

# The Lord's Day

December 2, 2007

## Prelude

### Call to Worship:

Joel 2:1

*Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
sound the alarm on my holy hill.  
Let all who live in the land tremble,  
for the day of the Lord is coming.  
It is close at hand.  
Come, let us worship God.*

### Prayer for God's Blessing

◆ **Hymn of Adoration:** *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!"*  
*Trinity Hymnal #198*

### Call to Confession:

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins

### Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men; we confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous to us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon:

"Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world." (1 Timothy 3:16). He has reconciled us to God and is our peace. People of God, I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

◆ **Hymn of Praise:** *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*  
*Trinity Hymnal #194*

### Pastoral Prayer

## Worship with Tithes and Offerings

### Our Profession of Faith

— 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 Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

**Old Testament:** Isaiah 2:1-5

**New Testament:** Romans 13:11-14

**Gospel:** Matthew 24:36-44

**Sermon:** *"Sleepers Awake"*

◆ **Hymn of Preparation:** *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*  
*Trinity Hymnal #193*

### The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table  
Words of Institution

◆ **Hymn of Response:** *"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*  
*Trinity Hymnal #196*

### Prayer of Benediction

◆ **Doxology:** *"Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"*  
*Trinity Hymnal #731*

### Postlude

**Greeter this week:** *Lori Vandenberg*  
**Greeter next week:** *Belinda Doll*  
**Flowers for December:** *Vandenberg family*  
**Church set-up-take-down responsibilities for December:**  
*Doran family*



**We welcome Rev. Jeff Wilson** to lead us in worship this morning. He is the pastor of Providence OPC in Southfield, and also serves as our pastoral advisor. Jeff and his wife Heidi, have three children and live in Berkley. Pastor Doll is leading the worship service at Providence church.

☐ **Wednesday Evening Bible Study** meets from 7-9pm at the Doran's home. Pastor Doll is leading the study on *Transforming Grace: Living Confidently in God's Unfailing Love*, by Jerry Bridges. This week's lesson is on Chapter 8.

☐ **Christmas Luncheon...** A Christmas luncheon will be held for the women of our church on Saturday, December 15 at Ciao Amici's on Main Street in Brighton. Lunch will be provided for all, and you are encouraged to bring a friend; this is a wonderful opportunity for outreach. Childcare will also be provided. Please RSVP by December 12 to Nancy Doran at 810-229-0462.

☐ **2008 OPC Winter Youth Retreat "All-Nighter"...** will be held at the downtown YMCA in Grand Rapids on January 25-26 for 7th-12th grade students and interested parents. Our speaker will be Paul Green, executive director of Hope for Chattanooga. The YMCA facility includes many amenities, including two swimming pools, a water slide, two climbing walls, two full basketball courts, squash and racquetball courts and other exercise equipment. Cost of the retreat will be \$25, so mark your calendar! Brochures will be available soon. Hope to see you there!

☐ **Biblical Nouthetic Counseling Class...** The Biblical Counseling Center of SE Michigan has scheduled its annual Spring Basic Training class in Biblical (Nouthetic) Counseling. The class is conducted in three modules, each of which meets all day on Friday (9am-9pm) and half day on Saturday (8:30am-Noon), at Plymouth Baptist Church in Plymouth. Attendance at all three modules is necessary to complete the basic course. Dates are February 15-16, March 14-15, and April 18-19, 2008. Complete information is available at: [www.bcceastmi.com](http://www.bcceastmi.com).

### Upcoming Events

Wed, December 5 – Bible Study at Doran's, 7-9pm  
Mon, December 10 – Session Mtg, 6:30pm, Ann Arbor (Chuck's office)  
Sat, December 15 – Ladies' Christmas Luncheon, 12pm, Ciao Amici's  
Sat, January 19 – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:30-10am  
Fri-Sat, January 25-26 – 2008 OPC Winter Youth Retreat "All-Nighter"

### Sermon Notes: