



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

The Lord's Day November 9, 2008

◆**Call to Worship:**

Psalm 145:8-13

Leader: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

People: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Leader: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. [The Lord is faithful to all his words and kind in all his works.]

Prayer for God's Blessing

◆**Hymn of Adoration:** #309

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

Call to Confession:

Psalm 51:1-6

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

Psalm 103:1-6

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

◆**Hymn of Praise:** #98

“Now Thank We All Our God”

◆**Our Profession of Faith**

— The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. AMEN.

Pastoral Prayer

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

◆**Hymn of Preparation:** #181

“We Come, O Christ, to You”

Old Testament: *Genesis 15:1-21*

New Testament: *Romans 4:1-8*

Sermon: “A Certain Certainty”

◆**Hymn of Response:** #119

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

◆**Benediction**

◆**Doxology:** #731

“Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow”

Greeter this week: *Noah Doran & Nathan Fink*

Greeter next week: *Lori VandenBerg*

Nursery this week: *Beth Fink*

Nursery next week: *Nancy Doran*

Pianist: *Marie Stults*

Flowers for November: *VandenBerg family*



We welcome Erich Lee to lead us in worship this morning.

Erich grew up in Washington DC, and graduated from Reformed Theological Seminary (Orlando, FL). He is a

Teaching Elder in the Great Lakes Presbytery of the

Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). Erich and his wife Renee live in Grand Rapids and attend Seventh Reformed Church.

☐ **Lord's Supper...** next Sunday, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Please be in prayer this week and prepare your hearts. Each should examine himself for known sin, then confess and repent of any offenses before coming to the table.

☐ **Annual Pancake Breakfast next Sunday!!...** will be held after the morning worship service. The ladies will be able to relax, because the men and boys are doing all work!!! For more information, please see Nancy Doran or Beth Fink. We will not have Sunday School that day.

☐ **Nursery News...** a nursery is available on an "as needed" basis for families who have young children, who are not able to sit through some or all of the worship service. Simply take your child through the door of the front partition to the other side of the gym, and the person assigned for nursery that week will assist you. Current volunteers are: Nancy Doran, Cindy Evans, Beth Fink, Sarah Fink, Dawn Lanning, and Hanna VandenBerg. Additional volunteers are still needed, so if you feel led to help with this ministry, please see Jeff or Beth Fink.



OPC Annual Thank Offering 2008... Make it a matter of special emphasis this month by joining members in our churches across the nation, in giving a special offering, above your regular tithes and offerings, for the support of OPC missions (Christian Education, Home Missions, and Foreign Missions). Please consider

prayerfully, this offering as a good means to "offer sacrifices of thanksgiving." (Ps. 107:22)

☐ **Brighton Community Group...** meets Wednesday evening, 7-9pm at the Doran's home. 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. This week's lesson is Chapter 9, "Getting to Know People."

☐ **Ann Arbor Community Group...** meets next Wednesday evening, November 19, from 6:30-8:30pm, at the Wierzgac's home. The study is from the book by Jerry Bridges, *Transforming Grace...Living Confidently in God's Unfailing Love*. For more information, see Brian or Ariela, or phone them at: 734-929-0622.

☐ **Christmas Luncheon...** a luncheon will be held for the women of our church on Saturday, December 6, at Ciao Amici's in Brighton. Lunch will be provided for all. Childcare will also be provided. **Please RSVP to Nancy Doran at 810-229-0462 by November 30.**

☐ **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., or leave a copy at your doctor/dentist's office next time you have an appointment.

☐ **Pregnancy Helpline "Quilter's Dream Estate Sale Benefit"** will be held Friday & Saturday, November 14-15, from 10am-3pm, at their office, 7743 W. Grand River, Ste 101, Brighton (next to Waldeckers). Proceeds from this sale will benefit the Pregnancy Helpline. Hundreds of items will be available for purchase, including: a Husqvarva Designer SE, ESS and Husqvarna 936 Serger; rotary cutters, templates, thread, fabric, patterns, 100s of Fat Quarters, cutting boards, rulers, batting, mats, frames, etc. For more information call 810-494-5433.

Upcoming Events

Wed, November 12 - Brighton Community Group, 7pm at Doran's

Sun, November 16 - Lord's Supper & Pancake Breakfast

Wed, Nov 19 - Ann Arbor Community Group, 6:30pm at Wierzgac's

Wed, November 19 - Brighton Community Group, 7pm at Doran's

Sun, November 23 - 2008 "Thank Offering" collection

Sat, December 6 - Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:30-10am, at Joe Willett's

Sat, December 6 - Ladies' Christmas Luncheon @Ciao Amico's, 12pm

Sun, December 21 - Christmas Hymn Sing & Fellowship Luncheon

Sat, January 3 - Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:30-10am, TBD