

October 30, 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

*A church with its roots in the past . . .
showing great promise for the future!*

*God is our
refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.*

Psalms 46:1

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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 103:1-13 and 2 Corinthians 5:21*

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.

²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

Worship songs of praise to God

#106; We Declare Your Majesty

(Blue Worship Book)

#42; Before the Throne of God Above

(Blue Worship Book)

Hymn #92; A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading: Romans 1:14-17, 3:21-26 and 8:31-39

We listen to God and speak with Him

Congregational Prayer

Hymn #94; How Firm a Foundation

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

We receive God's blessing and give to bless others

Tithes and Offerings

God's Word speaks to us

Scripture Reading: **Galatians 4:21-31** (page 974 in ESV Bible)

Sermon Title: **From Barren to Fruitful Through Faith in Jesus Christ**

We respond in faith

Hymn #520; Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Benediction **Hymn #733; Doxology**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading

Romans 1:14-17, 3:21-26 and 8:31-39

¹⁴ I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. ¹⁵ So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus 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

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

Setup/Greeters

Today: Becky Metz
November 6: Josh Agen
November 13: Lisa Peterson
November 20: Becky Metz
November 23: DeLadurantey Family

Upcoming Events

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
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

Covenant Praise & Prayer Requests

Praise God that when we recognize our helplessness to save ourselves from the condemnation our sinfulness deserves and throw ourselves on the mercy of God in Jesus Christ we are forgiven of all our sins and accepted as righteous in God's eyes.

Praise God that our faith is anchored to the faithfulness of God to His Word in the midst of all the chaos of life in this fallen world.

Praise God that the gospel of grace enables us who are barren spiritually to experience new life in Christ that makes us fruitful for God.

Praise God that He gives us victory over temptations to sin as we yield to the power of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.

Person of the week to pray for: Phil Daane

Pray for Jane Konings who is recovering from a surgical procedure at the Hales Corners Care Center. Pray that the Lord will enable Jane to recover strength. Pray that the Lord will enable her to have the patience to adjust to the new schedule at the care center and that she will be well enough to go back to Layton Terrace soon.

Pray that we will grow downward in humility and upward in faith in Jesus Christ.

Pray that we will increasingly have an eternal perspective on our life here on earth and live out our relationships in the light of God's Word and the Gospel of God's grace.

Pray that we will be an encouragement to each other and serve one another.

Pray that the Lord will be glorified by our vote in the coming election and that the Lord will be glorified by those who are elected to office.

Pray that the Lord will bless the church planting ministry of Pastor Bob Holda and his family in Oshkosh.

Pray that the Lord would root legalism out of our hearts so that we would love the Lord with increasing zeal and love the lost by sharing the gospel in Word and Action.

Pray for strength and encouragement of persecuted Christians throughout the world.

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.

Reformation Service - Sunday, October 30

Falls OPC is hosting their annual Reformation Service this evening 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.)

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.

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

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 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.

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.