

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 . . .
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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: *Matthew 11:28-30 and Hebrews 4:14-16*

²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

Worship Songs of Praise to God

#69; I Will Praise Him, Still

(Blue Worship Book)

#47; He Is Lord

(Blue Worship Book)

Hymn #273; Jesus Christ is Risen Today

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 40:25-31, Psalm 27:13-14 and James 5:7-11

We listen to God and speak with Him

Congregational Prayer

Hymn #295; Crown Him With Many Crowns

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

We receive God’s blessing and give to bless others

Tithes and Offerings

God’s Word Speaks To Us

Scripture Reading: **Galatians 2:22-24 and John 11:1-27**

Sermon Title: **He Develops Patience In Those He Loves**

We respond in faith

Hymn #706; Jesus Lives And So Shall I

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Benediction **Hymn #733; Doxology**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Sermon Outline

Scripture: Galatians 5:22-24 and John 11:1-27

Title: He Develops Patience In Those He Loves

I. Patience is long suffering in the face of hardship in relationships and circumstances.
Romans 2:4, 1 Timothy 1:16 and 1 Thessalonians 5:14

II. Patience is developed by the Lord in us through learning to trust that He is in control of all the circumstance and relationships of life. Verses 1-11

III. Patience is cultivated as we grow in waiting on the Lord because He is at work.
Verses 22-27 and 2 Corinthians 4:7-14

IV. Patience is strengthened by the assurance of Christ’s resurrection power and victory at work in and through us.
Verses 41-43, James 5:7 and Psalm 30:5

Praise And Prayer Requests

Praise God for the merciful patience of the Lord Jesus Christ who willingly endured the penalty for our sins on His cross and continues to pursue bringing us to trust Him as Savior and Lord in spite of our rebellion against Him.

Praise God for His control over all the difficulties and trials of our lives using them to develop His patience in waiting on Him to accomplish His good in and through our lives.

Praise God that the Lord empathizes with us in our suffering and is working in our lives in the midst of all the circumstances of our lives.

Praise God for the strength of God's grace that is all sufficient to carry us through our challenges and sufferings in life.

Person of the week to pray for: Ron Crown

Pray for Mike, Jennifer, Silas Widowski and their family in the death of their son and brother Michael Jr. Pray that the Lord would pour out His tender mercies and resurrection comfort and hope upon them in their devastating loss.

Pray for John and Patricia Tremann for sustaining grace and comfort physically and spiritually.

Pray that we will learn to trust that even though we even when we cannot understand the purposes of the Lord in the situations of our lives we will trust that they flow from the Lord who loves us and is faithful in working out His purposes in our lives.

Pray for Josh Agen as he relocates to work for the Schneider Corporation in Green Bay in their legal department. Pray that the Lord will enable him to develop good relationships with coworkers and to bless His ministry and his time with his family.

Pray that the Lord will pour out His Holy Spirit on our unsaved loved ones and bring them to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Pray that we will yield to the Holy Spirit and grow in the grace of being patient in waiting on the Lord by seeking Him, serving Him and loving others.

Pray for Jeff Simos for physical healing as he anticipates eye surgery.

Pray for wisdom for President Trump, his cabinet, congress and the supreme court.

Pray for Glenn Grossbier for wisdom in the sale of his mother's house and that the Lord will provide him with the best apartment to meet his housing needs.

Responsive Reading

Isaiah 40:25-31, Psalm 27:13-14 and James 5:7-11

²⁵ To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

²⁶ **Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.**

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸ **Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.**

²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

³⁰ **Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;**

³¹ but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

¹³ **I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!**

¹⁴ Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

⁷ **Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains.**

⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

⁹ **Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.**

¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

¹¹ **Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.**

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.

Memorial Service for Mike Widowski Junior

Mike, Jennifer and their son Silas appreciate the prayers and encouragement that you have extended to them in the death of their oldest son Michael Junior's death.

The Memorial Service will be at our church this coming Tuesday evening April 25 at 7:00 pm. Before the Memorial Service from 5:00 pm to 6:45 pm friends and acquaintances are invited to a reception at our church to express their sympathy and love for the Widowski family in their loss.

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.

Presbytery Praise and Prayer Request:

Christ Covenant OPC (mission work)
Crystal Lake, IL
Rev. Brandon Wilkins

Praise

1. For a simple transition to our new meeting location at The Pointe Outreach Center (still in Crystal Lake)
2. For a steady flow of new and returning visitors who have enjoyed their time with us.
3. For the Gospel of Christ and all the benefits from Jesus that we enjoy in this life and the next.

Prayer

1. For protection from the Evil One.
2. For the grace of perseverance as a church plant.
3. For God to raise up elders who can share in the leading of this work.

Announcements

Informal Lunch and Fellowship - Sunday, April 30

Please plan to join us next Sunday for lunch, fellowship, Bible discussion, singing and prayer. To be held in the fellowship hall following our Worship Service. This will also be Josh Agen's last Sunday of worship with us.

Downtown Bible Study - Tuesday, May 2

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, May 2

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.

Covenant Family Prayer Gathering - Wednesday, May 3

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.

Greeters

Today: 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.*