

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: *Psalm 27*

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ²When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. ³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. ⁴One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. ⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. ⁶And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. ⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! ⁸You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, LORD, do I seek.” ⁹Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! ¹⁰For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in. ¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. ¹²Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence. ¹³I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! ¹⁴Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

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

Worship Songs of Praise to God

#66; *In Christ Alone*

(Blue Worship Book)

#24; *I Stand Amazed In The Presence*

(Blue Worship Book)

Hymn #44; *How Great Thou Art*

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 63:1-8, Lamentations 3:21-26 and Ephesians 3:14-21

We listen to God and speak with Him

Congregational Prayer

Hymn #607; *Thy Loving Kindness Lord, Is Good and Free* (Red Trinity Hymnal)

We receive God’s blessing and give to bless others

Tithes and Offerings: Mrs. Nancy Jo Baratti will be singing “Come Thou Dear Redeemer” written by Cesar Franck, accompanied by Mr. Josh Agen on the keyboard

God’s Word Speaks To Us

Scripture Reading: **Galatians 5:22-24 and Titus 3:1-7**

Sermon Title: **Christ’s Powerful Gift of Kindness**

We respond in faith

Hymn #538; *More About Jesus Would I Know*

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

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

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Sermon Outline

Scripture: Galatians 5:22-24 and Titus 3:1-7

Title: Christ’s Powerful Gift of Kindness

I. Christ centered kindness is a deep rooted and active concern and goodness shown to others. Verse 22, Colossians 3:12, Ephesians 4:32 and 1 Corinthians 13:4

II. Kindness is an attribute of God through which He accomplished salvation for us in Christ. Titus 3:4-7

III. Knowing the kindness of Christ more and more deeply enables us to show kindness to others as a life style. Matthew 5:44, Romans 12:21 and 2 Timothy 2:24

Praise And Prayer Requests

Praise God for His great gift of kindness demonstrated to us in saving us from our sin through the life, death and resurrection of His only Son Jesus Christ.

Praise God that His lovingkindness extends into eternity because God saves us through love in Jesus Christ and He saves us eternally.

Praise God for the opportunities He gives us to show kindness to others that enhance their lives and heal their hurts.

Praise God for those who extended kindness to the Widowski family in their devastating loss of their son Michael by bringing them meals, preparing the fellowship room and sanctuary for the Memorial Service, providing and preparing food for the Memorial Service and operating the audio system

Family of the week to pray for: Dave and Cindy Dathe

Pray for Jennifer, Mike, Silas Widowski and their family in the very painful death of their son Michael Jr. Pray that the Lord would sustain them and envelop them in His comfort and compassion. Pray that the Lord will give them encouragement through our love for them and that the God of all comfort would comfort them as they go through grief.

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

Pray that we will yield to the Holy Spirit and grow in actively showing kindness to others.

Pray for the children in our church family that they will grow in their love for the Lord Jesus and service to Him.

Pray for healing for Rachel and Katie Sanders. Pray that the Lord would deepen their knowledge and love for Him as He has been doing through their physical afflictions.

Pray that we will stretch our hearts more deeply into the roots of God's saving kindness towards us through Jesus Christ so that we would grow in the Holy Spirit's fruit of showing kindness to others.

Pray for wisdom and protection for our police officers.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 63:1-8, Lamentations 3:21-26 and Ephesians 3:14-21

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

³ Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

⁵ My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,

⁶ when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

⁷ for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

⁸ My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

²¹ But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;

²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

²⁵ The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,

¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,

¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,

²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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.

Informal Lunch and Fellowship - Today

All are welcome to join us after Service for lunch, fellowship, Bible discussion, singing and prayer to be held in the fellowship hall.

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.

Announcements

Celebrating the Lord's Supper—Sunday, May 7

Next Sunday we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper.

Community Women's Bible Studies - Thursday, May 11

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.

Greeters

Today: Becky Metz
May 7: Ron Crown
May 14: Nyenhuis Family
May 21: DeLadurantey Family
May 28: Lisa Peterson

Children's Memory Verse: Review of Psalm 1