

November 6, 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!

*Bless the Lord,
O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
Bless the Lord,
O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits*

Psalms 103:1-2

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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: *Hebrews 4:14-16 and Revelation 5:9-13*

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

⁹And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." ¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

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

Worship songs of praise to God

#76; Lamb of God

(Blue Worship Book)

Hymn #53; Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading: Exodus 20:1-17 and Romans 5:18-21

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: **Jeremiah 29:1-14** (page 656 in ESV Bible)

Sermon Title: **Trusting God's Goodness In the Worst of Times**

In preparation for the Lord's Supper

Hymn #254; Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

(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 thankful response to Christ's great love for us in sacrificing

Himself for our sins to give us the gift of eternal life, we will now take up an offering to help those in need. As the offering is taken please remain seated to sing

Hymn #605; All the Way My Savior Leads Me from the Red Trinity Hymnal.

Diaconal Prayer: Deacon Mr. Greg Holland

Benediction

Hymn #733; Doxology

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading

Exodus 20:1-17 and Romans 5:18-21

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

⁴"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.

⁵You 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, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷"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.

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

¹¹For 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.

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

¹³"You shall not murder.

¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵"You shall not steal.

¹⁶"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷"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."

¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.

¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

²⁰Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: Josh Agen
November 13: Lisa Peterson
November 20: Becky Metz
November 23: DeLadurantey Family

Upcoming Events

November 1: Men's Evening Bible Study; 7:00 pm
November 2: Prayer Gathering; 7:00 pm
November 6: Celebrating the Lord's Supper
November 8: Downtown Morning Bible Study; 7:00 am
November 10: Community Women's Afternoon Bible Study; 1:30 pm
November 10: Community Women's Evening Bible Study; 7:00 pm
November 12: Volunteer Saturday at Milwaukee Rescue Mission; 9:00 am
November 12: Women's Luncheon at Falls OPC; 12:00 pm
November 13: Collecting Operation Christmas Child boxes

Covenant Praise & Prayer Requests

Praise God that we can live Christ glorifying lives in the worst of times because the Lord knows and carries out His good and perfect plan for our lives.

Praise God that the death penalty for sin is removed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Praise God that He has called us to live for Him as His lights in the sin drenched city.

Praise God that He uses our suffering to accomplish His good in our lives.

Family of the week to pray for: Mike and Rae Putirskis

Pray that the Lord will be glorified through the results of the elections on Tuesday and that we will serve Him with even greater devotion wherever He places us.

Pray for Jane Konings healing of fluid around her heart and lungs. Pray for the Lord to give Jane's doctors wisdom in treating her. Pray that the Lord will restore her strength.

Pray for relief of pain for Carol Morris.

Pray that our children will grow in their love for Jesus and that their lives will be shining examples of Christ's love.

Pray that we will do anything and everything to promote the public good for the glory of Christ.

Pray that the Christmas Boxes we are preparing for Operation Christmas Child will be concrete examples of Christ's love to the children who receive them. Pray that many children and their families will come into a saving relationship with Christ through the boxes.

Pray for the Lord to prosper Pastor Jim and Bonnie Hoekstra in their church planting efforts in Andover, Minnesota.

Pray for Glenn Grossbier for encouragement and comfort. Pray for his grandmother as she relocates to a nursing care facility in Hartford, Wisconsin.

Pray that we will grow in our love for the Lord Jesus Christ through His Word and prayer and be faithful witnesses to 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.

Lord's Supper - Sunday, November 6

The Lord's Supper will be observed and celebrated during our Worship Service today.

Downtown Morning Bible Study - Tuesday, November 8

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.

Community Women's Afternoon and Evening Bible Study - Thursday, November 10

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.

Volunteer Saturday - Saturday, November 12

We are recruiting a group of volunteers from Covenant to participate in the Milwaukee Rescue Mission's Volunteer this coming Saturday, 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)

Ladies Fall Luncheon - Saturday, November 12

This coming Saturday all ladies and girls are invited to a luncheon sponsored by Falls Presbyterian Church. The luncheon will be held at Wildwood Highland Apartments located at N78 W17455 Wildwood Drive in Menomonee Falls. The luncheon is scheduled from 12:00 - 2:00 pm in the Community Room. Their speaker will be Mrs. Margaret Falk. Her topic will be "Uncluttering Your Life". Hot ham and buns will be provided. Due to the short notice of this event, please let Debbie Nyenhuis know if you plan on attending.

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Donation Opportunity -- Sunday, November 13

Our next donation opportunity is filling shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse that distributes gifts to children around the globe as part of sharing the Gospel with them. Boxes are available today in the fellowship area for you to take to pack, or you can use your own shoebox. There are also pamphlets with details about what to include in the boxes and how to pack them, as well as prayer bookmarks to remind us to pray for the children receiving the boxes. We will be collecting the packed boxes next Sunday, November 13. 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.

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.

Thanksgiving Eve Service - Wednesday, November 23

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

2016 Thank Offering - Wednesday, Nov. 23rd or Sunday, Nov. 27th

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.

Save-the-Date - Saturday, December 3

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