

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: *Psalm 100 and 1 Peter 1:1-3*

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! <sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! <sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! <sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, <sup>2</sup> according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you. <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,

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

Worship Songs of Praise to God

**#126; *How Excellent Your Name***

(Blue Worship Book)

**#111; *Behold, What Manner of Love***

(Blue Worship Book)

**Hymn #42; *El-Shaddai***

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading: John 15:1-16 and Ephesians 2:8-10

(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 #434; *Lord, Thou Lov'st the Cheerful Giver***

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Tithes and Offerings: Mrs. Nancy Jo Baratti and Mr. John Nyenhuis will sing a duet of "Thanks Be To God" accompanied by Miss Beth Sanders.

God's Word Speaks To Us

Scripture Reading: Galatians 6:1-10

Sermon Title: Evidences of a Holy Spirit Filled Church

We respond in faith

**Hymn #359; *Blest Be the Tie That Binds***

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

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

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

## Sermon Outline

Scripture: Galatians 6:1-10

Title: Evidences of a Spirit Filled Church

I. Loving one another with Christ's love by bearing each other's burdens just as Christ bore the burden of our sin on His cross. verse 2, Psalm 55:22, I Peter 5:7, John 13:34 and John 15:12

II. Considering others more important than ourselves through dying daily to selfishness and cultivating the mind of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. verses 3-4 and Philippians 2:1-5

III. Using the gifts, abilities and opportunities the Lord has given each of us to the fullest to serve Christ in this life. verses 4-5

IV. Because we have been redeemed from the condemnation of sin through God's love in Christ be devoted to life of good deeds for Christ's glory and to love others. verses 4-5 and Titus 2:14

## Praise And Prayer Requests

**Praise** God that Jesus Christ carried our greatest burden to the cross the debt of our sin and cancelled our debt through His death on cross securing the full forgiveness of our sin.

**Praise** God that we can cast all of our cares on the Lord knowing He will give us His peace and strength to stand up under them.

**Praise** God that He fills us with His Holy Spirit enabling us to love our brothers and sisters in Christ by bearing their burdens.

**Praise** God that we are able to be used by the Lord to help our brothers and sisters as we consider them better than ourselves.

**Praise** God that He has saved us to glorify Him in a life devoted to good works to bless others.

### **Family of the week to pray for: Gordon and Carol Morris**

**Pray** for our brothers and sisters of Calvary Community Church as they plan on closing their ministry. Pray for Pastor Matthew, Marie and their son Heinrich for the Lord's grace in adjusting to their new ministry and for the Lord to use their lives greatly for His glory in Pastor Matthew's new pastor call outside of Albany, New York. Pray for the Lord to comfort our brothers and sisters at Calvary as they experience the loss of being a congregation and have a desire to worship and fellowship with us. Pray for Calvary, the classis of Wisconsin, our Session and congregation as consideration is given to our purchasing the building and property. Pray that the Lord will show us His will clearly and confirm his will to Calvary and the classis of Wisconsin.

**Pray** for Mike, Jennifer and Silas Widowski for the Lord to continue to comfort them in their grief and strengthen them in the assurance of Christ's resurrection.

**Pray** that the Lord will burn into our hearts a passion to trust in His Word and yield to the Holy Spirit to actively participate in the vision the Lord has given us at Covenant: "to be a family of followers of Christ who are committed to loving the Lord and loving each other for His glory. To glorify and to enjoy the Lord by embracing and advancing the gospel of Jesus Christ by faithful proclamation of His Word and by being a caring fellowship of believers."

**Pray** that the Lord would cause our children to have a hunger and thirst to know Christ and to make Him known.

**Pray** that we will grow in Christ's love bearing each other's burdens and reaching out to the lost with the love of Christ.

**Pray** for physical and spiritual strength for John, Patricia and Thomas Tremann.

**Pray** for President Trump, his cabinet, the Supreme Court and Congress that they will humble themselves before the Lord and seek His wisdom to lead our country to be faithful to the Lord.

**Pray** for Tom and Ann Zeidler's grandson Levi that the Lord will carry him through his physical complications healing the swelling and bruising on his head and enabling him to breathe on his own. Pray for Levi's mother and father Ashley and Tim that the Lord will carry them by His grace day by day.

**Pray** for Keith Sorensen who had surgery this past Thursday to remove a cancerous growth. Pray for his healing and that the Lord would spare him from any complications. Pray for Keith, Dee and their families for encouragement and comfort in the Lord.

