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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*

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*Prelude - please make the first note of the prelude your cue for quiet meditation*

Scripture Reading: Luke 22:24-30

Sermon Title: The True Greatness of Calvary Church

Welcome: Greeting of one another

Call to Worship the Lord: *Psalm 84 and Matthew 11:28-30*

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! <sup>2</sup> My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. <sup>3</sup> Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! <sup>5</sup> Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. <sup>6</sup> As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. <sup>7</sup> They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion. <sup>8</sup> O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! <sup>9</sup> Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed! <sup>10</sup> For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. <sup>11</sup> For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. <sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

<sup>28</sup> Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

Worship Songs of Praise to God

**Praise Song #104; *Here I Am, Lord*** (Insert)

**Hymn #467; *Wonderful Grace of Jesus*** (Insert)

Testimonial Time of Sharing The Lord’s Love and Faithfulness through Calvary Church

**Hymn #355; *We Are God’s People*** (Insert)

Pastor Tony De La Rosa, leader of the classis of the Reformed Church of America Wisconsin Classis, sharing words of encouragement and celebration on behalf of the Classis of Wisconsin.

We listen to God and speak with Him

Pastor Tony leading in Prayer

We receive God’s blessing and give to bless others

Tithes and Offerings

God’s Word Speaks To Us

Scripture Reading: **Luke 22:24-30**

Sermon Title: **The True Greatness of Calvary Church**

We respond in faith

**Hymn #55; *To God Be The Glory*** (Insert)

Special Offering to support the ministry of spiritual renewal and church planting efforts of the Servant Committee of the Wisconsin Classis of the Reformed Church of America. Please remain seated while we sing **Hymn #473; *Victory in Jesus*** (insert)

Benediction

**Hymn #282; *The Family of God*** (Insert)

## *Praise and Prayer Requests*

**Praise** God for the infinite and unfailing love of God displayed in the death of Jesus Christ and His resurrection from the dead that cleanses us of all our sin, gives us an eternal standing as brothers and sisters in Christ and enables us to partner in sharing the good news of Christ's love.

**Praise** God for Calvary Churches' fifty five years of sharing the good news of the gospel in this community, feeding God's people through God's Word, demonstrating true greatness in serving one another and the community.

**Praise** God for faithful pastors, elders, deacons, church members and regular attenders who faithfully gathered to serve one another in love and those who do not know Jesus.

**Praise** God that the ministry of the gospel through the people of Calvary Church continues on through all of the lives touched by the gospel through faithful followers of Christ at Calvary.

**Praise** God that the ministry of the gospel will continue here because of the kindness of our brothers and sisters and classis.

**Pray** for the Lord to comfort and encourage Calvary Church that their service to Jesus Christ through the 55 years is still an ongoing ministry that is touching many peoples lives.

**Pray** that as brothers and sisters in God's great Family we will enfold, encourage, build up and love one another to be Jesus hands and feet to one another and our community.

**Pray** that we will have it burned into our hearts by the Holy Spirit that true greatness in living out Jesus servant centered accepting love and transforming love.

**Pray** for Rachel Sanders that the Lord will protect her from contracting sickness in her weakness.

**Pray** for Anne Marie Heise that the Lord will give her His endurance as she battles Lyme disease. Pray for encouragement for Anne Marie and Arthur.

**Pray** for wisdom for our elders and deacons as we begin planning meetings to seek the Lord for His vision and goals for renovating and expanding our facilities to carry out the vision the Lord has laid on our hearts to nurture Christ's love in each other and to reach out to our community as servants with Christ's love.

**Pray** for John and Patricia Tremann for physical and spiritual strength in their suffering.

**Pray** that the Lord will affirm and comfort our brothers and sisters joining us from Calvary.

**Pray** that the Lord will be glorified and that we will experience spiritual renewal.

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