

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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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 96*

Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! ² Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. ³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! ⁴ For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens. ⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! ⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! ⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth! ¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity." ¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; ¹² let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy ¹³ before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

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

Worship Songs of Praise to God

#49; I Stand in Awe

(Blue Worship Book)

#52; How Deep the Father's Love for Us

(Blue Worship Book)

Hymn #353; I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23 and Ephesians 3:14-21

(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 #342; Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Tithes and Offerings

God's Word Speaks To Us

Scripture Reading: **Ephesians 2:18-22**

Sermon Title: **Living Stones Shaped for God's Great Purposes**

We respond in faith

Hymn #521; My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Benediction **Hymn #733; Doxology**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Sermon Outline

Scripture: Ephesians 2:18-22

Title: Living Stones Shaped for God's Great Purposes

I. You are a living stone resting on your invincible Cornerstone Jesus Christ who is able and willing to accomplish His glory and purposes through. verses 20-22 and Ephesians 3:20-21

II. We are all vital living stones through whom God accomplishes His purposes in each others lives and the world because we serve together and we serve through the power of the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 2:22 and I Peter 2:4-5

A. Built Together: verse 22

B. Spirit Indwelt verse 22

Build your life on the Word of God and your Cornerstone Jesus Christ so that you will grow in living out God's purposes for your life.

Praise And Prayer Requests

Praise God that He has gathered us dead stones without Christ and hope in the world and has made us living stones serving Him.

Praise God that He is able and willing to do more than we can ask or even imagine because He is passionate to glorify His Son Jesus Christ in and through our lives.

Praise God that our Heavenly Father has filled us with His Holy Spirit to fulfill His purposes in the world by encouraging, supporting and serving one another and the world.

Praise God for the strength of His unfailing grace in times of difficulty.

Person of the week to pray for: Nancy Jo Baratti

Pray that we will build our lives on the invincible Cornerstone Jesus Christ and rest our faith on the foundation Jesus Christ to grow in fulfilling God's purpose that we know Christ and make Him known.

Pray for Debbie Nyenhuis for healing of pain and swelling in her right knee. Pray that the Lord will relieve her pain.

Pray for Carol Morris for her recovery from surgery on her knee. Pray that the swelling and bruising on her knee and leg will heal.

Pray for Tim and Ashley Zeidler that the Lord will continue to envelop them in the assurance of His love as they heal from the grief of the loss of their son Levi. Praise God that they are continue to find their comfort and strength by trusting in the Lord's unfailing faithfulness to them in their suffering.

Pray for the Zeidler family for the Lord's strengthening and sustaining comfort through their painful loss of Levi. Pray for Tom and Ann Zeidler, for Katherine, for Jane and Kristine.

Pray that the Lord's mercies will abound in the lives of John and Patricia daily and moment by moment through the valley of their suffering. Pray that the Lord will renew their strength in Him.

Pray for the Lord's provision of an apartment for Glenn Grossbier.

Pray that the Lord will give us wisdom as we seek His will regarding the purchase of Calvary's manse, building and property. Pray that the Lord will give the Classis of Wisconsin wisdom as they make a decision regarding Calvary's offer to sell their building, manse and property to us for \$1.00.

Pray that the Lord will encourage Calvary Church as they close and that our two congregations will rely on the Lord and His Word to deepen our fellowship and love for each other.

Pray for Kim and Barbara Kuhfuss in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Pray for God to raise up elders at Providence Reformed Church and to bless their outreach efforts.

Pray that our children will grow in their passion to know Christ and to make Him known.

Pray for unsaved loved ones to come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ through the irresistible grace of God in Christ.

Responsive Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23 and Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints,

¹⁶ **I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,**

¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,

¹⁸ **having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,**

¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might

²⁰ **that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,**

²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

²² **And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,**

²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

¹⁴ **For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,**

¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

¹⁷ **so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,**

¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

¹⁹ **and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.**

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,

²¹ **to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**

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, August 24

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.

Ladies Fellowship Luncheon - Saturday, August 26

All ladies are invited to meet for lunch at 11:00 am 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.

The Elders would like your input

We are inviting you to prayerfully nominate any member from our congregation to serve as an elder or deacon. Pray and ask the Lord to impress on you who might serve well as an elder or deacon.

An elder shepherds the Lord's people and a deacon actively extends the compassion of Christ in deeds of kindness and mercy into the lives of those in need and encourages the congregation to do the same.

Read over I Peter 1:1-5 and I Timothy 3 as you consider men to serve as elders.
Read over Acts 6:1-7 and James 1:27 as you consider men to serve as deacons.

Those nominated are to be men who love the Lord Jesus Christ and are examples of Christ like character in wisdom, compassion, humility and servant heartedness to the Lord and people. Not perfect men but men whose adequacy is in the Lord. Those nominated need to have been a professing member of Covenant for one year. Those nominated will go through training to help equip them for service.

Please submit the names of men who you believe would serve the Lord to the best of their ability in dependence on the Holy Spirit to Pastor Frank, Gordon Morris or John Nyenhuis.

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Men's Bible Study - Tuesday, September 5

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.

Falls Church 50 Year Celebration - September 16 & 17

50 YEARS IN THE FALLS- FALLS CHURCH BLESSINGS STILL FLOWING-COME CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF FALLS CHURCH!

FALLS FAMILY BANQUET

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

4:30-6:00 PM Come dine with past and present members of Falls Church.

6:30-7:30 PM Join us as we take a look at our blessings yesterday, our blessings today, and our blessing tomorrow.

A head count for dinner is needed. Please sign up by August 20th on the Falls OPC Facebook page.

50 YEARS OF THE LORD'S DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

10:45 AM Come worship the Lord with us on Sunday morning. A cake and coffee reception will follow the service.

6:00 PM Join us in our evening worship service.... and then finish off the cake!

Women's Presbyterial—Saturday, October 7

This year's Women's Presbyterial will be held at Apple Valley Presbyterian Church in Neenah. The speaker, Patricia Clawson, will focus on the new book: Choosing The Good Portion: Women of the OPC. Further details will be forthcoming.

Greeters

Today: Becky Metz

August 27: Nancy Jo Baratti