

November 13, 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!*

*Lord, you have been  
our dwelling place  
in all generations.*

*Psalms 90:1*

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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 100 and 1 Peter 1:1-3*

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! <sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! <sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! <sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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

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

Worship songs of praise to God

**#66; In Christ Alone**

(Blue Worship Book)

**#69; I Will Praise Him, Still**

(Blue Worship Book)

**Hymn #30; Our God, Our Help in Ages Past**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:7-18, Hebrews 13:1-2 & Revelation 7:7-13

We listen to God and speak with Him

Congregational Prayer

**Hymn #588; Who Is on the Lord's Side?**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

We receive God's blessing and give to bless others

Tithes and Offerings: Quartet of Mrs. Nancy Jo Baratti, Mrs. Debbie Marsh, Mr. John Nyenhuis and Mr. Gordon Morris singing hymn #351 "Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand" and accompanied by Miss. Beth Sanders.

God's Word speaks to us

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 5:1-12** (page 809 in ESV Bible)

Sermon Title: **Living Joyfully for Christ In Challenging Times**

We respond in faith

**Hymn #573; Am I a Soldier of the Cross**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Benediction

**Hymn #733; Doxology**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

## Responsive Reading

*2 Corinthians 4:7-18, Hebrews 13:1-2 & Revelation 7:7-13*

<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. <sup>8</sup> We are afflicted in every way,

**but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;**

<sup>10</sup> always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

**<sup>11</sup> For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup> So death is at work in us, but life in you.**

<sup>13</sup> Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak,

**<sup>14</sup> knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence.**

<sup>15</sup> For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

**<sup>16</sup> So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.**

<sup>17</sup> For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup> as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen.

**For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.**

Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

**<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb,**

clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

**<sup>11</sup> And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying,**

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

**<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?"**

## 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.

**Adults** - Led by Pastor Frank Marsh  
Sunday school meets in the fireside room.

**Children** - Led by Jayne Langnes  
Sunday school meets in the fellowship hall.

## This Week and Upcoming Events

### Custodial Care

November: Covenant OPC - Karen Jones / Ron Crown  
December: Calvary Community Church  
January: Covenant OPC - Nyenhuis Family

### Setup/Greeters

Today: Lisa Peterson  
November 20: Becky Metz  
November 23: DeLadurantey Family  
November 27: Ron Crown  
December 4: Becky Metz  
December 11: Josh Agen

### Upcoming Events

November 13: Collecting Operation Christmas Child boxes  
November 15: Men's Evening Bible Study; 7:00 pm  
November 20: SouthPointe Healthcare Center; 3:00 pm  
November 22: Downtown Morning Bible Study; 7:00 am  
November 23: Thanksgiving Eve Service; 7:00 pm  
November 24: Thanksgiving Day  
December 3: Covenant Family Christmas Celebration; 4:00 pm

## Covenant Praise & Prayer Requests

**Praise** God that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is advancing through the faithfulness of brothers and sisters in Christ who are standing firm upon the truths of the gospel in spite of persecution.

**Praise** God that He stretches His people on the loom of adversity and woven persecution and adversity into garments of praise to Him.

**Praise** God for the everlasting life and joy we will have in His presence as we give our lives away to serve Him.

**Praise** God for the strength of His love that protects and never lets us go.

**Family of the week to pray for: Dave and Cindy Dathe**

**Pray** for continued healing for Jane Konings. Pray that the fluid in her lungs will heal. Pray that she will experience the Lord's encouragement as she heals.

**Pray** for Glenn Grossbier for comfort in the death of his mother and strength.

**Pray** for persecuted believers throughout the world. Pray that the Lord will give them strength in Him and courage in Him to remain steadfast in their faith in spite of imprisonment, harassment and threats of death.

**Pray** for John and Patricia Tremann for physical and spiritual strength.

**Pray** that the Lord will give President Obama the wisdom to lean on the Lord in leading our nation. Pray that president elect Donald Trump will depend on the Lord for wisdom to lead our nation to honor the Lord.

**Pray** for spiritual revival in our personal lives, families, church and nation.

**Pray** that we will firmly stand on the truth of God's Word graciously as we are harassed, and rejected for following Jesus.

**Pray** for physical healing and encouragement for Rachel Sanders.

**Pray** for our unsaved loved ones.

**Pray** that we will be faithful witnesses for Christ in this community and wherever we live and serve Him.

## 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.

### Donation Opportunity -- Today

Today we are collecting the filled boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Covenant will be paying the \$7 shipping cost for each box. Please set them by the Covenant mail boxes. Please contact Josh Agen (734-645-4482 or jaagen@hotmail.com) with any questions.

### Men's Bible Study - Tuesday, November 15

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.

### Study Leave - November 14-21

Pastor Frank will be on his study leave this week November 14 thru the 21 which the Session gives him annually. During this time Pastor Frank is planning on seeking the Lord extensively in prayer for the Lord's leading regarding preaching subjects for the coming year. In his absence, Pastor Neil Tolsma will be preaching next Sunday, November 20.

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### Upcoming Events

#### **SouthPointe Healthcare Center - Sunday, November 20**

We will be hosting the worship service at 3:00 pm for the residents of SouthPointe Healthcare Center located at 4500 W. Loomis Rd in Greenfield. All are welcome to join the residents in worship and singing.

#### **Downtown Morning Bible Study - Tuesday, November 22**

The downtown Bible Study meets 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.

#### **Thanksgiving Eve Service - Wednesday, November 23**

Our Thanksgiving Eve Service will be at 7:00 pm.

#### **2016 Thank Offering - Wednesday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> or Sunday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>**

Partner with the Lord in bringing the gospel to others by giving to the 2016 Thank Offering. Jesus said it is more blessed to give than to receive. Experience the joy of giving to the extension and growth of the gospel in the lives of others by giving to the Thank Offering of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

The Thank Offering is a yearly offering of our denomination that goes toward the ministries of our Christian Education Materials, the support of our Home Missionaries and Foreign Missionaries. The Thank Offering will be our offering during our Thanksgiving Eve Service Wednesday November 23 and it will also be taken as a second offering on Sunday November 27. Any checks written should be made out to Covenant OPC and designate it as the "Thank Offering".

Giving to the Thank Offering is a God honoring way to express our thanks to the Lord for the joy of knowing Him as our Savior and Lord.

#### **Annual Reports - Wednesday, November 30**

For those who have leadership in a specific ministry such as teaching Sunday School, coordinating fellowship, evangelism, etc., please have your annual reports for the annual congregation meeting to Debbie Nyenhuis by Wednesday, November 30.

#### **Save-the-Date - Saturday, December 3**

For our annual Covenant Family Christmas Celebration from 4:00 -7:00 pm. More information forthcoming.

#### **Community Women's Afternoon and Evening Bible Study**

There will be no women's Bible Study the second Thursday of this month with it being Thanksgiving Day. The Bible Study will resume again next month on Thursday, December 8.