

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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*Welcome to*

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*Orthodox Presbyterian Church*

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*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: *Revelation 5:9-14 and 1 Peter 1:3-6*

<sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, <sup>10</sup> and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." <sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" <sup>13</sup> And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" <sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,

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

Worship Songs of Praise to God

**#17; Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord of Hosts**

(Blue Worship Book)

**Hymn #705; I Know Whom I Have Believe**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading of God's Ten Commandments from Exodus 20:1-17 and

1 John 2:1-2 (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

Tithes and Offerings

God's Word Speaks To Us

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

Sermon Title: **Experiencing The Unfailing Love of God Through All of Life**

In preparation for the Lord's Supper

**Hymn #305; Arise, My Soul, Arise**

(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: In grateful praise to God for His great salvation accomplished by the death of the Lord Jesus Christ for us, we will now give to help those in need in our church family and community. While the offering is taken please remain seated as we sing

**Hymn #605; All the Way My Savior Leads Me** from the Red Trinity Hymnal.

Deacons Prayer: Mr. Bob Langnes

Benediction **Hymn #733; Doxology**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

## Sermon Outline

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:7

Title: Experiencing the Unfailing Love of God Through All of Life

I. Since God is Sovereign praise Him for all the good days and trust His faithfulness through all of adversity.

Verses 11:8, 7:13-14

II. Remember God's faithfulness throughout your entire life when you are young and when you are older.

Verses 12:1-8

## Praise And Prayer Requests

**Praise** God for the unfailing sacrificial love of the Lord Jesus Christ in bearing all of our sin and eternal death securing for us the full forgiveness of our sin and eternal life.

**Praise** God for His faithfulness to us all through our life before birth, during birth, after birth, to the very end of our lives when He will take us to Heaven.

**Praise** God that we are under the care of the Sovereign Lord of the universe who provides for our every need and gives us hope in His love through the trials of life.

**Praise** God for the children in our church family and for the elderly in our church family.

**Praise** God for the opportunity we have to pass on the truth and grace of the gospel to younger generations.

### ***Person of the week to pray for: Mary Hanson***

**Pray** for John, Debbie, Isabel and Isaac Nyenhuis in the death of John's grandfather. Pray that the Lord will comfort them in the assurance that their grandfather and great grandfather is with the Lord Jesus Christ and will never suffer again.

**Pray** for Mike, Jennifer and Silas Widowski in the death of their son and brother Michael. Pray that they will be enveloped in the peace of Christ and the assurance that Michael is beyond this life of suffering with the Lord. Pray that the Lord would work deeply in each person in their family drawing them to draw near to Christ for peace and comfort.

**Pray** for John and Patricia Tremann for the Lord's perfect peace to fill them with the assurance of the Lord's care in their suffering and weakness.

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

**Pray** that we will come to the Lord's Supper in assurance of faith that the Lord Jesus Christ loved us so much that He gave His life to take away our sin and that the Holy Spirit is present in our lives to nourish our assurance of God's love and to strengthen us to serve Christ.

**Pray** that our elders and deacons will be given Christ's wisdom in our decisions as we meet tomorrow evening. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless us with unity and give us great love for Him and for each person in our church family and beyond.

**Pray** for the Lord to give the 165 commissioners to our denominations General Assembly wisdom and His vision for reaching others with the gospel in all the decisions that are made.

**Pray** for healing of Jeff Simos eye as he anticipates surgery in the future and pray for his encouragement in Christ.

**Pray** for the salvation of our unsaved loved ones and that Christ will give us grace to love them as witnesses to them of the gospel.

**Pray** that the Lord will use us to witness to the gospel in actions and words of love to the lost in our communities and neighborhoods.

**Pray** that we will love and honor the elderly in our lives.

**Pray** for the Mideast Reformed Fellowship that as the gospel goes throughout the Mideast by radio preaching from Victor Attallah that many of those under the bondage of Islam will be brought to saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Responsive Reading

*God's Ten Commandments from Exodus 20:1-17 and 1 John 2:1-2*

And God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup>“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>3</sup>“**You shall have no other gods before me.**

<sup>4</sup>“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

<sup>5</sup> **You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,**

<sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>“**You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.**

<sup>8</sup>“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

<sup>9</sup> **Six days you shall labor, and do all your work,**

<sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.

<sup>11</sup> **For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.**

<sup>12</sup>“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>“**You shall not murder.**

<sup>14</sup>“You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>“**You shall not steal.**

<sup>16</sup>“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>“**You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.**”

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.**

## 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 - Today

Today we are collecting 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.

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

### Lord's Supper - Today

The Lord's Supper will be observed and celebrated during our Worship Service.

### 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.

### Covenant Family Prayer Gathering - Wednesday, June 7

Held from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in Pastors office. You are invited to our prayer gathering as we gather together to share our praise and prayer requests and to lift them up before the Lord. If you have any prayer requests, please e-mail them or call them in to Pastor Frank so that we can intercede on your behalf and others behalf before God's Throne of Grace.

### 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.

### 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

### Fellowship Meal - Sunday, June 11

Our next fellowship meal will be held next Sunday, June 11th. The fellowship committee will provide sandwiches and drinks. If you are able, please bring a dish to share.

### Ladies Fellowship Lunch - Saturday, June 24

The ladies fellowship meets for lunch on the last Saturday of the month. The location for June has yet to be determined.

### 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.

### 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: Ron Crown  
June 11: Becky Metz  
June 18: Nancy Jo Baratti  
June 25: DeLadurantey Family

*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.*