



*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.*

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## **The Lord's Day** August 31, 2008

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 100:1-5*  
Leader: *Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD  
with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.*  
**People:** *Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are  
his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*  
Leader: *Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.*  
**All:** *For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his  
faithfulness continues through all generations.*

### **Prayer for God's Blessing**

◆ **Hymn of Adoration:** *"Hallelujah! Raise, O Raise"*  
*Trinity Hymnal #54*

**Call to Confession:** *Micah 7:18*  
*Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over  
transgression for the remnant of his inheritance?  
He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in  
steadfast love.*

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon:** *Micah 7:19*  
*He will again have compassion on us;  
he will tread our iniquities under foot.  
You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.*

◆ **Hymn of Praise:** *"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*  
*Trinity Hymnal #164*

### **Our Profession of Faith:**

— from the Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 60

### **Q. How are you right with God?**

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.

Even though my conscience accuses me  
of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments  
and of never having kept any of them,  
and even though I am still inclined toward all evil,  
nevertheless,  
without my deserving it at all,  
out of sheer grace,  
God grants and credits to me  
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ,  
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,  
as if I had been as perfectly obedient  
as Christ was obedient for me.

All I need to do  
is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

◆ **Hymn of Preparation:** *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*  
*Trinity Hymnal #334*

**Old Testament:** Hosea 6:1-11  
**New Testament:** Matthew 9:9-17

**Sermon:** "The Great Scandal of Christ"

◆ **Hymn of Response:** *"Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord"*  
*Trinity Hymnal #465*

### ◆ **Benediction**

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

**Greeter this week:** *Fred Williams*  
**Greeter next week:** *Elizabeth & Sarah Fink*  
**Pianist:** *Gillian Frank*

## Sermon Notes

☐ **Summer Leadership Training...** concludes today. Sunday School begins next week, September 7.

☐ **Ann Arbor Community Group...** will meet the first and third Wednesday of each month, with a meal on the first Wednesday. We begin this Wednesday, September 3, 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*. Please see Brian or Ariela for more information, or if you plan to attend: 734-929-0622.

☐ **Men's Prayer Breakfast...** will be held Saturday, September 6, 8:30-10am, at the Doran's home. All men are invited. Please let Mark or Nancy know if you plan to attend: 810-229-0462, or e-mail them at [mwdoran@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mwdoran@sbcglobal.net).

☐ **Brighton Community Group...** will begin their study on Wednesday, 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 Community Group, 6:30pm, Wierzgac's  
Sat, Sept 6 - Men's Prayer Breakfast at Doran's, 8:30-10am  
Sun, Sept 7 - Sunday School begins  
Wed, Sept 10 - Brighton Community Group, 7pm at Doran's  
Fri-Sat, Sept 12-13 - Men & Boys Camp-out and Canoe Trip  
Wed, Sept 17 - Ann Arbor Community Group, 6:30pm, Wierzgac's  
Fri, Sept 19 - Presbytery meets in Komoka, Ontario, Canada  
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 - Lord's Supper & Pancake Breakfast  
Sun, December 21 - Christmas Hymn Sing & Fellowship Luncheon