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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.

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*Welcome to*

# *Covenant*

## *Orthodox Presbyterian Church*

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## Morning Worship: 10:30 am

## Sermon Outline

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

Welcome: Greeting of one another

Call to Worship the Lord: *Hebrews 4:14-16 and 1 Peter 1:1-3*

<sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, <sup>2</sup> according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you. <sup>3</sup> 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

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

Worship Songs of Praise to God

**Praise Song #76; Lamb of God**

(Blue Worship Book)

**Hymn #213; What Child Is This**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Responsive Reading: (printed on page 3 of Order of Worship)

Unison Reading of the Nicene Creed

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 22:24-34**

Sermon Title: **Unshakeable Security in Christ**

In preparation for the Lord's Supper

**Hymn #521; My Hope Is Built on Nothing less**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Celebration and Participation of The Lord's Supper

*The bread of the Communion plate is Gluten Free and the inner most section of the Communion plate for wine has the non-fermented wine.*

Deacons Offering: In grateful and joyful response to the Lord's great love displayed in His sacrificial death on the cross to pay the debt of our sin and to clothe us in the riches of His perfect righteousness, we will now take up an offering to help those in need in our church family. As the offering is taken, please remain seated as we sing **Hymn #241; Thou Dost Reign On High** from the Red Trinity Hymnal.

Deacons Prayer: Mr. Bob Langnes

Benediction

**Hymn #733; Doxology**

(Red Trinity Hymnal)

Scripture Reading: Luke 22:31-34

Sermon Title: Unshakeable Security in Christ

I. The attack of Satan on the faith of the disciples and our faith in Christ.  
verse 31, Revelation 12:10

II. Place your confidence not in yourself but in Jesus Christ all sufficient grace and all controlling love for you.  
verses 33-34 and 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

III. Your faith will never fail because Jesus death is all sufficient for your salvation and His present intercession for you sustains and strengthens your faith through every trial.  
verse 32 and Romans 8:31-39

## *Praise and Prayer Requests*

**Praise** God that our salvation is unshakably secure founded on the perfect sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ paying the debt of our sin and His interceding for us in Heaven as He prays that our every spiritual need be met.

**Praise** God that the Lord sovereignly places us in circumstances where he shows us our weakness so that we would more and more rely on His strength.

**Praise** God for the generosity the Lord has given to us to give for the work of the gospel through the ministries of our church, and for the extension of the gospel throughout the world through our missionaries and church planters.

**Praise** God that the Lord knows our every need and strengthens us in every circumstance to do His will.

**Praise** God for the great blessing and opportunity the Lord has given to us to purchase the buildings and property of Calvary to glorify the Lord in ministry of the gospel through these facilities and into the community.

**Pray** that the Lord will deepen, increase and grow our faith in His all sufficient grace to live for Christ's glory in our relationships within our family's and our church family.

**Pray** for the Lord to give us faith that He will provide all our needs to do all His will as our two churches are one to serve Christ and each other.

**Pray** that the Lord will be glorified through the discussions and decision at our congregational meeting today and that we will act in trust and confidence in the Lord not ourselves.

**Pray** for physical strength and spiritual strength for John and Patricia Tremann as they suffer through daily dark valleys. Pray that the Lord would sustain and strengthen them that they would glorify the Lord in their present circumstances of suffering.

**Pray** for Jeff Simos as he struggles with severe hip pain and lymphoma. Pray that the Lord would restore His strength.

**Pray** that the Lord would continue to fill us with love for Him and each other and grow our unity as our two congregations now one serve the Lord and each other.

**Pray** for our elders and deacons meeting tomorrow night that the Lord will guide us in our discussions and that our decisions will advance the Kingdom of Jesus Christ in our lives and the lost in our community.

**Pray** for Annemarie Heise for healing with complications from Lyme disease.

**Pray** for Rachel Sanders healing from weakness and renewed strength as she struggles from complications from Lyme disease.

## *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.