

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: *Psalm 100 and Matthew 11:28-30*

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! ² Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! ³ Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! ⁵ For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

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.”

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

Worship Songs of Praise to God

#132; He Has made Me Glad

(Blue Worship Book)

#4; Change My Heart, O God

(Blue Worship Book)

Hymn #455; And Can it Be That I Should Gain

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading: (page 3 of Order of Worship)

Titus 2:11-14, 2 Timothy 1:16-17, 1 Peter 1:13-15, 18-23 and Romans 6:11-14

We listen to God and speak with Him

Congregational Prayer

We receive God’s blessing and give to bless others

Hymn #644; May the Mind of Christ My Savior

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Tithes and Offerings

God’s Word Speaks To Us

Scripture Reading: **Galatians 5:22-23 and Luke 4:1-13**

Sermon Title: **Self Control: Christ’s Gift to Empower Us to Live for the Most Important Rather Than Just the Urgent**

We respond in faith

Hymn #688; Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Benediction **Hymn #733; Doxology**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Sermon Outline

Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23 and Luke 4:1-13

Title: Christ’s Gift to Empower Us to Live for the Most Important Rather than Just the Urgent

I. Self Control is the gift of the Holy Spirit that enables us to overcome sinful desires by trusting in God's love and perfect provision for us in Christ.
verses 1-3, I Corinthians 9:25-27, Romans 6:6-11

II. Self Control is yielding to the power of God's grace in Jesus Christ in order to overcome sinful desires.
verses 5-8 and Titus 2:11-14, 2 Peter 1:3-8

III. Self Control is surrender to God's loving protection and unfailing victory accomplished for us through Jesus Christ on the cross.
verses 11-13, I Corinthians 10:13

Praise And Prayer Requests

Praise God that He sent Jesus Christ His son to liberate us from the harsh bondage of our sinful desires by making us alive in Jesus Christ with new power to say yes to God and no to sinful passions.

Praise God for the joy and assurance of knowing our sins are forgotten by the Lord because we trust in Jesus Christ supreme love for us displayed at His cross.

Praise God that as we fill our minds with His Word He empowers us by the Holy Spirit to resist sinful desires.

Praise God for the Holy Spirit's strength to produce Christ's love in us.

Person of the week to pray for: Glen Grossbier

Pray for Mike, Jennifer and Silas Widowski that the Lord's great faithfulness and love will continue to shelter and comfort them through the death of their son and brother Michael Junior. Pray that the Lord would continue to give them peace as they face the grief of loss. Pray for Michael Junior's children Dakota and Tucker that the Lord's great love will give them comfort and strength.

Pray for Patricia and John Tremann for physical and spiritual strength in the midst of their suffering.

Pray that we will cultivate the grace of self control by resting in and prizing the love of Christ more than our sinful desires.

Pray for those who have loved one's living under addictions to alcohol, drugs and materialism. Pray that our unsaved loved ones will come into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Pray for Jeff Simos upcoming eye surgery that the Lord will heal him through the surgery.

Pray for the Lord to give physical and spiritual strength to those in our congregation who are depleted.

Pray that we will resist sin by trusting God's Word that obedience to the Lord's promises is best for us and that God wants to give us the gift of self control as we yield to the Holy Spirit.

Pray for President Trump, Congress and the Supreme Court that the Lord will humble them and enable them to lead our country in dependence on His wisdom and righteousness.

Pray for our children to grow in their love for Jesus.

Pray for John Nyenhuis mother Sandy who is struggling with dementia and for his father Tom as he cares for her. Pray for John, Debbie, Isaac and Isabel as they have traveled to New York to participate in the wedding of John's sister.

Pray that the Lord will add individuals and families to our church family and that He would give us His love and strength to reach out to our friends and neighbors with His love and the gospel.

Pray for Josh Agen in his relocation to Green Bay and that the Lord will enable him to build strong relationships with his colleagues and be a light for Christ to them.

Responsive Reading

Titus 2:11-14, 2 Timothy 1:16-17, 1 Peter 1:13-15, 18-23 and Romans 6:11-14

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,

¹² **training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,**

¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

¹⁴ **who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.**

¹⁶ May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains,

¹⁷ **but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me earnestly and found me**

¹³ Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

¹⁴ **As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance,**

¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct

¹⁸ **knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,**

¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

²⁰ **He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you**

²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²² **Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,**

²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God

¹¹ **So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.

¹³ **Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness,**

but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

¹⁴ **For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.**

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, May 23

This Tuesday mornings Bible Study will be 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.

Announcements

Donation Opportunity - Sunday, June 4

Our next special collection opportunity will be on Sunday, June 4, when we will collect items (listed below) for the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. The Milwaukee Rescue Mission serves men, women and children who are homeless, hungry or poor to help them become whole in body, mind and spirit for the glory of God. The men's section is called Safe Harbor, the women's section is called Joy House. The agency is located in the city of Milwaukee. We have a wonderful opportunity to show Christ's love and our support to many at the mission in this practical way. Please be praying for the people residing at the mission and for those caring for and helping them.

Items for collection: personal care items such as shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, body wash; diaper rash cream, orajel, socks-especially toddler size; underwear-men, women and children-all sizes; tissues and toilet paper; clothing for infants and children-new or gently used. Please bring your donations to church on June 4 and set them by the Covenant mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Marsh at 262-641-5096 or findmarsh@att.net. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Men's Bible Study - Tuesday, June 6

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 is a book on growing as a disciple of Christ to become the Christ like men the Lord wants us to be.

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: DeLadurantey Family

May 28: Lisa Peterson

Children's Memory Verse: Review of Psalm 1