

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

*A church with its roots in the past . . .
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4895 S. Calhoun Rd
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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: *Matthew 11:28-30 and Psalm 34:1-6, 18 and 22*

²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. ² My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. ³ Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together! ⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. ⁵ Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. ⁶ This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.

¹⁸ The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

²² The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

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

Worship Songs of Praise to God

#39; *Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty*

(Blue Worship Book)

#130; *Romans Doxology*

(Blue Worship Book)

Hymn #134; *God Will Take Care of You*

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Testimonies from the Diaconal Summit

We listen to God and speak with Him

Congregational Prayer

We receive God’s blessing and give to bless others

Hymn #595; *Let Your Heart Be Broken*

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Tithes and Offerings

God’s Word Speaks To Us

Scripture Reading: **Luke 10:25-37**

Sermon Title: **Meeting Misery With Christ’s Mercy**

We respond in faith

Hymn #591; *Jesus Calls Us*

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

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

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Sermon Outline

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

Title: Meeting Misery With Christ’s Mercy

I. Mercy is the active compassion of Christ that brings Christ's hope and love to people who are desperate, wounded and in need.
verses 25-35 and James 1:27

II. Neighborly mercy is something we are not something we have, for believers in Christ neighborly mercy is a way of life.

Luke 10:25-36, Acts 6:1-7 and I Timothy 5:9-10

III. Jesus Christ the Great Deacon provides us with the power and motivation to be merciful because He has shown us mercy that is far greater.

Ephesians 2:6, Matthew 10:40-42

For further reflection:

1. Read the following Scriptures: Psalm 68:5 - Deuteronomy 27:19 - Deuteronomy 24:19-21 - Deuteronomy 10:17-19, and reflect on the question: How does the Lord show mercy to the fatherless and widows?
2. Read Acts 9:36-43 how was Dorcas an example of mercy ministry to others?
3. Read Acts 6:1-7 what are the blessings and high value of the work of deacons in terms of compassion to others and the ministry of the Word of God through elders/ pastors and those in need in the church?

Praise And Prayer Requests

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Praise God for the infinite mercy of Jesus Christ that suffered for our sins to bring us forgiveness and reconciliation with our Heavenly Father.

Praise God for the unfailing compassion of Jesus Christ that causes Him to sympathize with us in our sufferings.

Praise God for the mercy and encouragement we have received from our brothers and sisters in Christ in our sufferings.

Praise God for those who have volunteered to help us clean Calvary Church.

Family of the week to pray for: Bob and Jayne Langnes

Pray for our deacons: Bob Langnes, Glenn Grossbier and Greg Holland that the Lord will encourage them in their ministry of mercy to bring Christ's mercy to those in need in our church family and community. Pray for them as they equip and lead us to be servants bringing the compassion of Christ to those hurting, suffering and wounded in our church family and community.

Pray that the Lord will guide our elders in our planning meeting on Monday evening as we plan for the future of our ministry.

Pray for Mike, Jennifer and Silas Widowski that the Lord will envelop them in His comfort and enable them to heal from their loss of their son and brother Michael.

Pray that the Lord will bring His healing and encouragement to John and Patricia Tremann through their valley of sufferings.

Pray for Kristine Schurman continued healing and encouragement from her cardio-version procedure this past week.

Pray for Rachel Budithi that the Lord will continue to renew her strength.

Pray for the DeLaudarantey family as they relocate to the area of Wales, Wisconsin. Pray that the Lord will provide them with the right house and a new church home.

Pray that the Lord will fill us with His love for wounded, hurting people and enable us to meet their misery with His mercy.

Pray for Jeff Wilhelm for healing with the resurgence of complications related to his cancer no longer being in remission. Pray that these struggles and complications would be met by the mercy of Christ.

Pray that our children will grow in their love and devotion to Jesus Christ.

Pray for continued healing for Katie and Rachel Sanders and that the Lord will continue to strengthen them and keep them in His love.

Pray for Josh Agen in his new legal work with the Schneider Company in Green Bay that the Lord will bless his relationships with colleagues and clients and use him as a witness to the Gospel.

Pray that the Lord will give President Trump, his cabinet, the Supreme Court and Congress dependence on Him blessing their decisions that honor the Lord and working His good through any poor decisions they make.

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.

Community Women's Bible Studies - Thursday, July 13

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.

SouthPointe Healthcare Center - Sunday July 16

Next Sunday we will be hosting the worship service at 3:00 pm 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.

Greeters

Today: Ron Crown
July 16: Becky Metz
July 23: Nancy Jo Baratti
July 30: DeLadurantey family

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.

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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.

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.

Monthly Informal Lunch and Fellowship - Sunday, July 23

Please plan to join us for lunch, fellowship, Bible discussion, singing and prayer. To be held in the fellowship hall following our Worship Service.

Donation Opportunity: CareNet Pregnancy Center - Sunday, July 23

Our next donation opportunity will be Sunday, July 23rd-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).

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.