

October 9, 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!

*... Our Lord Jesus Christ,
who died for us
so that whether
we are awake
or asleep
we might live with him.*

1 Thessalonians 5:9-10

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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: *Psalm 146 and Matthew 11:28-30*

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! ²I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. ³Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. ⁴When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. ⁵Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, ⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; ⁷who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; ⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. ⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. ¹⁰The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

God’s Greeting - Prayer for God’s Grace and Power Will Fill Our Lives.

Worship songs of praise to God

#136; *Knowing You* (Blue Worship Book)

#78; *By Him, For Him* (Blue Worship Book)

Hymn #159; *O Savior, Precious Savior* (Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 and John 15:8-17

We listen to God and speak with Him

Congregational Prayer

Hymn #623; *Moment by Moment* (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 4:8-20** (page 974 in ESV Bible)

Sermon Title: **Sons Who Obey Their Heavenly Father Out of Love**

We respond in faith

Hymn #654; *O Jesus, I Have Promised* (Red Trinity Hymnal)

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

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading

2 Corinthians 12:1-10 and John 15:8-17

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows.

³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter.

⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses—⁶though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me.

⁷So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.

⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you.

¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

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: Ron Crown
October 16: DeLadurantey family
October 23: John Tremann
October 30: Becky Metz

Upcoming Events

Today: Fellowship Meal
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
October 18: Men's Evening Bible Study; 7:00 pm
October 28: Ladies Fellowship at Jason's Deli; 5:00 pm
October 29: Reformation Conference at Grace OPC; 9:00 am
October 30: Reformation Conference at Grace OPC; 9:00 am

Covenant Praise & Prayer Requests

Praise God that we are children of God because God who knew us intimately and lovingly chose us to be His children forever.

Praise God that through the filling of the Holy Spirit in our lives we are sons who obey our father out of love for Him.

Praise God that He Sovereignly uses our problems to accomplish His will and to reach the lost in ways we never thought possible.

Praise that Jesus Christ is formed in us and we enabled to live a consistent Christians life as we yield ourselves to the Word of God.

Family of the week to pray for: Jeff and Teri Simos

Pray for Jane Konings suffering from chronic and acute anemia. Pray that the Lord would heal and comfort her. Pray for her comfort in the death of her sister in law who was living in Massachusetts.

Pray for Carol Morris for continued healing from broken vertebrae in her back that has been cemented together and is in the process of healing.

Pray that we will grow in enjoying reading, hearing, delighting in and submitting to the Word of God.

Pray that our singles may grow in their love for the Lord, experience the Lord's encouragement and be used mightily by Him in the building of His kingdom.

Pray that our lives will be shaped increasingly into the likeness of Christ's character so that we will live consistent Christian lives.

Pray for Haiti as they recover from the hurricane.

Pray for John and Wenny Ro and their two children as they plant Gospel Life Church in the south loop of Chicago. Pray for the Lord to bless their outreach efforts by harvesting souls to eternal life.

Pray for those in their season of retirement that they will serve the Lord fruitfully and rest in the Lord's care for them.

Pray that our marriages will glorify Christ and that spouses will love each other as Christ has loved us.

Pray for the elections that the Lord will be glorified.

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.

Fellowship Meal - Today

After todays worship service we are having a Chili dump. All are welcome to attend. This is a wonderful time to spend more time with one another and enjoy the tasty cooking of our church family.

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 and Evening Bible Study - Thursday, October 13

The afternoon study is at 1:30 pm and the evening study is at 7:00 pm both are 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 will be a 10 week study by Nancy Guthrie called The Lamb of God, Seeing Jesus in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

Vacation

Pastor Frank, Debbie, Hannah, Elizabeth and Rachel will be on vacation from October 10 through October 24. If you have any pastoral needs please call elder Gordon Morris or elder John Nyenhuis.

Announcements

Report of the Session Meetings for August/September 2016

1. Began our meeting with prayer and a devotional on Ezekiel 34:1-16 led by Pastor Frank.
2. Approved the Session minutes from July 18, 2016.
3. Pastor Frank gave a report of his ministry.
4. Approved Pastor Frank's Study Leave for the week of November 14 through November 21, 2016.
5. Jeff and Noemi Voskuil have not responded to our repeated efforts by phone calls and letters regarding their extended absence from worship Covenant over the past several years. They were sent a letter inviting them to attend our Session meeting of August 22 to state the reasons their membership should be retained, but did not do so. We prayed and discussed their situation. As a result, in accordance with the 2015 edition of the OPC Book of Discipline paragraph V.2.a.(5) the names of Jeff Voskuil and Noemi Voskuil are erased from membership at Covenant.
6. Discussed and approved Pastor Frank teaching the Adult Sunday School class on I Kings and approved a Family Sunday School class for September 2016 into October 2016.
7. Our brochures for giving to visitors and when calling on neighborhood homes has been updated with updated maps. Brochures were brought to the Muskego and New Berlin Chamber of Commerce for distribution to new residents in their Welcome Packets.
8. Closed our meeting by praying for families.
In Christ's Love,
Pastor Frank for elder Gordon Morris and elder John Nyenhuis

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:	\$120,000.00
Giving through September:	\$120,366.99

Upcoming Events

Men's Bible Study - Tuesday, October 18

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.

Reformation Conference - Saturday & Sunday, October 29 & 30

Grace OPC in Sheboygan is hosting their annual Reformation Conference. This years speaker is Dr. Craig Troxel. His topic will be "The Undivided Heart: How People of Faith Deal with Doubt." See flyer insert for more details or visit their website at www.graceopcsheboygan.com.