

November 20, 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!*

*In him we have redemption  
through his blood,  
the forgiveness of our trespasses,  
according to the riches of his grace*

*Ephesians 1:7*

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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 55:6-7*

<sup>6</sup>“Seek the LORD while he may be found;

call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way,

and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

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

Worship songs of praise to God

**#10; *There Is a Redeemer***

(Blue Worship Book)

**#103; *Worthy of Worship***

(Blue Worship Book)

**Hymn #6; *O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord***

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 103

We listen to God and speak with Him

Congregational Prayer

**Hymn #701; *Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!***

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

We receive God’s blessing and give to bless others

Tithes and Offerings

God’s Word speaks to us

Scripture Reading: **Ephesians 2:1-10** (page 976 in ESV Bible)

Sermon Title: **Depth of Mercy**

We respond in faith

**Hymn #161; *O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart’s Desire***

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Benediction

**Hymn #733; *Doxology***

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

## Responsive Reading

*Psalm 103*

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

<sup>2</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,**

<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

<sup>4</sup> **who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

<sup>5</sup> who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

<sup>6</sup> The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

<sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

<sup>8</sup> **The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

<sup>9</sup> He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

<sup>10</sup> **He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

<sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

<sup>12</sup> **as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

<sup>13</sup> As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

<sup>14</sup> **For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.**

<sup>15</sup> As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field;

<sup>16</sup> **for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.**

<sup>17</sup> But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,

<sup>18</sup> **to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.**

<sup>19</sup> The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,

**and his kingdom rules over all.**

<sup>20</sup> Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!

<sup>21</sup> **Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!**

<sup>22</sup> Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

## 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 Elder John Nyenhuis  
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: Becky Metz  
November 23: DeLadurantey Family  
November 27: Ron Crown  
December 4: Becky Metz  
December 11: Josh Agen

### Upcoming Events

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  
December 6: Men's Evening Bible Study; 7:00 pm

## Covenant Praise & Prayer Requests

**Praise** God that we have an infinitely better Savior than our sin Jesus Christ who loved us so greatly that He died to save us from our sin.

**Praise** God for the power of the Word of God to give us victory over sin and growth in the fruit of the Spirit.

**Praise** God for our musical accompaniment that enriches our worship of the Lord.

**Praise** God for the motivation the return of Christ gives to live to please Christ.

**Person of the week to pray for: Lisa Peterson**

**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 keep hunters safe during this season.

**Pray** that we will grow in our hunger for the Lord and His Word and obey it in our lives that we might experience victory over sin and confidence in living for Christ.

**Pray** that the Lord will draw to Himself those wandering from Him and pray that we will persist in loving those wandering from Him.

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

**Pray** that the children of our congregation will grow in their love for Christ and serve Him their whole lives.

**Pray** for those in our congregation with family members struggling with bondage to alcohol and drugs and far from the Lord that the Lord will actively pursue them in love and bring them to Himself.

## 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.

### SouthPointe Healthcare Center - Sunday, November 20

This afternoon we will be hosting a short worship service at 3:00 pm along with some singing for the residents of SouthPointe Healthcare Center located at 4500 W. Loomis Rd in Greenfield. All are welcome to attend.

### 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 is this Wednesday 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.

### Study Leave - November 14-21

Pastor Frank is currently on study leave 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.

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### Upcoming Events

#### 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.

#### Covenant Family Christmas Celebration - Saturday, December 3

4:00 - 7:00 pm

Come All Ye Faithful for singing Christmas songs and the reading of the Christmas Story. Also enjoy a Comforting bowl of soup and the Joy of Christian fellowship along with some fun holiday games and a giving tree for Bethany Christian Services.

#### Men's Bible Study - Tuesday, December 6

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.

#### 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.

#### Annual Congregation Meeting - Monday evening, January 23

# *Annual Covenant Family*

# CHRISTMAS Celebration

*When?*

**SATURDAY**  
**DECEMBER** **3**  
4:00 - 7:00 pm

*Where?*

## **IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

*Come All Ye Faithful for singing Christmas songs and the reading of the Christmas Story. Also enjoy a Comforting bowl of soup and the Joy of Christian fellowship along with some fun holiday games and a giving tree for Bethany Christian Services.*

*The main meal will be our traditional fare of homemade soups with various side dishes and sweet desserts.*

*If you'd like to contribute to the meal, there is a signup sheet located on the Fellowship Table.*

*If you wish to participate in the games, please bring a \$1 wrapped gift and place under the Christmas tree.*

*New this year is a giving tree for Bethany Christian Services. If you wish to donate, we will be collecting diapers and wipes.*

*All are welcome*