

The Lord's Day

August 24, 2008



*Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church!
We are delighted that you are worshiping with us
this morning. Thank you for joining us and may you
experience God's blessing in our worship.*

Call to Worship:

Matthew 11:28-30

*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.
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,
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

Prayer for God's Blessing

◆ **Hymn of Adoration:** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
Trinity Hymnal #32

Call to Confession:

Psalm 130:3-4

*If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O LORD, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

Psalm 130:7-8

*O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plenteous redemption.
And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.*

◆ **Hymn of Praise:** "Amazing Grace"
Trinity Hymnal #460

Our Profession of Faith — from the Heidelberg Catechism

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own,
but belong—
body and soul,
in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him,
Christ by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.

Pastoral Prayer

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

◆ **Hymn of Preparation:** "Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth"
Trinity Hymnal #149 (to the tune of "Jesus Shall Reign")

Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:31-34

New Testament: Matthew 9:1-8

Sermon: "A Friend to Sinners"

◆ **Hymn of Response:** "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"
Trinity Hymnal #498

◆ **Benediction**

◆ **Doxology:** "By the Sea of Crystal"
Trinity Hymnal #549 (stanza 3 only)

Sermon Notes

Greeter this week: *Angela Belden*
Greeter next week: *Fred Williams*
Pianist: *Gillian Frank*

- ☐ **Summer Leadership Training...** concludes next Sunday. Sunday School begins the following week, on September 7.
- ☐ **Ann Arbor Small Group Study...** will meet the first and third Wednesday of each month, with a meal on the first Wednesday. We begin Wednesday, September 3, from 6:30-8:30pm, at the Wierzgac's home. Our study this year, is from Jerry Bridge's book, *Transforming Grace...Living Confidently in God's Unfailing Love*. For more information, or if you plan to attend, please see Brian or Ariela, or phone them at 734-929-0622.
- ☐ **Men's Prayer Breakfast...** will be held on Saturday morning, September 6, from 8:30-10am, at the Doran's home. All men are invited. Please let Mark or Nancy know if you plan to attend at 810-229-0462, or you can e-mail them at mwdoran@sbcglobal.net.
- ☐ **Wednesday Night Community Group...** will begin their study on September 10, from 7-9pm at the Doran's home in Brighton. Pastor Doll is leading the study from the book, *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands: People in Need of Change, Helping People in Need of Change*, by Paul Tripp. For more information, or if you plan to attend, see Nancy or Mark, or phone them at 810-229-0462.
- ☐ **COPC Directory...** a sample copy of the new directory is on the Information table. Please check to make sure your information is correct. The new directories will be available Sunday, September 7.

Upcoming Events

Wed, Sept 3 - Ann Arbor Small Group study, 6:30pm at Wierzgac's
Sat, Sept 6 - Men's Prayer Breakfast at Doran's, 8:30-10am
Sun, Sept 7 - Sunday School begins
Wed, Sept 10 - Wednesday Night Community Group, 7pm at Doran's
Fri-Sat, Sept 12-13 - Men & Boys Camp-out and Canoe Trip
Wed, Sept 17 - Ann Arbor Small Group study, 6:30pm at Wierzgac's
Sun, Sept 21 - Lord's Supper and Fellowship Luncheon
Sun, Oct 19 - Lord's Supper and Fellowship Luncheon
Sat, October 25 - Reformation Day Picnic (Campfire)
Sun, November 16 - Pancake Breakfast
Sun, December 21 - Christmas Hymn Sing & Fellowship Luncheon