

October 23, 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!

*Oh come, let us worship
and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord,
our Maker!
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.*

Psalms 95:6-7

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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: *Psalm 95*

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! ³ For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. ⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! ⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice, ⁸ do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, ⁹ when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. ¹⁰ For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways." ¹¹ Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."

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

Worship songs of praise to God

#14; *Be Exalted, O God*

(Blue Worship Book)

#138; *Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down*

(Blue Worship Book)

Hymn #468; *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 147

We listen to God and speak with Him

Congregational Prayer

Hymn #263; *Lift High the Cross*

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

We receive God's blessing and give to bless others

Tithes and Offerings

God's Word speaks to us

Scripture Reading: **Hebrews 11:1-12:3** (page 1007 in ESV Bible)

Sermon Title: **Faith In A Changing World**

We respond in faith

Hymn #479; *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

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

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading

Psalm 147

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

² **The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

³ He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

⁴ **He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.**

⁵ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

⁶ **The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.**

⁷ Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!

⁸ **He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills.**

⁹ He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.

¹⁰ **His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,**

¹¹ **but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

¹² Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

¹³ **For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.**

¹⁴ He makes peace in your borders; he fills you with the finest of the wheat.

¹⁵ **He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.**

¹⁶ He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.

¹⁷ **He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs; who can stand before his cold?**

¹⁸ He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow and the waters flow.

¹⁹ **He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and rules to Israel.**

²⁰ He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his rules.

Praise the 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 Dave Dathe
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

October: Calvary Community Church
November: Covenant OPC - Karen Jones / Ron Crown
December: Calvary Community Church

Setup/Greeters

Today: John Tremann
October 30: Becky Metz

Upcoming Events

October 25: Downtown Morning Bible Study; 7:00 am
October 27: Community Women's Afternoon Bible Study; 1:30 pm
October 27: Community Women'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
October 30: Reformation Service at Falls OPC; 6:00 pm
November 1: Men's Evening Bible Study; 7:00 pm
November 2: Prayer Gathering; 7:00 pm

Covenant Praise & Prayer Requests

Praise God that He changes our status from enemies of His to His friends forever by establishing peace through the death of His Son Jesus Christ.

Praise God that because we have peace with Him, He has poured the Holy Spirit into our hearts to give us peace to calm our troubled hearts moment by moment.

Praise God that we are sons and daughters of God to be instruments of His peace in the lives of others.

Person of the week to pray for: Christine Schurman

Pray that we will keep our eyes on Jesus so that we will be lights for Him wherever He places us.

Pray that we will visibly show Christ's love in deeds of compassion to others so that they may glorify Him.

Pray for Jane Konings who had a set back last weekend. She was sent to Froedert hospital with a visible infection in her abdomen. The doctors cleaned out the infection through surgery. She is weak and frail, healing slowly and physically exhausted. She is at the Hales Corners Care Center for the next two to three weeks. After she recovers well enough she will be back at her apartment at Layton Terrace. Pray for Jane's physical strength to be restored by the Lord. Pray that the Lord will keep Jane from further infection. Pray that the Lord will encourage her and sustain her faith in His care during this time.

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 children will cultivate a deep love for Christ and a growing knowledge of His Word.

Pray that we will remember who we are in Christ: that our sinful bondage has been put to death at the cross and that Christ lives in us. Pray that we will honor these truths by the way we say no to sin and yes to Christ.

Pray that the Lord would comfort those who are grieving, encourage those who are discouraged, reclaim those who are wandering.

Pray that we will grow in our knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and our love for 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.

Welcome

Filling our pulpit while Pastor Frank is on vacation is Pastor Stephen Roberts. Rev. Roberts is an evangelist at Falls OPC and an Army Reserve chaplain. He graduated from Calvin College and Westminster Seminary California. His wife is Lindsey and their two children are Seth and Tabitha.

Fellowship Dinner with Bible Study, Prayer and Hymn Sing - Today

All are welcome join us for lunch, fellowship, Bible study, prayer and hymn sing in the fellowship hall following our Worship Service.

Vacation

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

Downtown Morning Bible Study - Tuesday, October 25

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, October 27

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.

Ladies Fellowship - Friday, October 28

The Ladies Fellowship meets at Jason's Deli located at Brookfield Square at 5:00 pm on the last Friday of every month. All ladies are invited to attend.

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." Visit their website at www.graceopcsheboygan.com.

Reformation Service - Sunday, October 30

Falls OPC is hosting their annual Reformation Service next Sunday, October 30 at 6:00 pm. Pastor Dave Newton from Gospel Fellowship Church in Sussex will be preaching. Please join them in celebrating the reformation, and we will enjoy refreshments afterwards. Falls OPC is located at W156 N7356 Pilgrim Road, Menomonee Falls. (On Pilgrim Road, 1/3 of mile North of Good Hope Road.)

Ladies, copies of the notes from the Women's Presbyterial from earlier this month are available on the book table just outside the sanctuary.

Announcements

Upcoming Events

Men's Bible Study - Tuesday, November 1

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, November 2

The prayer gathering gathers at 7:00 pm in Pastors office. Please join us in our prayer gathering as we share our praise and prayer requests and to lift them up before the Lord.

Daylight Savings Time - Sunday, November 6

Remember to turn your clocks *back 1 hour*.

Lord's Supper - Sunday, November 6

The Lord's Supper will be observed and celebrated.

Volunteer Saturday - Saturday, November 12

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

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 on Sunday, November 13. Please contact Josh Agen (734-645-4482 or jaagen@hotmail.com) with any questions.

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.