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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

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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 138 and Romans 11:33-36*

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; ²I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. ³On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased. ⁴All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth, ⁵and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. ⁶For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar. ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me. ⁸The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” ³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” ³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

God’s Greeting: Prayer for God’s Grace and Power to fill our lives

Worship Songs of Praise to God

#48; *Hide Me In Your Holiness* (Blue Worship Book)

#17; *Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord of Hosts* (Blue Worship Book)

Hymn #6; *O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord* (Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 33:5-6, Isaiah 26:3-4, Philippians 4:4-9,
John 16:31-33, and Ephesians 2:14-18

We listen to God and speak with Him

Congregational Prayer

Hymn #559; *Father, I Know That All My Lie* (Red Trinity Hymnal)

We receive God’s blessing and give to bless others

Tithes and Offerings: Mrs. Nancy Jo Baratti singing I Will Glory In My Redeemer accompanied by Mr. Josh Agen on the key board. If you would like to follow along with the words, you may do so by turning to page number 60 in the Blue Worship Book

God’s Word Speaks To Us

Scripture Reading: **Galatians 5:22-26**

Sermon Title: **Peace Confidence In God’s Unfailing Love**

We Respond in faith

Hymn #699; *Like a River Glorious* (Red Trinity Hymnal)

Benediction **Hymn #733; *Doxology*** (Red Trinity Hymnal)

Sermon Outline

Scripture: Galatians 5:22-26

Title: Peace Confidence In God’s Unfailing Love

I. We have peace with God by resting in the finished salvation Jesus Christ accomplished for us in His death and His gift to us of His perfect righteousness. Romans 5:1

II. We have the peace of God as we confidently trust in God’s perfect wisdom, faithfulness and love. Philippians 4:4-7, Ephesians 6:15, Isaiah 33:5-4:5, Psalm 31:1-5 and Isaiah 26:3

III. We have the peace of God filling our lives as we pray with a thankful heart. Philippians 4:6-7, John 16:31-33, Romans 14:17 and Ephesians 5:18-20

Praise And Prayer Requests

Praise God that we have peace with God because Jesus Christ has removed the grounds of hostility between us and God by His death on the cross in bearing our sin and clothing us in His perfect righteousness as a free gift.

Praise God that God gives us the fruit of the Holy Spirit's presence in us peace in all circumstances as we pour out our burdens to our Sovereign God with thankfulness that He is in control of everything in our lives.

Praise God for the great blessing of being able to gather together in fellowship to worship the Lord.

Praise God for the ministry of Sunday School and for the teaching ministry of Mrs. Jayne Langnes to our children and for the adult study on the blessings of Jesus as our king as we study together I Kings.

Praise God for answers to prayer and the gift of prayer purchased for us through the blood of Jesus Christ God's son.

Family of the week to pray for: Michael and Jennifer Widowski

Pray that we will experience more of the peace of the Lord in our lives by growing in knowing Him and cultivating a deeper confidence that He is fulfilling His purposes through all the events and circumstances in our lives.

Pray that we will rest in the finished work of salvation that Jesus Christ accomplished for us on His cross.

Pray that the Lord would attract individuals and families from the neighborhoods near our church building to worship with us. Pray that we will reach out to people with the love of Christ in our daily life being the light of Christ to them in our actions and words.

Pray for spiritual and physical strength and encouragement for John and Patricia Tremann.

Pray for unity at Mission Orthodox Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Pray for Katie Sanders healing of symptoms from concussions. Pray for physical strength and encouragement for Rachel Sanders.

Pray for unsaved love ones that the Lord will bring them to a saving relationship with Himself.

Pray that our marriages will grow in love for the Lord and our spouses. Pray that our children will grow in their faith and love for Jesus.

Pray for the professional medical workers in our congregation. Pray that the Lord will extend His compassion and accomplish His healing through their service.

Pray that we will continue to grow in love for each other.

Responsive Reading

Isaiah 33:5-6, Isaiah 26:3-4, Philippians 4:4-9, John 16:31-33, and Ephesians 2:14-18

⁵ The LORD is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness, ⁶ and he will be the stability of your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; the fear of the LORD is Zion's treasure.

³ **You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. ⁴ Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.**

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.

The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ **Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.**

⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

³¹ **Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³² Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone.**

Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

¹⁴ **For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility**

¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,

¹⁶ **and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.**

¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

¹⁸ **For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.**

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.

Donation Opportunity—Sunday, March 26

Today we are collecting non-perishable food items for the New Berlin Food Pantry as a way to reach out to the local community and demonstrate God's love in a practical way. Please place your food donations by the mailboxes in the fellowship hall.

Book Table

If you have any good suggestions for books for the book table, please let Lisa Peterson know. She is always looking for new ideas for books of interest to the congregation.

Announcements

Downtown Bible Study—Tuesday, April 4

The downtown Bible Study meets from 7:00-8:00 am at the 600 East Café on Wisconsin Avenue in downtown Milwaukee. This weeks study will be on Proverbs 3:1-12. All are invited to join us for an enriching and nourishing time of Bible Study led by Pastor Frank.

Men's Bible Study - Tuesday, April 4

Men's Bible Study is at 7:00 pm and held in the Fireside Room. We will be studying and discussing together the book "Man In The Mirror". This a book on growing as a disciple of Christ to become the Christ like men the Lord wants us to be.

Community Women's Bible Study - Thursday, April 13

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.

Good Friday—Friday, April 14

Our Good Friday Service will be held at 7:00 pm.

Easter Breakfast—Sunday, April 16

Come Celebrate on Christ's Resurrection Morning April 16 a time of Fellowship and Food With Calvary at Calvary's Easter Breakfast. The time breakfast will begin is 8:00 am and there is a signup sheet for bringing a dish to pass on the refreshment table in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship and breakfast as we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ together.

Church Property Workday—Saturday, April 29

Church work day Saturday at 9:00 am. A list of work related projects is being worked on by Calvary that we should have soon. All are invited to join in for as long as you have time for to take care of God's property and building.

Greeters

Today: DeLadurantey family

April 2: Becky Metz

April 9: Ron Crown