

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

Covenant

Orthodox Presbyterian Church

To know Christ and to make him known!

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Orthodox Presbyterian Church
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Morning Worship: 10:30 am

Sermon Outline

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Title: Don't Lose Heart

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 95:1-3, Psalm 33:8, Isaiah 55:6-9, Hebrews 12:28-29, Psalm 95:6

¹ Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! ² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! ³ For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

²⁸ Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe,

²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.

⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

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

Worship Songs of Praise to God

#95; *You Are My All in All*

(Blue Worship Book)

Hymn #302; *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Hymn #348; *Jesus, with Thy Church Abide*

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading: Jeremiah 31:31, 33-34; Hebrews 12:1-3; Revelation 21:1-4, 6-7

(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: **2 Corinthians 4:16-18**

Sermon Title: **Don't Lose Heart**

We respond in faith

Hymn #580; *Lead On, O King Eternal*

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

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

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Praise And Prayer Requests

Praise God that He chose us for salvation in Jesus Christ long before we ever chose Him.

Praise God that by the gracious working of the Holy Spirit, He intervened to give us a new heart of faith in Christ freeing us to trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation and to serve Him.

Praise God that we have been declared righteous before God on the basis of clinging to Christ alone and that we have fellowship with anyone and everyone who is clinging to Christ alone for salvation.

Praise God that our besetting sins show us how much we need to trust in Jesus for cleansing from sin, and how much we need to trust the power of the Holy Spirit for victory over sin.

Family of the week to pray for: Marsh Family

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

Jeremiah 31:31, 33-34; Hebrews 12:1-3; Revelation 21:1-4, 6-7

³¹ Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,

³³ **For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

¹ **Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,**

² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³ **Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.**

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

² **And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

⁴ **He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."**

⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

⁷ **The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.**

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.

Guest Preacher - Sunday, July 30

We welcome Pastor David Veldhorst who will be preaching this mornings worship service. Pastor David served as a missionary in Thailand with Presbyterian Church of America for approximately fifteen years, served as the Associate Pastor of Bethel Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Oostburg, WI and is currently Director of Mobilization to the World of the Presbyterian Church of America.

Vacation

Pastor Frank, Debbie, Hannah, Elizabeth and Rachel are on vacation until tomorrow, Monday July 31. If you have any pastoral needs, please contact either John Nyenhuis or Gordon Morris.

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.

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Lord's Supper - Sunday, August 6

Next Sunday we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper during our worship service.

Community Women's Bible Studies - Thursday, August 10

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.

Church Picnic - Sunday, August 13

Our annual Church Picnic will be held just down the road at Calhoun Park (5400 S. Calhoun Road) in site #1. Everyone is welcome to join us for Christian fellowship while we enjoy brats and hotdogs. If you are able, please bring a dish to share.

Greeters

Today: Becky Metz

August 6: Lisa Peterson

August 13: Ron Crown

August 20: Becky Metz