

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: *Psalms 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? <sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. <sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. <sup>4</sup>One 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. <sup>5</sup>For 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. <sup>6</sup>And 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. <sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! <sup>8</sup>You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek." <sup>9</sup>Hide 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! <sup>10</sup>For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in. <sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. <sup>12</sup>Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence. <sup>13</sup>I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! <sup>14</sup>Wait 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

**#11; *The Greatest Thing***

(Blue Worship Book)

**#27; *O Mighty Cross***

(Blue Worship Book)

**Hymn #164; *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing***

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Confessing Our Faith in Unison through The Apostles Creed

(printed on page 3 of Order of Worship)

We listen to God and speak with Him

Congregational Prayer

We receive God's blessing and give to bless others

**Hymn #599; *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us***

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Tithes and Offerings

God's Word Speaks To Us

Scripture Reading: **Luke 18:1-8**

Sermon Title: **Persevering for Christ in a Dark World by Persisting in Prayer**

We respond in faith

**Hymn #616; *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms***

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

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

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

## Sermon Outline

Scripture: Luke 18:1-8

Title: Persevering for Christ in a Dark World by Persisting in Prayer

I. Knowing and trusting the character of God empowers us to persevere in prayer.  
verses 1-6

II. Persisting in prayer enables us to constantly draw on the grace of God to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ in a dark world.  
verses 2-5 and James 4:6

III. Persisting in prayer means constantly that Christ's Kingdom will come and that the people of God will receive speedy justice.  
verses 6-8

IV. Faith in Christ and His unfulfilling promises empowers us to glorify Christ by persevering in a dark world.  
verse 8

For further Devotional Study:

1. *Read Luke 15*, how does the story of Jesus Christ irresistibly finding the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son encourage you to not lose heart in prayer for unsaved people in your life?
2. *Read James 1:2-8*, what does the Lord encourage us to pray for and what must we exercise in order to receive what He promises us?
3. *Read Psalm 25*, what specific requests does David pray for and how can you begin to incorporate into your prayer life some of these requests?
4. *Read Matthew 7:7-11*, what three commands does Jesus specifically give regarding prayer and what does He promise after each one? How does growing in our Heavenly Father's love for us give us boldness and confidence in prayer?

## Praise And Prayer Requests

**Praise** God for the assurance we have when we pray that God listens to us because we belong to Him as His chosen sons and daughters of love.

**Praise** God for the confidence we have in prayer that the Lord we pray to is wise and will always answer our prayers in exactly the right time, according to what is best for us and most glorious to Him.

**Praise** God that as we cry out to God for His grace in our need the Lord will pour out His all sufficient grace to provide all the strength we need to serve Him.

**Praise** God for the encouragement and love we have received from our brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Praise** God that it is because we know God cares for us and will always do the right thing that we are strengthened to pray and not to lose heart.

### **Person of the week to pray for: Lisa Peterson**

**Pray** for Pastor John Ro and his wife Wenny as they minister the gospel in the South Loop of Chicago. Pray that the Lord will empower them to love the people they are reaching out to with the gospel, to faithfully proclaim God's Word and to be encouraged in their ministry by the grace of God.

**Pray** for Jennifer, Mike and Silas Widowski in the death of their son and brother Michael. Pray that the Holy Spirit will bathe them in the comfort of Jesus Christ. Pray that the Lord will gradually and increasingly heal them in their loss.

**Pray** for John and Patricia Tremann for physical and spiritual comfort and strength in their suffering.

**Pray** for the ladies and girls who will be gathering to make quilts for Care Net that this will be a wonderful time of fellowship and serving the needs of single mothers and mothers in crisis pregnancies.

**Pray** for our growth as a congregation. Pray that the Lord would use us to witness to the lost and to love the lost and if it is His will to bring them into Covenant Church to receive ministry.

**Pray** for Glenn Grossbier that the Lord will provide housing for him and that the Lord will give him wisdom in the sale of his mother's house.

**Pray** that the Lord will give President Trump, the Supreme Court and Congress humility before the Lord and wisdom to trust in the Lord to make wise decisions.

**Pray** that we will persevere in living for Christ in a dark culture and that we will be lights for Christ wherever we are.

**Pray** for Rachel and Katie Sanders for physical healing and the comfort of Christ to sustain them as they heal.

**Pray** for Josh and Matt Agen that in their relocation to Green Bay and Wausau respectively that the Lord will use them as his light shining the love of Christ and the knowledge of the Gospel in their work.

**Pray** that we will persist in prayer and not lose heart.

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary,  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. 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.

### Fellowship Meal - Today

We welcome everyone to stay for our fellowship meal today which will be served after our worship service.

### Attention ladies and girls of Covenant

Would you be interested in getting together to make baby quilts for CareNet Pregnancy Center? We will be meeting at the church several times throughout the summer. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:30, but we'll be meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday after that (July 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>).

Each lady/family will make their own quilt to donate to the center. Bring your sewing machine, fabric, and ideas to church and enjoy fellowship as we quilt together.

If you have any questions, talk to Lisa Peterson or Debbie Marsh.

### Donation Report for Milwaukee Rescue Mission

Last Sunday we collected 1 bag of toddler clothes, 2 bags of children's socks and under-clothes, 3 bags of toothpaste, toothbrushes and baby wipes for the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. Thanks to everyone for their donations. Please be praying for the people who use these items-that they will grow closer to Christ thru the ways they are loved.

Our next donation opportunity will be on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and it will be for Care Net Pregnancy Center. Announcement coming in July.

If you have any questions please contact Debbie Marsh at 262-641-5096 or [findmarsh@att.net](mailto:findmarsh@att.net).

## Announcements

### Downtown Bible Study - Tuesday, June 20

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 20

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 22

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, June 24

The ladies fellowship meets for lunch on the last Saturday of the month. This month we will be meeting at Loaf and Jug Restaurant located at 690 Westfield Way in Pewaukee.

### Informal Lunch and Fellowship - Sunday, June 25

Please plan to join us for lunch, fellowship, Bible discussion, singing and prayer. To be held in the fellowship hall following our Worship Service.

### Save-the-Date: Sunday, August 13

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

### Greeters

Today: Becky Metz  
June 18: Nancy Jo Baratti  
June 25: DeLadurantey Family  
July 2: Lisa Peterson

*Children's Memory Verse: John 1:1-2*

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.*