

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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*Orthodox Presbyterian Church*

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*To know Christ and to make him known!*

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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 16:8-11 and Matthew 28:1-10*

<sup>8</sup> I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. <sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. <sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. <sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” <sup>8</sup> So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

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

Worship Songs of Praise to God

**#118; *He Is Exalted***

(Blue Worship Book)

**Hymn #277; *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today***

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

**Hymn #220; *He Lives***

(Calvary’s Grey Hymnal - Hymnal for Celebration and Worship)

Responsive Reading: Revelation 1:18, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18,  
2 Corinthians 4:13-14, 1 Corinthians 15:1-7 and Romans 4:25

We listen to God and speak with Him

Congregational Prayer

**Hymn #267; *The Day of Resurrection!***

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

We receive God’s blessing and give to bless others

Tithes and Offerings - Special music: Mrs. Nancy Jo Baratti, Mrs. Debbie Marsh, Mrs. Jeanine DeLadurantey, Mr. Gordon Morris, Mr. John Nyenhuis and Mr. Nathan DeLadurantey singing Hymn #706; Jesus Lives and So Shall I, accompanied by Miss. Beth Sanders on the keyboard

God’s Word Speaks To Us

Scripture Reading: **1 Corinthians 15:50-58**

Sermon Title: **Living In the Victory of Christ’s Triumphant Resurrection**

We respond in faith

**Hymn #276; *Up from the Grave He Arose***

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

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

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

## Sermon Outline

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Title: Living In The Victory of Christ’s Triumphant Resurrection

I. Trust in and live in praise to God for the tremendous transformation that will happen to all those who trust in Jesus at the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Verses 50-53 and 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

II. Live daily in the triumph Jesus Christ has accomplished for you by His resurrection by enjoying the promises of His triumphant resurrection now. Verses 54-57

III. Live daily thanking the Lord Jesus Christ for His resurrection victory over the condemnation of the law, sin and death. Verses 55-57

IV. Respond to Christ’s Resurrection Victory by being immovable and steadfast in serving Jesus Christ recognizing that nothing you ever do for Jesus is wasted effort. Verse 58

## Praise And Prayer Requests

**Praise** God for the victorious resurrection of Jesus Christ that secures the defeat of death and guarantees that all who trust in Jesus Christ as savior and Lord will be raised with glorified bodies like the Lord Jesus glorified body.

**Praise** God that the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is the guarantee that all our sins are forgiven by His death on the cross.

**Praise** God that Jesus Christ has defeated our greatest enemies the law, sin and death.

**Praise** God for the musical accompaniment this morning and the special music.

### **Family of the week to pray for: Jeff and Teri Simos**

**Pray** that our trust in Jesus Christ resurrection victory over sin, death and hell will grip our lives and cause us to live to the praise of God's glorious grace.

**Pray** that those who mourn will not mourn as those who have no hope but will instead be strengthened and comforted by the resurrection victory of Jesus Christ and the hope He gives in every loss.

**Pray** that we will be faithful witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**Pray** for John and Patricia Tremann physical healing and spiritual strength.

**Pray** for Stan Cassel healing and clarity of sight from his recent cataract surgery on his right eye.

**Pray** for physical healing for Rachel Sanders and Katie Sanders.

**Pray** for wisdom for President Trump, his cabinet, congress and the Supreme Court. Pray that they will seek the Lord's guidance and direction.

**Pray** for Josh Agen as he relocates to Green Bay and begins work as a lawyer with Schneider Corporation. Pray that the Lord will enable him to shine Christ's light through his work.

**Pray** for continued healing for Jo Anne Muenzmaier as she recovers from a heart attack suffered a couple of months ago.

**Pray** for wisdom for Glenn Grossbier in preparing his mother's house for sale and finding an apartment to live in.

**Pray** that our children will cultivate a close relationship to Christ.

## Responsive Reading

*Revelation 1:18, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18,  
2 Corinthians 4:13-14, 1 Corinthians 15:1-7 and Romans 4:25*

<sup>18</sup> and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

<sup>13</sup> **But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.**

<sup>14</sup> For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

<sup>15</sup> **For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.**

<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

<sup>17</sup> **Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.**

<sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

<sup>13</sup> **Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak,**

<sup>14</sup> knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence.

**Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,**

<sup>2</sup> and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup> **For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,**

<sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,  
<sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

<sup>6</sup> **Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.**

<sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

<sup>25</sup> **who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.**

## 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.

### Downtown Bible Study - Tuesday, April 18

The downtown Bible Study meets from 7:00-8:00 am at the 600 East Café on Wisconsin Avenue in downtown Milwaukee. 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 18

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.

### Presbytery Youth Conference - April, 21 & 22

*Spiritual Stewardship in the New Media Environment* is a conference sponsored by the Presbytery Youth Committee and will be hosted by Christ OPC in Janesville. Their speaker, Dr. Joel S. Ward, is an assistant professor in the Communication Department at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, PA. His research and teaching are primarily directed at understanding how new media shapes culture, communities, and Christians. All youth are invited, together with parents, leaders, pastors, elders or anyone else interested.

The cost is \$25 per person or \$50 per family. There are brochures available on our book table located just outside the sanctuary. If you have any questions please email the youth committee at youth.committee@pmwopc.org or call Ben Snodgrass at 262.309.8266.

### Ladies Fellowship—Saturday, April 22

For this month's ladies fellowship, instead of going out for lunch we will gather at the church at 10:00 am for a special fellowship. All ladies and girls are welcome to come help put together some gift bags for Mother's Day which will be delivered to the New Berlin Food Pantry. Lite snacks will be provided or you may bring your own bag lunch.

### Dear Covenant Church Family,

I wanted to share with all of you that I have accepted a job offer in the Green Bay area and am planning to move there in early May. I am excited about the job and the opportunity to be closer to family, but at the same time I am saddened at the prospect of leaving Covenant and the wonderful fellowship and teaching I have enjoyed here. Being part of Covenant has been a tremendous blessing during my time in Milwaukee, and I thank the Lord and all of you for your friendship as brothers and sisters in Christ. I hope to stay in touch and visit whenever I am in Milwaukee!

Josh A.

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### Community Women's Bible Studies - Thursday, April 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.

### 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.

### Informal Lunch and Fellowship - Sunday, April 30

Please plan to join us for lunch, fellowship, Bible discussion, singing and prayer. To be held in the fellowship hall following our Worship Service.

### You are Invited to Camp Westminster this summer!

Come for a great time of fellowship with other believers in Orthodox Presbyterian Churches, enjoy the beautiful Green Lake area and deepen your understanding of Biblical Truth. The dates are July 31st to August 3rd. The speaker this year is the Reverend Lendall Smith. He will be speaking on Christ's Parables. For more information or registration: Please take a Camp Westminster brochure on the information/book table right outside the sanctuary or contact Lois Cotta at huantina@hotmail.com

### Greeters

Today: Lisa Peterson  
April 23: DeLadurantey Family  
April 30: Becky Metz  
May 7: Ron Crown  
May 14: Nyenhuis Family

*Children's Memory Verse: Psalm 1:6*

*For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.  
We will also review Psalm 1 in its entirety.*