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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

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

*Make a joyful noise
to the LORD,
all the earth;
break forth into joyous song
and sing praises!*

Psalm 98:4

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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: *Isaiah 9:6-7 and Luke 1:67-79*

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

⁶⁷ And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,
⁶⁸ "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people ⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, ⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; ⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, ⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. ⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, ⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, ⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high ⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

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

Worship songs of praise to God

#130; Romans Doxology

(Blue Worship Book)

Hymn #194; O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Hymn #195; Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading: Is. 40:1-5, Is. 52:13-15, Is. 53:3-6, Matt. 1:21 and Matt. 26:26-29

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: **Galatians 5:1-6** (page 974 in ESV Bible)

Sermon Title: **Faith in Christ Expresses Itself In Love**

In preparation for the Lord's Supper

Hymn #196; Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

(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 love in becoming the perfect God-man for our salvation, we will now take up an offering to help those in need in our church family. As the offering is taken, please remain seated while we sing

Hymn #234; Tell Me the Story of Jesus from the Red Trinity Hymnal.

Diaconal Prayer: Deacon Mr. Bob Langnes

Benediction **Hymn #733; Doxology**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading

Is. 40:1-5, Is. 52:13-15, Is. 53:3-6, Matt. 1:21 and Matt. 26:26-29

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

⁵ And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

¹³ Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴ As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—¹⁵ so shall he sprinkle many nations.

Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

²⁶ Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."

²⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

²⁹ I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

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

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

Setup/Greeters

Today: Becky Metz
December 11: Josh Agen
December 18: DeLadurantey Family
December 24: Lisa Peterson
December 25: Ron Crown

Upcoming Events

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 by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit the Lord has given us faith in Christ alone for salvation which produces love to others in words and actions all sustained and strengthened by the Word of God.

Praise God that Jesus Christ the King of the Universe became perfect man for our salvation.

Praise God that as we put out of our mind that which displeases the Lord and put into our mind gospel truth we are enabled to love others as Christ has loved us.

Praise God that Jesus Christ has defeated our greatest enemies sin, death and Satan.

Family of the week to pray for: Nyenhuis family

Pray for Jane Konings for the Lord's grace and peace to comfort her and strengthen her as she is cared for by hospice at Hales Corners Care Center. Pray that the Lord will relieve her pain and ease the pressure from fluid build up around her heart and lungs.

Pray for John and Patricia Tremann that the Lord's presence will uphold and encourage them.

Pray that we will reach out in love to those in our lives who are hurting showing them the kindness of Jesus Christ.

Pray for those experiencing deep grief during the Christmas season.

Pray that as we participate in the Lord's Supper we will be overwhelmed by Christ's justifying love for us that motivates us to live lives that please Him.

Pray for the Lord to bring more young families and singles to Covenant and to prepare us to minister God's grace and truth to them.

Pray for relief of pain for Carol Morris.

Pray that we will be saturated in fresh ways into Christ's Word and that our love for the Lord will be expressed in love in our personal relationships.

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 - Today

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.

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Upcoming Events

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