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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

To know Christ and to make him known!

*... giving thanks always
and for everything
to God the Father
in the name
of our Lord Jesus Christ . . .*

Ephesians 5:20

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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 103*

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! ² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, ³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵ who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. ⁶ The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. ⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹ He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. ¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. ¹⁴ For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust. ¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; ¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. ¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, ¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. ¹⁹ The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. ²⁰ Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! ²¹ Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! ²² Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

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

Worship songs of praise to God

#10; *There Is a Redeemer*

(Blue Worship Book)

Hymn #640; *My Tribute*

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Hymn #32; *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 12:1-6, Psalm 100 and 2 Corinthians 9:8-15

We listen to God and speak with Him

Congregational Prayer

Hymn #636; *Can a Little Child like Me*

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

We receive God's blessing and give to bless others

Tithes and Offerings: *If you would like to give to the Thank Offering for our denominational missions outreach home and foreign, you may do so by writing your check out to Covenant Presbyterian Church and noting on the memo that it is for the 2016 Thank Offering.*

God's Word speaks to us

Scripture Reading: **Luke 17:7-19** (page 876 in ESV Bible)

Sermon Title: **Thanksgiving to Christ the Evidence and Reality of Christ's Love**

We respond in faith

Hymn #651; *He Lifted Me*

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

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

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading

Isaiah 12:1-6, Psalm 100 and 2 Corinthians 9:8-15

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.

² "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."

³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ 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.

⁵ "Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶ Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! ² Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

³ 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.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! ⁵ For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

⁹ As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

¹² For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.

¹³ By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ,

and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you.

¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

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: Ron Crown
December 4: Becky Metz
December 11: Josh Agen

Upcoming Events

December 2: Setup for Christmas Celebration; 1:00 pm
December 3: Covenant Family Christmas Celebration; 4:00 pm
December 4: Celebrating the Lord's Supper
December 6: Downtown Morning Bible Study; 7:00 am
December 6: Men's Evening Bible Study; 7:00 pm
December 7: Prayer Gathering; 7:00 pm
December 8: Women's afternoon and evening Bible Study; 1:30 & 7:00 pm

Covenant Praise & Prayer Requests

Praise God that every blessing, every mercy is a gift of His grace that we are undeserving of but God freely gives to us.

Praise God that He responds to our cries for mercy by sending us His all sufficient grace.

Praise God that He uses trouble in our life to develop the character of Christ in us and to strengthen our faith.

Praise God for the visitors we have had to our ministry these past several months.

Praise God for Jesus death on our behalf redeeming us from all of our sin and for His triumphant resurrection guaranteeing our eternal life.

Family of the week to pray for: DeLadurantey family

Pray for Jane Konings for the Lord's grace and peace to fill her life as she struggles with serious breathing complications and a weakened heart. Pray that the Lord will give her doctors wisdom in diagnosing and treating her condition.

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

Pray for the families in Chattanooga, Tennessee that lost their children in the horrible bus accident. Pray for children hospitalized to experience healing. Pray that families will be comforted in their loss and trauma by the comfort of Christ.

Pray that we will cultivate a lifestyle of thanksgiving that will cause us to be more deeply grasped by God's unfailing love for us in Christ.

Pray that our children will grow in their passion to know Christ and to make Him known.

Pray for Glenn Grossbier that the Lord will encourage him and strengthen him.

Pray that we will be devoted to the Lord and express His love to others in concrete ways.

Pray for unsaved loved ones.

Pray that we will experience spiritual renewal through renewed repentance and faith in God's Word.

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.

2016 Thank Offering - Today

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. If you wish to donate to the Thank Offering, please make out your check 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 this Wednesday, November 30.

Setup for Christmas Celebration - Friday, December 2

We will be setting up tables and doing some decorating in the fellowship hall this coming Friday for our Christmas Celebration on Saturday. If you would like to help with the setup, please be at the church at 1:00 pm.

Announcements

Upcoming Events

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.

Lord's Supper - Sunday, December 4

Next Sunday the Lord's Supper will be observed and celebrated during our Worship Service.

Downtown Morning Bible Study - Tuesday, December 6

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.

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.

Covenant Family Prayer Gathering - Wednesday, December 7

Held from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in Pastors office. You are invited to our prayer gathering as we gather together to share our praise and prayer requests and to lift them up before the Lord. If you have any prayer requests, please e-mail them or call them in to Pastor Frank so that we can intercede on your behalf and others behalf before God's Throne of Grace.

Community Women's Bible Study - Thursday, December 8

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 invited 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.

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