**Pray** for Regional Home Missionary Pastor Jim Bosgraf and his wife Judy. Pray that the Lord would sustain their physical and spiritual strength. Pray that the Lord would bless Jim's ministry of providing counsel and vision to church plants and church planters.

**Pray** for the salvation of Mary Anne and KC Knoblock's son Peter and His wife Leah. Pray that their son Henry will be brought to faith in Jesus as Savior and Lord at the earliest age possible.

## Responsive Reading

*John 15:1-16 and Ephesians 2:8-10*

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

**<sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.**

<sup>3</sup> Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

**<sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.**

<sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

**<sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.**

<sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

**<sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.**

<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

**<sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.**

<sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

**<sup>12</sup> "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.**

<sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

**<sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you.**

<sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

**<sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.**

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

**<sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**

## 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.

### SouthPointe Healthcare Center - Sunday July 16

This afternoon at 3:00 pm we will be hosting the worship service for the residents of SouthPointe Healthcare Center located at 4500 W. Loomis Rd in Greenfield. Come join us for some special fellowship and singing while being a blessing to the residents and their families.

### Men's Bible Study - Tuesday, July 18

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.

### Quilting - Thursday, July 20

Enjoy quilting? Then come join us as we make baby quilts for CareNet Pregnancy Center at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall. 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 Opportunity: CareNet Pregnancy Center - Sunday, July 23

Next Sunday we will be collecting items for the Care Net Pregnancy Resource Center. Their current greatest needs are summer clothes-size 2T for girls and boys. New or gently used are greatly appreciated. The other greatest needs at this time are newborn clothes for layettes, diapers sizes newborn,4,5,or 6. Also lotion, shampoo, etc. Please bring any items you would like to donate with you to church and leave them in front of the Covenant mailboxes. If you have questions contact: Debbie Marsh 262-641-5096 (fndmarsh@att.net).

### Greeters

Today: Becky Metz  
July 23: Nancy Jo Baratti  
July 30: DeLadurantey family  
August 6: Lisa Peterson

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

*John 1:3*

*All things were made through him, and without him as not anything made that was made.*

## Announcements

### Monthly Informal Lunch and Fellowship - Sunday, July 23

Next Sunday we will have our informal luncheon with fellowship and prayer following our Worship Service. The fellowship committee will supply the sandwiches and beverages, if you are able, please bring a dish to share.

### Calvary Community Church

As many of you know Calvary Community Church has decided to officially close their ministry. This has very significant implications and opportunities for our Covenant Churches ministry.

Our elders and deacons at the request of Calvary's elders and deacons had a meeting together on Monday, June 26. At this meeting the Calvary Consistory explained to us Pastor Matthew's departure to take up a new pastoral call in Albany, New York. They also expressed their desire to sell their building and property to us and secondly their desire to join us for worship, fellowship and service.

We are in the very early stages of considering their proposal and do not have any figures for the sale yet. The reason for this is because the executive committee of their classis (Regional Church) has to approve any recommendation for the sale of the property that Calvary makes. As elders and deacons we have questions regarding Calvary's desire as we know you have.

Next Sunday after our fellowship meal we are planning on having an informational meeting with our congregation. The meeting will include the latest information we have on both areas of opportunity and concern Calvary's desire to sell the building and property to us and their desire to fellowship and worship with us.

We will do our best to answer questions we are able to at this meeting. We will also explain the process that Calvary needs to pursue with their classis to present an offer to us and the process involved in our considering any offer they present to us.

We are also planning on having a time of prayer together at our informational meeting to seek the Lord's wisdom for us, our Session, Calvary and their classis. Please make every effort to come to the lunch and informational meeting next Sunday, July 23 as we seek to pursue the Lord's will together.

### Community Women's Bible Studies - Thursday, July 27

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.

### Covenant Family Camping - July 27 thru 31

Covenant's family camping is done at Kohler-Andrae State Park in Sheboygan. Which is just an hour drive North of Milwaukee off of Hwy 43 on the shore of Lake Michigan. Even if you are not camping, come out to enjoy the day with us while we fellowship around a campfire! We are camping in the South loop, site numbers: 214, 215, & 217.

### Ladies Fellowship Luncheon - Saturday, July 29

All ladies are invited to meet for lunch on the last Saturday of each month. This month's location has not yet been decided. Please let Mary Anne Knoblock know if you have any suggestions.