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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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*To know Christ and to make him known!*

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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: *Psalms 147 and 1 Peter 1:3-4*

Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. The Lord lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre! He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills. He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry. His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you. He makes peace in your borders; he fills you with the finest of the wheat. He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly. He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes. He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs; who can stand before his cold? He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow and the waters flow. He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and rules to Israel. He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his rules. Praise the Lord!

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

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

Worship Songs of Praise to God

**Praise Song #56; *We Bow Down***

*(Blue Worship Book)*

**Praise Song #136; *Knowing You***

*(Blue Worship Book)*

**Hymn #69; *Thy God Reigneth!***

*(Red Trinity Hymnal)*

Unison Reading of The Apostles Creed: (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: **Luke 15:1-7**

Sermon Title: **Sharing In The Joy of Our Good Shepherd**

We respond in faith

**Hymn #705; *I Know Whom I Have Believed***

*(Red Trinity Hymnal)*

Benediction

**Hymn #733; *Doxology***

*(Red Trinity Hymnal)*

## Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1-7

Sermon Title: Sharing In The Joy of The Good Shepherd

I. By trusting that Our Good Shepherd Jesus Christ rescues all His sheep and securely carries us home to God.

verses 1-5, Ezekiel 34:11 and Isaiah 53:6

II. By trusting that Our Good Shepherd Jesus Christ lifts our burden on Himself and restores us when we are weak.

verse 5, I Peter 2:24 and Ezekiel 34:16

III. By trusting that Our Good Shepherd Jesus Christ finds His joy in saving His people from their sin.

verses 5-7

IV. By actively sharing in our Good Shepherd Joy in Saving and Keeping His people.

verse 7

**Praise** God that when we wander from the Lord in our spiritual wilderness Jesus is seeking us to rescue us.

**Praise** our Good Shepherd Jesus Christ claims us as His own. He has chosen us to be His people, died on the cross to purchase us as His own sheep, risen again to prove His love for us and He keeps us in His love and will never let us go.

**Praise** God that Jesus bore the burden of our sin on His cross to bring us into His fold.

**Praise** God for musical accompaniment we are blessed with in our church family.

**Pray** for John and Patricia Tremann for physical healing and the Lord's all sufficient grace to sustain them and keep them in His care through their suffering.

**Pray** for Jeff Simos for continued healing of his hip and that the Lord will strengthen Jeff in his struggles with lymphoma.

**Pray** for Annemarie Heise that the Lord will give her endurance in her daily struggles with Lyme disease and utilize her treatments for her healing.

**Pray** for Rachel Sanders healing of complications from Lyme disease and restored strength.

**Pray** for Debbie Nyenhuis restored strength and mobility in her knee and healing of the symptoms of Lyme disease in her knee.

**Pray** for our Annual Congregational Meeting tomorrow Monday, January 29 that the meeting will be marked by unity, wisdom and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

**Pray** for Judy Bosgraf as she considers various medical options for the treatment of pancreatic cancer. Pray for Jim and Judy for their health and for Jim and Judy's encouragement as Jim still serves part time as Regional Home Missionary for the Mid-West Presbytery of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

**Pray** that we will share in Jesus joy over His saving us from sin and keeping us in His love by celebrating His great work of saving us all from our sin and strengthening our faith in Him.

**Pray** for John and Wenny Ro as they plant Gospel Life Church in South Loop of Chicago. Pray that many may come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ through their evangelistic efforts.

**Pray** that we will grow in unity and love for each other and be a shining light for Jesus in this community.

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary,  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.