

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*

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*Orthodox Presbyterian Church*

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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: *1 John 4:7-12 and Revelation 1:17-18*

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup> and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

God's Greeting: Prayer for God's Love and Strength to fill our lives

Worship Songs of Praise to God

**#2; Glorify Thy Name**

(Blue Worship Book)

**Hymn #457; Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading: 1 John 1:5 to 2:6 and 1 Peter 2:24-25

We listen to God and speak with Him

Congregational Prayer

We receive God's blessing and give to bless others

Tithes and Offerings

God's Word Speaks To Us

Scripture Reading: **Galatians 5:22-23 and Luke 23:44-49**

Sermon Title: **Christ's Faithful Love the Unshakeable Source of Our Faithfulness**

In preparation for the Lord's Supper

**Hymn #254; Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Observance and Celebration of The Lord's Supper

*The bread of the Communion plate is Gluten Free and the inner most section of the Communion plate for wine has the non-fermented wine.*

Deacons Offering: Please remain seated as the deacons take up an offering that will be invested in helping those in need. As the offering is taken we will sing **Hymn #533; I Am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice** from the Red Trinity Hymnal.

Deacons Prayer: Mr. Greg Holland

Benediction **Hymn #733; Doxology**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

## Sermon Outline

Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23 and Luke 23:44-49

Title: Christ's Faithfulness the Unshakeable Source of Our Faithfulness

I. Faithfulness is trustworthiness that comes from trusting in the perfect faithfulness of Jesus Christ demonstrated in His death for our sin.

Galatians 5:22 and Luke 23:44-46, Exodus 34:6, Proverbs 11:3 and Proverbs 20:7

II. Faithfulness to the Lord is the fruit of sinking the roots of our faith deep into Christ's unfailing love for us in all situations He sovereignly places us in. Luke 23: 44-49

III. Faithfulness to Jesus Christ is strengthened by placing our lives in God's hands. Luke 23:46, I Timothy 1:12-16

## Praise And Prayer Requests

**Praise** God for His immeasurable love for us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ His Son to bear the curse of our sin and to secure the forgiveness of all our sins.

**Praise** God for the faithfulness of Jesus Christ in entrusting Himself and all the scorn and mockery of people to His Heavenly Father as He was dying our death for sin.

**Praise** God for the power of the Holy Spirit to mold and shape the faithfulness of Christ in us through His Word.

**Praise** God that He has called and empowered us to be His representatives in our homes, relationships, neighborhoods, workplaces and church.

**Praise** For the all sufficient strength and comfort of the Lord in our weakness and grief.

### **Family of the week to pray for: DeLadurantey Family**

**Pray** for Mike, Jennifer, Silas Widowski in the loss of their son Michael Junior and brother. Pray that the Lord would give to them assurance of His love as they walk the path of grief. Pray that the Lord would draw everyone closer to Himself in their family through this extremely trying time.

**Pray** for renewed strength for those in our congregation who are feeling depleted physically and spiritually. Pray that the Lord would fill them with the assurance of His love.

**Pray** for Karen Jones as she adjusts to life in Dallas near her family. Pray that the Lord would encourage her and provide for her.

**Pray** for John and Patricia Tremann that the Lord would carry them as a loving Shepherd through their times of difficulty.

**Pray** for John Nyenhuis' mother Sandy as she struggles with dementia and pray for strength and encouragement for John's father as he cares for her. Pray for John and his family for sustaining strength as they adjust to their mother and grandmothers condition.

**Pray** for Pastor John Ro, his wife Wenny and their two children as they minister the gospel in the South Loop of Chicago. Pray that the Lord would provide for their financial needs. Pray that many lost people would come into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Pray** for our ministry that the Lord would give us additional families and individuals to minister the gospel to and that we will be faithful servants of Christ to one another and the community we have been sovereignly placed in by the Lord.

**Pray** for Jeff Simos healing of his eye through surgery and other physical complications.

**Pray** for wisdom and Christ's love as we meet as elders tomorrow evening for our monthly meeting.

**Pray** for safety for Joyce Banfi traveling to Israel with her sister and for Nancy Jo Baratti with her husband John to Ireland.

## Responsive Reading

*1 John 1:5 to 2:6 and 1 Peter 2:24-25*

<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

**<sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.**

<sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

**<sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**

<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**<sup>10</sup> If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.**

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

**<sup>2</sup> He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.**

<sup>3</sup> And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

**<sup>4</sup> Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,**

<sup>5</sup> but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him:

**<sup>6</sup> whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.**

<sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

**<sup>25</sup> For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.**

## 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.

### Celebrating the Lord's Supper - Today

We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper today.

### 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.

## Announcements

### Downtown Bible Study - Tuesday, May 16

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 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.

### Ladies Fellowship Lunch - Saturday, May 27

The location for this months lunch is yet to be determined.

### You are Invited to Camp Westminster this summer!

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. The dates are July 31st to August 3rd. The speaker this year is the Reverend Lendall Smith. He will be speaking on Christ's Parables. For more information or registration: Please take a Camp Westminster brochure on the information/book table right outside the sanctuary or contact Lois Cotta at [huintina@hotmail.com](mailto:huintina@hotmail.com)

### Greeters

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

*Children's Memory Verse: Review of Psalm 1*