

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 . . .
showing great promise for the future!*

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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 103:1-13 and Revelation 1:5*

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! ² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, ³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵ who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. ⁶ The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. ⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹ He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. ¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood

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

Worship Songs of Praise to God

#136; *Knowing You*

(Blue Worship Book)

#16; *Seek Ye First*

(Blue Worship Book)

Hymn #710; *God of Our Fathers*

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading: (printed on page 3 of Order of Worship)

Psalm 119:9-16, Luke 18:15-17, 2 Timothy 2:20-22, Isaiah 43:1-3 and Isaiah 41:10

We listen to God and speak with Him

Congregational Prayer

We receive God's blessing and give to bless others

Hymn #500; *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Tithes and Offerings

God's Word Speaks To Us

Scripture Reading: **Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:7**

Sermon Title: **Rejoice in God's Care Young and Older by Remembering the Lord**

We respond in faith

Hymn #450; *So Send I You*

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

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

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Sermon Outline

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:7

Title: Rejoice in God's Care Younger and Older by Remembering the Lord

I. Remember the Lord by rejoicing in sweetness and light.

Verse 7, Psalm 91:16, Lamentations 3:21-26 and Psalm 103:1-5

II. Remember to rejoice in God young at heart.

Verse 9, Proverbs 1:7 and 2 Timothy 2:22

III. Remember God by living a God centered life.

Verses 11:10-12:1 and Colossians 3:23-24

Praise And Prayer Requests

Praise God for all His gift that bring joy to life and affirm His care for us.

Praise God for the sweet and bright gift of eternal life, forgiveness of sins, the power of the Holy Spirit who enables us to remember the Lord by anchoring ourselves to His faithfulness.

Praise God that the security of our salvation rests on His remembering us and showing us His unfailing faithfulness in all of life.

Praise God for the steadfast love of the Lord to those who are suffering grief and trials.

Praise God for the men and women who have sacrificed their lives in our armed services to defend and protect our freedoms.

Family of the week to pray for: Mike and Rae Putirskis

Pray that we will rejoice in the Lord and love Him for all the gifts He pours into our lives especially the gift of eternal life through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Pray that we will grow in remembering the Lord by committing ourselves to glorifying Him in our work and play, inside our homes and outside in God's creation.

Pray for Mike, Jennifer and Silas Widowski that the Lord will carry them in His strong and tender arms of care through their very difficult grief in the death of their son Michael Junior. Pray that as they grieve that the Lord would comfort them with His sympathetic presence and the assurance of Michael's presence with the Lord in Heaven. Pray for Michael's children Dakota and Tucker that they Lord would draw them close to Himself in the loss of their father. Pray that the entire Widowski family will experience God's peace to meet them in the distress of their grief.

Pray for John and Patricia Tremann for God's renewed strength through the valley of their suffering.

Pray for Jeff Simos who anticipates eye surgery on June 9 and who is also suffering from pounding ear complications. Pray for Kelly for continued physical strength and that her medications will relieve her pain. Pray that the Lord will draw her and Teri close to Himself.

Pray that the Lord's unfailing love and assurance of eternal life will envelop John, Debbie, Isaac and Isabel Nyenhuis in the death of John's grandfather Wilbert. Praise God that Wilbert was a strong believer in the Lord Jesus Christ who pointed his family to Christ's love. Pray for the Lord's comfort for the entire Nyenhuis family.

Pray for God's comfort for all those effected permanently by the terrorist attack in England. Pray that the Lord would bring spiritual good out of this evil. Pray that the perpetrators of this evil will be brought to justice.

Pray for the 165 commissioners to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church who will be meeting from May 31 through June 7 to oversee the ministry of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Pray for encouragement for each of the commissioners and for unity. Pray that the decisions made will bring glory to Jesus Christ.

Pray for the salvation of unsaved loved ones in our congregation.

Pray that our children will grow in their love for Jesus and pursue Jesus Christ with devotion to Him and love for others.

Pray for persecuted followers of Christ in Syria, Iraq, China and North Korea. Pray that the Lord will give them strength to serve Him and witness to the gospel under the threat of imprisonment and death. Pray that the Lord would be gracious and pour out His Holy Spirit on their persecutors bringing them to faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 119:9-16, Luke 18:15-17, 2 Timothy 2:20-22, Isaiah 43:1-3 and Isaiah 41:10

⁹ How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

¹⁰ **With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!**

¹¹ I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

¹² **Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes!**

¹³ With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth.

¹⁴ **In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.**

¹⁵ I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.

¹⁶ **I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.**

¹⁵ Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them.

¹⁶ **But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.**

¹⁷ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

²⁰ **Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable.**

²¹ Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

²² **So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.**

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

² **When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.**

³ For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

¹⁰ **fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.**

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.

Donation Opportunity - next Sunday, June 4

Our next special collection opportunity will be next Sunday, when we will collect items 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 next week 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 fdmarsh@att.net. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Encouragement Note From The Deacons

We appreciate the generous giving of our congregation to the Lord's work. We want to encourage you that when the offering plate is passed to you, please remember to pass the offering plate on to the person next to you as an opportunity to encourage and serve them as they give to the Lord.

In Christ's Love,
From the deacons, Greg Holland, Glenn Grossbier and Bob Langnes

Announcements

Downtown Bible Study - Tuesday, June 6

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.

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

Community Women's Bible Studies - Thursday, June 8

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.

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 this Wednesday, May 31st*. There are flyers on the book table if you would like more information.

Save-the-Date: Sunday, August 13

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

September 16 & 17

Invitation To Celebrate Falls Presbyterian Churches 50 Years Of God's Goodness
Please save these dates to celebrate our mother churches 50 years of God's Goodness.
Fellowship with them as we reflect on what has been and look forward at what is to come.
Mark your calendars! More information to follow.

Greeters

Today: Lisa Peterson
June 4: Ron Crown
June 11: Becky Metz
June 18: Nancy Jo Baratti