

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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Orthodox Presbyterian Church
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Pastor Frank Marsh 414.541.3282*

Morning Worship: 10:30 am
Happy Mother's Day!

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*

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." ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And 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. ⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

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

Worship Songs of Praise to God

#81; *The Steadfast Love of the Lord*

(Blue Worship Book)

#45; *Find Us Faithful*

(Blue Worship Book)

Hymn #55; *To God Be the Glory*

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading: (page 3 of Order of Worship)

Matthew 11:28-30, 1 Thessalonians 2:6-8, Proverbs 1:8-9 and Ephesians 6:1-3

We listen to God and speak with Him

Congregational Prayer

We receive God's blessing and give to bless others

Tithes and Offerings

Hymn #605; *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

God's Word Speaks To Us

Scripture Reading: **Galatians 5:22-23 and Matthew 8:1-10**

Sermon Title: **Gentleness: The Holy Spirit's Tender Steel**

We respond in faith

Hymn #719; *A Christian Home*

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

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

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Sermon Outline

Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23 and Matthew 8:1-10

Title: Gentleness: The Holy Spirit's Gentle Steel

I. Gentleness the tender, trusting steel that enables us to overcome the poison of irritability.

Matthew 10:1-6, Psalm 37:11, 2 Samuel 22:36, Matthew 11:28-30

II. Gentleness is an honest acknowledgement of our limited resources and a growing trust in the Lord's all sufficient grace and strength.

verses 7-10 and Matthew 11:28-30, 1 Peter 2:20-23

III. Gentleness is cultivated in our lives as we trust in our Heavenly Father's love for us in Christ and yield to the Holy Spirit's strength.

verses 7-10 and James 3:17

Praise And Prayer Requests

Praise God for the gentle love of Jesus Christ that stooped to conquer the condemnation and guilt of our sin through His sacrificial love in dying for our sin and rising triumphantly from the grave.

Praise God that the Lord in His gentle love for us Sovereignly controls all things in our lives for our growth in gentle trust in Him.

Praise God for our mothers who faithfully loved us and expended themselves to provide for us.

Praise God for spiritual mothers who have set a Christ like example for us.

Praise God for the Holy Spirit's work of producing Christ centered gentleness with conviction with in us and through us.

Person of the week to pray for: Christine Schurman

Pray that we will grow in the fruit of the Holy Spirit's gentleness. Pray that we would live out the gentle love of Christ in caring for people in our lives and living out the truth of Christ's Word in love.

Pray for Patricia and John Tremann that the Lord will renew their physical and spiritual strength.

Pray for Jennifer, Mike and Silas Widowki as they grieve the loss of their son and brother Michael. Pray that the Lord would give them His strength and comfort through their suffering. Pray that the Lord would bring them to healing and increasing strength. Pray that the Lord would comfort and strengthen their assurance of Christ's love through their devastating loss. Pray that Michael's children Dakota and Tucker would be drawn close to the Lord for comfort in the loss of their father.

Pray for Robert and Malia Weigel in their work in Belgium. Pray that the Lord would give them wisdom in important decisions they make and give them continued encouragement.

Pray for Iunia and Bob Malina's sister as she continues to face the ordeal of brain cancer. Pray for her healing and their comfort and encouragement in Christ.

Pray that the mothers and grandmothers in our congregation would be strengthened and affirmed in their calling to be examples of Christ's gentleness and love to their children. Pray that they would be comforted in their struggles and that the Lord would give them assurance of His love for them.

Pray for unsaved children and grandchildren represented in our congregation to be irresistibly drawn to faith in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pray for those who are wounded today because of loss or broken relationships to experience the comfort of Christ.

Pray for Glenn Grossbier wisdom in selling the house and that the Lord would provide an apartment for him.

Responsive Reading

Matthew 11:28-30, 1 Thessalonians 2:6-8, Proverbs 1:8-9 and Ephesians 6:1-3

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.”

⁶ **Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ.**

⁷ But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children.

⁸ **So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.**

⁸ Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching,

⁹ **for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.**

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

² **“Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise),** ³ **“that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”**

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.

In honor of Mother's Day, we have gift bags available to all the ladies here today. The bags will be available in the fellowship hall after the service. Please be sure to take one home with you.

Men's Bible Study - Tuesday, May 16

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.

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Downtown Bible Study - Tuesday, May 23

The next Tuesday morning Bible Study will be Tuesday, May 23 at the 600 East Cafe on Wisconsin Avenue in downtown Milwaukee. All are invited. We will be studying the theme of cultivating mature trust in God from the book of Proverbs. The study meets from 7:00 am to 8:00 am.

Community Women's Bible Studies - Thursday, May 25

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.

Ladies Fellowship Lunch - Saturday, May 27

This month's lunch will be at 11:00 am and will be held at the home of Mary Anne Knoblock located at 3208 W. King Arthur's Court in Greenfield. Please RSVP to Mary Anne at 414.520.3262 or maryannek8549@yahoo.com.

Fun, Fellowship & Food—Thursday, July 27

Falls Church has extended an invitation for us to join them for some Fun, Fellowship and Food at The Fireside Theatre on Thursday evening, July 27 at 5:15 pm. The musical comedy will be "Church Basement Ladies". The group rate is \$60 per adult and \$43 for children 14 and under, price includes full dinner buffet plus musical comedy. Please make checks payable to "Falls Church". There is a signup sheet on the fellowship table. Signup deadline is Wednesday, May 31st. See insert for more information.

Camp Westminster - July 31 thru August 3

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. For more information please take a Camp Westminster brochure on the book table right outside the sanctuary.

Save-the-Date: Sunday, August 13

Our annual Church Picnic will be held at Calhoun Park in site #1.

Greeters

Today: Nyenhuis Family
May 21: DeLadurantey Family
May 28: Lisa Peterson

Children's Memory Verse: Review of Psalm 1