.

## 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 - Sunday, October 2

Today 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.

### Fellowship Meal - Sunday, October 9

Next Sunday will be our next church family Luncheon. We will be having a Chili dump. You may bring either some chili to add to our mix or a side dish to pass. This is a wonderful time to spend more time with one another and enjoy the tasty cooking of our church family.

### 2016 Giving

God has been especially good to us this year! We are normally several thousand dollars behind schedule on budgeted giving at this point on the calendar. But we have been blessed with abundant giving in 2016:

Budgeted through September:	<b>\$120,000.00</b>
Giving through September:	<b>\$120,366.99</b>

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### Upcoming Events

#### **Downtown Morning Bible Study - Tuesday, October 11**

The next downtown Bible Study will meet Tuesday, October 11 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. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Frank at 414-541-3282.

#### **Community Women's Afternoon Bible Study - Thursday, October 13**

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, October 13**

Reminder, the women's evening Bible study has been changed from Tuesday evenings to Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm. 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 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.

#### **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)