

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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*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: *Isaiah 12 and Hebrews 4:14-16*

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me."<sup>2</sup> "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."<sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.<sup>4</sup> And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted."<sup>5</sup> "Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth."<sup>6</sup> Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

<sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

Worship Songs of Praise to God

**#124; Ah, Lord God**

(Blue Worship Book)

**#1; Come, Give Glory to the Lord**

(Blue Worship Book)

**Hymn #4; All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 40:25-31 and 2 Corinthians 4:4-18

(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 #481; Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Tithes and Offerings

God's Word Speaks To Us

Scripture Reading: Galatians 6:10

Sermon Title: **Keep Up The Good Work!**

We respond in faith

**Hymn #448; We Have Heard the Joyful Sound**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Benediction **Hymn #733; Doxology**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

## Sermon Outline

Scripture: Galatians 6:10

Title: Keep Up The Good Work!

I. Trust in the Lord's Sovereign and unfailing purposes to advance His perfect will in spite of obstacles and challenges. Galatians 6:10, Ephesians 2:10, Romans 8:28-31

II. Yield to the power of the Holy Spirit to do good to everyone and especially to our brothers and sisters in Christ as a witness to the Gospel of Christ.

III. Like Jesus Christ Keep up the good work for him by focusing on the glorious harvest that is yours and will be yours in the future. Galatians 6:10, I Corinthians 15:58

## Praise And Prayer Requests

**Praise** God for the forgiveness supplied to us in infinite measure through our union with Jesus Christ in His death and perfect righteousness through faith in Him.

**Praise** God for the glorious harvest that the Lord will give us as we faithfully serve Him in His perfect time.

**Praise** God that Jesus Christ completed all that was necessary for our salvation by keeping His eyes on the glorious harvest of souls that would be saved from condemnation to eternal life through His sufferings on the cross.

**Praise** God that one day the Lord will be glorified in rewarding us for faithful service to Him.

### **Person of the week to pray for: Becky Metz**

**Pray** for Tim and Ashley Zeidler in the death of their son Levi. Praise God for Levi's precious life and that he went from the tender, loving care of Ashley and Tim into the presence and perfect love of the Lord Jesus Christ presence. Pray for the Lord's comfort and unfailing grace to carry Ashley, Tim, Ann, Tom Zeidler and their family through this time of grief .

**Pray** for Mike, Jennifer and Silas Widowski that the Lord will continue to comfort and strengthen them to move forward in serving the Lord Jesus Christ as they grieve their son and brothers' death.

**Pray** for the Lord to give our Session and congregation wisdom as we seek the Lord's will regarding the offer to purchase Calvary's building and property. Pray that the Lord will give Calvary's Consistory and congregation wisdom and encouragement as they close their ministry and seek to worship and fellowship with us. Pray for the classis of Wisconsin of the Reformed Church In America as they make a decision regarding the sale of the building and property. Pray that we will know and follow the Lord's will for His glory.

**Pray** for John and Patricia Tremann that the Lord will comfort and renew their strength physically and spiritually.

**Pray** that the Lord would comfort Glenn Grossbier as he faces the one year anniversary of his mother's death. Pray that the Lord would open the doors for the right apartment for Glenn and bless the sale of his mother's house.

**Pray** that we will be steadfast in serving the Lord Jesus Christ focusing on the glorious harvest that the Lord will give us.

**Pray** for John and Wenny Ro as they minister the Gospel in the south loop of Chicago. Pray that the Lord would provide needed funding to continue their gospel ministry. Pray that the Lord would bring additional families and individuals to New Life Church.

**Pray** for John, Debbie, Isabel and Isaac Nyenhuis as John's mother struggles with dementia. Pray that the Lord would comfort John's mother Sandy. Pray that the Lord would give John's father Tom encouragement and strength in caring for his wife. Pray that the Lord would give John and his family the strength of His grace during this difficult time.

**Pray** for Jeff Wilhelm for healing with the return of cancer.

**Pray** for Keith Sorensen as he recovers at home from surgery that removed a cancerous mass in his colon.

**Pray** that we will faithfully witness to the gospel and give ourselves to good deeds toward our brothers and sisters in Christ.

## Responsive Reading

*Isaiah 40:25-31 and 2 Corinthians 4:4-18*

<sup>25</sup> To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these?

**He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.**

<sup>27</sup> Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

**<sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.**

<sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. <sup>30</sup> Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;

**<sup>31</sup> but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.**

<sup>4</sup> In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

**<sup>5</sup> For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.**

<sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.**

<sup>8</sup> We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;

**<sup>10</sup> always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. <sup>11</sup> For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.**

<sup>12</sup> So death is at work in us, but life in you. <sup>13</sup> Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke,"

**we also believe, and so we also speak, <sup>14</sup> knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence.**

<sup>15</sup> For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

**<sup>16</sup> So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.**

<sup>17</sup> For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup> as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen.

**For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.**

## 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: CareNet Pregnancy Center - Today

Today we are collecting items for the Care Net Pregnancy Resource Center. Please place them in front of the Covenant mailboxes. If you have questions contact: Debbie Marsh 262-641-5096 (fndmarsh@att.net).

### Monthly Informal Lunch and Fellowship - Today

Following our Worship Service we will have our informal luncheon with fellowship and prayer.

### 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.

### Vacation

Pastor Frank, Debbie, Hannah, Elizabeth and Rachel will be on vacation this coming week from Monday, July 24 through Monday July 31. If you have any pastoral needs, please contact either John Nyenhuis or Gordon Morris.

## Announcements

### Guest Preacher - Sunday, July 30

Next Sunday, July 30 Pastor David Veldhorst will be teaching Adult Sunday School and preaching at our morning worship service. Pastor David was a missionary in Thailand with Mission To The Word for approximately fifteen years and then served as the Associate Pastor of Bethel Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Oostburg. He is currently Mission To The World's Director of Mobilization. The topic for the adult Sunday School class will be "missions".

### 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

This week some families will be camping 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. Come out and 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 we will meet at The Cheesecake Factory located at Mayfair Mall (2350 N. Mayfair Rd). Please RSVP to Mary Anne Knoblock 414.520.3262 or thebestdealever57@gmail.com.

### Men's Bible Study - Tuesday, August 1

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, August 2

Held from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in Pastors office. You are invited to our Prayer Gathering as we come together to share our praise and prayer requests 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.

### Quilting - Thursday, August 3

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.

### Greeters

Today: Nancy Jo Baratti  
July 30: *help needed*  
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.*