

December 11, 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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*To know Christ and to make him known!*

*"Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth  
peace among those  
with whom he is pleased!"*

*Luke 2:14*

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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 118:1-14 and Matthew 11:28-30*

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! <sup>2</sup>Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." <sup>3</sup>Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever." <sup>4</sup>Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever." <sup>5</sup>Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free. <sup>6</sup>The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? <sup>7</sup>The LORD is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me. <sup>8</sup>It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. <sup>9</sup>It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes. <sup>10</sup>All nations surrounded me; in the name of the LORD I cut them off! <sup>11</sup>They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of the LORD I cut them off! <sup>12</sup>They surrounded me like bees; they went out like a fire among thorns; in the name of the LORD I cut them off! <sup>13</sup>I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the LORD helped me. <sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

<sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

Worship songs of praise to God

**Hymn #214; Angels We Have Heard on High** (Red Trinity Hymnal)

**#84; Meekness and Majesty** (Blue Worship Book)

**Hymn #203; Hark! The Herald Angels Sing** (Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading:

Micah 5:1-5, Isaiah 7:14, Philippians 2:5-11 and Galatians 4:4-7

We listen to God and speak with Him

Congregational Prayer

**Hymn #215; While by the Sheep We Watched at Night** (Red Trinity Hymnal)

We receive God's blessing and give to bless others

Tithes and Offerings

God's Word speaks to us

Scripture Reading: **Luke 1:26-38** (page 855 in ESV Bible)

Sermon Title: **The Greatness of Jesus Christ**

We respond in faith

**Hymn #201; O Little Town of Bethlehem** (Red Trinity Hymnal)

Benediction

**Hymn #224; Go, Tell It on the Mountain (verse 1)** (Red Trinity Hymnal)

## Responsive Reading

*Micah 5:1-5, Isaiah 7:14, Philippians 2:5-11 and Galatians 4:4-7*

Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops; siege is laid against us; with a rod they strike the judge of Israel on the cheek.

**<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.**

<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel.

**<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.**

<sup>5</sup> And he shall be their peace. When the Assyrian comes into our land and treads in our palaces, then we will raise against him seven shepherds and eight princes of men;

**<sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.**

<sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

**<sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.**

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

**<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

<sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

**<sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.**

## 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.

### Memory work for the week of December 11:

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

## This Week and Upcoming Events

### Custodial Care

December: Calvary Community Church  
January: Covenant OPC - Nyenhuis Family  
February: Calvary Community Church

### Setup/Greeters

Today: Josh Agen  
December 18: DeLadurantey Family  
December 24: Lisa Peterson  
December 25: Ron Crown

### Upcoming Events

December 20: Downtown Morning Bible Study; 7:00 am  
December 20: Men's Evening Bible Study; 7:00 pm  
December 22: Women's afternoon and evening Bible Study; 1:30 & 7:00 pm  
December 24: Christmas Eve Service; 5:00 pm

## Covenant Praise & Prayer Requests

**Praise** God for God's Almighty Power in enabling Mary to conceive and give birth to God's Son Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Praise** God that He enables us to endure trial and temptations through faith in His Almighty power.

**Praise** God for the assurance we have that through the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, through His death and resurrection our salvation in Christ is secure.

**Praise** God that we are members of God's family through faith in Jesus Christ.

**Person of the week to pray for: Glen Grossbier**

**Pray** for Jane Konings as she adjusts to her new home at Hales Corners Care Center. Pray that she will have patience to adjust to new staff and a new routine. Pray that each day of her life will be filled with the Lord's blessing of being able to visit well with family and friends. Pray that the Lord will give to her assurance of His presence here and of the glories of eternity with the Lord.

**Pray** for Karen Jones father Francis that He will trust Jesus as His savior and Lord. Pray for wisdom for Karen and her family as they need to make decisions regarding a higher level of care for her father.

**Pray** that we will cultivate the attitude of Mary in living to be servants of Jesus Christ in all the situations and relationships of our life and trusting in the Lord's unfailing Word in the Bible.

**Pray** that like Mary we will trust Jesus Christ as our Savior and keep on trusting Him as the Lord of our lives.

**Pray** for those grieving the death of loved ones during this Christmas season. Pray that the Lord's comfort will be real to them.

**Pray** that we will give a loving witness for Jesus through our words, actions and sympathetic presence with the hurting this Christmas season.

**Pray** for encouragement to John and Patricia Tremann.

**Pray** that our children will grow in their love for the Lord Jesus and follow Him.

**Pray** for family members to trust Jesus as Savior and Lord and follow 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.

The family of Jane Konings is in the process of emptying Jane's apartment at Layton Terrace on 92nd Street and Layton Avenue. Jane will now be a resident at Hales Corners Care Center. Jane's daughter Jan will be emptying her apartment at Layton Terrace of furniture from December 12 to December 16.

If anyone is interested in the following items of furniture, you can call Jan at the following phone number 319-775-2914 to pick up these furniture items:

1. A queen size mattress with bed frame and/or a matching dresser and chest of drawers.
2. An oak book case and/or a file cabinet.

If you are interested you should make arrangements with Jan by calling her at the above listed phone number from December 12-15 to make arrangement to pick up the furniture at Layton Terrace by Friday, December 16 at the latest.

## **Announcements**

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Downtown Morning Bible Study - Tuesday, December 20**

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 20**

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 Bible Study - Thursday, December 22**

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.

#### **Christmas Eve Worship Service - Saturday, December 24**

Our Christmas Eve Worship Service will take place at 5:00 pm. All Family and friends are welcome to attend.

#### **Annual Congregation Meeting - Monday evening, January 23, 2017**

#### **Men Save-the-Date - February 24 & 25, 2017**

The 5th annual Presbytery of Midwest Men's Retreat will be held at the Green Lake Conference Center in Green Lake, WI. The speaker will be Rev. Dale Van Dyke. Theme: Oak Trees In a Tumbleweed World; Standing Strong In a Secular Society. More information to be forthcoming.