

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

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: *Isaiah 12 and Revelation 5:9-10*

You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.”² “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.”³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.⁴ And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.”⁵ “Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.⁶ Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

⁹ And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

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

Worship Songs of Praise to God

#73; *Lamb of Glory*

(Blue Worship Book)

Hymn #653; *Jesus Is All the World to Me*

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading of God’s Law from Exodus 20:1-17 and Our Assurance of Forgiveness in 1 John 1:8-10

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: **Romans 8:28-30**

Sermon Title: **Ultimate Security**

In preparation for the Lord’s Supper

Hymn #172; *Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder*

(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: We will now in grateful response to God's great love for us in the death of His Son Jesus Christ for our salvation, take up an offering to help those in need in our church family and community. As the deacons take up the offering, please remain seated as we sing **Hymn #709; *Now I Belong To Jesus*** from the Red Trinity Hymnal.

Deacons Prayer: Mr. Glenn Grossbier

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

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Sermon Outline

Scripture: Romans 8:28-30

Title: Ultimate Security

I. The Person of Salvation (28a)

II. The Purpose of Salvation (28b-29)

III. The Progress of Salvation (30)

Praise And Prayer Requests

Praise God for the ultimate security we have in Jesus Christ that God The Father chose us for salvation in eternity past, sent Jesus Christ to live the life of perfect righteousness for us and to die our death for sin to complete our salvation.

Praise God that the Lord is using every circumstance in our lives to sculpt us into the character of Christ and to glorify Himself.

Praise God for the ministry of Pastor John Tinsley this morning and for his service to Jesus Christ over many years.

Praise God for the opportunities to witness to Christ's love to others this past week.

Praise God for the encouragement and love of fellow believers to strengthen us and encourage us.

Family of the week to pray for: Vinay and Rachel Budithi

Pray for Stan Cassel's cataract procedure on this eye coming up this coming week. Pray that the Lord will bring him quick healing and spare him from any complications.

Pray for Pastor Frank as he continues to recover from the excising of a growth on his neck and the scraping off of a growth on his back.

Pray that our faith will be more firmly anchored to the Lord's unchanging sovereign grace in saving us and preserving us.

Pray that those who are struggling with the assurance of salvation will rest in the Lord's perfect salvation for them.

Pray for Pastor John and Wenny Ro and their children serving as church planters in the South Loop of Chicago. Pray that the Lord will bring additional families and individuals to New Life Church. Pray for Pastor John's preaching and evangelistic ministry that the Lord will anoint it in bring unsaved people to personal faith in Jesus Christ for salvation and nourish in the faith those who know Him as Savior and Lord.

Pray for Pastor John Tinsley and his wife Pam. Pray for Pastor John as he serves as chaplain of the Zilber Hospice Centers from Milwaukee to Grafton. Pray that his pastoral ministry of comfort and compassion will bring new hope in Christ to many peoples lives.

Pray for comfort and encouragement for Glenn Grossbier.

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

Pray that the children in our church family will continue to grow in their knowledge of God's Word and love for the Lord Jesus.

Pray for continued healing for John Nyenhuis' mother Sandy. Pray for peace and strength to fill John's parents Tom and Sandy.

Pray that the Lord will grow our congregation in bringing us additional individuals and families to be ministered to by us. Pray that we will trust in the Lord to witness to the gospel to our neighbors and acquaintances and to invite people to worship with us.

Pray that we will grow in our knowledge of God's Word and live lives that glorify Christ.

Responsive Reading

God's Law from Exodus 20:1-17 and Our Assurance of Forgiveness in 1 John 1:8-10

And God spoke all these words, saying, ²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³“**You shall have no other gods before me.** ⁴“**You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.**

⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God,

visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ **but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.**

⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸“**Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.** ⁹ **Six days you shall labor, and do all your work,** ¹⁰ **but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God.**

On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.

¹¹ **For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day.**

Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² “**Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.**

¹³ “You shall not murder. ¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ “**You shall not steal.** ¹⁶ “**You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

⁸ **If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁰ **If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.**

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.

Welcome

Our guest pastor this morning bringing God's Word is Pastor John Tinsley who pastored Bethel Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Oostburg Wisconsin for many years. This past fall Pastor Tinsley took up a new call as the Chaplain of the Zilber Hospice Centers from Milwaukee to Grafton.

Lord's Supper - Today

The Lord's Supper will be observed and celebrated during our worship service.

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. 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.

Prayer Gathering - Wednesday, April 5

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.

Mission Project Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in the donation to the New Berlin Food Pantry last week. We collected 21 bags of food! Praise God for the generosity of our congregation, and please pray that our practical expression of His love will cause others to glorify Him. Our next donation opportunity will be in May. More details to follow in April.

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 huintina@hotmail.com

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Fellowship Meal - Sunday, April 9

Our next fellowship meal will be held next Sunday, April 9th. The fellowship committee will provide the main dish and drinks. If you are able, please bring a dish to share.

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 Sunday, April 16 for a time of Fellowship and Food With Calvary at Calvary's Easter Breakfast. 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.

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.

Greeters

Today: Becky Metz
April 9: Ron Crown
April 14: Nancy Jo Baratti
April 16: Lisa Peterson
April 23: DeLadurantey Family
April 30: Becky Metz