

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.

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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 145:1-14*

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. <sup>2</sup>Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. <sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. <sup>4</sup>One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. <sup>5</sup>On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. <sup>6</sup>They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. <sup>7</sup>They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. <sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. <sup>9</sup>The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. <sup>10</sup>All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you! <sup>11</sup>They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, <sup>12</sup>to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. <sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. [The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.] <sup>14</sup>The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

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

Worship Songs of Praise to God

**#90; Lord, I Lift Your Name on High**

(Blue Worship Book)

**#50; Hear, O Lord**

(Blue Worship Book)

**Hymn #111; This Is My Father's World**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading: Matthew 6:25-34, Ephesians 6:1-3 and Luke 11:11-13

(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 #559; Father, I Know That All My Lifte**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Tithes and Offerings

God's Word Speaks To Us

Scripture Reading: **Luke 9:37-50**

Sermon Title: **Exalting Christ In A Dark Culture**

We respond in faith

**Hymn #618; His Eye Is on the Sparrow**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Benediction **Hymn #733; Doxology**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

## Sermon Outline

Scripture: Luke 9:37-50

Title: How To Exalt Jesus Christ In Our Dark Culture

I. Trust God to do what only God can do.

verses 37-43

II. Keep your focus on the Cross of Christ.

verses 43-45, 1 Corinthians 2:2, Galatians 2:20 and 6:14

III. Seek greatness for Christ not yourself.

verses 46-48 and 1 Peter 5:6-7

For Further Devotional Study:

1. Read Luke 9:49-50 and in your own words state the problem with the disciples attitude that was a stumbling block to their being used by the Lord as conduits of gospel blessing to others.
2. Prayerfully reflect on the main points from the sermon today and ask God to show you two actions points to put them into practice. Look at the following verses and briefly state what they teach about living for Christ.
  - \* Joshua 1:9
  - \* Job 42:5-6
  - \* Acts 5:29
  - \* John 15:13
  - \* Luke 9:23-27
3. Study Philippians 2:3-11 and describe the ways Jesus showed servant love in humility. How are we to show the humility love to others through our lives to others?

## Praise And Prayer Requests

**Praise** God for the Power of the Holy Spirit who enables us to trust God to do what He alone has the power to do in us and through us.

**Praise** God for the earthly fathers the Lord has given to us who provided for us and encouraged us and praise God for spiritual fathers whose lives modeled the Gospel to us leading us to faith in the Savior Jesus Christ.

**Praise** God of for the power of the Word of God as we surrender to it to enable us to exalt Jesus Christ in a dark culture.

**Praise** God that Jesus Christ lives within us through the Holy Spirit to love the children in our lives and to serve faithfully whoever the Lord brings into our lives to impact with the love of Christ.

**Praise** God for the children of Covenant and the privilege to show Jesus love to them.

**Person of the week to pray for: Greg Holland**

**Pray** that the power of the Holy Spirit, the focus of denying ourselves, taking up our cross and following Jesus Christ will grip our lives so that we will keep standing for Christ while loving people caught in sin in our dark culture.

**Pray** for the Lord's all sufficient and unailing grace to comfort Mike and Jennifer Widowski through the grief of losing their son Michael. Pray for Silas and his four siblings that the Lord of all compassion will comfort and heal them in the loss of their brother Michael.

**Pray** for Glenn Grossbier for God's wisdom as he searches for an apartment and sells his mother's house.

**Pray** that the Lord will enable us to chew on the Word of God and model the Word of God so that our children and grandchildren will see Christ in us and through us and have a craving to know Jesus and serve Him.

**Pray** for Jeff Wilhelm who is having physical complications related to his cancer that has been in remission. Pray for the Lord's healing for him as he undergoes intensive treatments. Pray that the Lord will continually restore his strength and Alexia's strength through this ordeal and pray for their daughters Hannah and Sophia.

**Pray** for the Marsh family on vacation this week in Grand Rapids. Pray that as Hannah, Elizabeth and Rachel participate in Heritage Camp that the Lord will bless their friendships forged at camp and encourage them as they learn more about Chinese culture.

**Pray** that we as followers of Christ will be lights for Christ in our dark culture. Pray that we will stand boldly for Christ resisting every idea opposed to God but that we will love people who hold those ideas. Pray that we will be characterized by truth and grace as we live out the gospel in our culture.

**Pray** that we as fathers and grandfathers will be Christ centered and cross centered living lives of sacrificial service to our wives and children.

**Pray** for John and Patricia Tremann for the Lord's strength and comfort through their dark valleys of suffering.

## Responsive Reading

*Matthew 6:25-34, Ephesians 6:1-3 and Luke 11:11-13*

<sup>25</sup> “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on.

**Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?**

<sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

<sup>27</sup> **And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why are you anxious about clothing?**

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

<sup>30</sup> **But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?**

<sup>31</sup> Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’

<sup>32</sup> **For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.**

<sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

<sup>34</sup> **“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.**

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

<sup>2</sup> **“Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise),**

<sup>3</sup> **“that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”**

<sup>11</sup> What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent;

<sup>12</sup> or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?

<sup>13</sup> **If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”**

## 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, 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. Please RSVP to Mary Anne Knoblock at 414.520.3262 or maryannek8549@yahoo.com.

### Vacation

Pastor Frank, Debbie, Hannah, Elizabeth and Rachel will be on vacation this coming week June 18 through June 25. If you have any pastoral needs, please call Gordon Morris or John Nyenhuis.

### Next Sunday, June 25

Pastor Neil Tolsma will be teaching the adult Sunday School class and will be preaching the Word of God at our worship service next Sunday morning June 25.

## Announcements

### 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 fndmarsh@att.net.

### 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.

### Attention ladies and girls of Covenant - Wednesday, June 28

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.

### Falls Nature Camp - July 17-21, 2017

Every summer, for one week, Falls Church is transformed into Nature Camp. This is a great way for kids to learn about God and his creation through stories, nature lessons, crafts, hands-on activities, games, and songs. The theme for 2017 will be "Terrific Trees"! The camp is held the third week of July. In 2017, the dates are July 17-21. Camp runs from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. We end the week on Friday evening with a hot dog supper and a program the kids put on. Pass this on to your family and friends, kids from ages 3-12 welcome. Register at [www.fallsopc.org/nature-camp](http://www.fallsopc.org/nature-camp).

### Greeters

Today: Nancy Jo Baratti  
June 25: DeLadurantey Family  
July 2: Lisa Peterson  
July 9: Ron Crown

*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.*