

# The Lord's Day

January 20, 2008

## Prelude

### Call to Worship

Isaiah 60:1-3

*Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.*

*For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.*

*And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.*

### Prayer for God's Blessing

#### ◆Hymn of Adoration: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Trinity Hymnal #302

### Call to Confession

Titus 2:11-12

*For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age.*

### Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon you, hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sin and transgressions, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness; and our failure toward you and our fellow men.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and of your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

### Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 8:9

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.*

#### ◆Hymn of Praise: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Trinity Hymnal #629

### 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 42:1-9

**Psalm:** Psalm 29 (responsive reading...see insert)

**New Testament:** Acts 10:34-43

**Gospel:** Matthew 3:13-17

### Sermon: "It Is Fitting"

◆Hymn of Preparation: "The Sinless One to Jordan Came"  
(see insert)

### The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

◆Hymn of Response: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"  
Trinity Hymnal #311

### ◆Benediction

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

### Postlude

## Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.

**The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

**The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**

May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

**Greeter this week:** Marie Stults  
**Greeter next week:** Sharon Krueger  
**Pianist:** Gillian Frank  
**Flowers for January:** Stults 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.

- ☐ **The Wednesday Evening Bible Study** meets at the Doran's home, from 7-9pm. Pastor Doll is leading the study on the book, *Transforming Grace: Living Confidently in God's Unfailing Love*, by Jerry Bridges. This week's lesson is from Chapter 11, "The Least of All God's People."
- ☐ **Installation Service for Doug Doll...** will be held on Friday, February 1, 7:00pm at Spencer School, in the multi-purpose room. Following the service a reception and a time for fellowship, with refreshments, will be held in the gym.
- ☐ **Annual Congregational Meeting...** The annual Congregational meeting will be held Sunday, February 3rd, after the worship Service.
- ☐ **Fellowship time...** All members and regular attendees are encouraged to participate in bringing refreshments for the fellowship time after the morning worship. You may bring either homemade or store bought cookies, brownies, muffins, bread, fresh vegetables, etc. Please bring your snacks on/in a serving dish or container.
- ☐ **New Horizons magazine...** Copies of this month's *New Horizons* magazine are on the Information table. Please feel free to take extra copies to pass out among family, friends, co-workers, etc.

### Upcoming Events

Wed, January 23 – Bible Study at Doran's, 7-9pm  
Fri-Sat, January 25-26 – 2008 OPC Winter Youth Retreat "All-Nighter"  
Fri, February 1 – Installation service & Reception for Doug Doll, 7pm  
Sun, February 3 – Annual Congregational meeting, 12pm  
Sat, February 16 – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:30-10am

