



*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 23, 2008

Prelude

Call to Worship: *Psalm 67:4-6*

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

People: God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Prayer for God's Blessing

◆**Hymn of Adoration:** #11 "Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God"

Call to Confession: *Isaiah 1:18*

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: *Jeremiah 33:8*

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

◆**Hymn of Praise:** #172 "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

◆**Our Scriptural Profession of Faith** — from Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39

We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastoral Prayer

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

◆**Hymn of Preparation:** #303 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

Old Testament: *Psalm 65:1-13*

New Testament: *Colossians 3:12-17*

Sermon: "Give Thanks to God"

◆**Hymn of Response:** #98 "Now Thank We All Our God"

◆**Benediction**

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

Postlude

Greeter this week: *Belinda Doll*
Greeter next week: *Mike Frank*
Pianist: *Jennifer Frank*
Flowers for November: *VandenBerg family*
Nursery is available on an "as needed" basis

☐ **A Great Big Thank You!!!** to all the boys who made the pancakes last Sunday. They did an outstanding job and the women were all grateful for the effort put forth, and so we could relax. We also thank the fathers that assisted in making this breakfast another success!

☐ **Brighton Community Group... will NOT meet** this Wednesday evening. We will resume the study again on Wednesday, December 3, 7-9pm at the Doran's home.

☐ **OPC Annual Thank Offering 2008...** Today and next Sunday, the annual "Thank Offering" will be held. This offering supports OPC missions in actively making the name of Jesus Christ better known throughout the world. Prayerfully make this a matter of special emphasis in your giving, above your regular tithe and offering. An envelope was provided in last week's bulletin and additional envelopes are on the Information table. Make your check payable to COPC and designate it for the "Thank Offering."



PLEASE NOTE change of location:



Christmas Luncheon...a luncheon will be held for the women of our church on Saturday, December 6, at Brighton Bar & Grill 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.**

☐ **Pregnancy Helpline...IT IS A DIAPER EMERGENCY!**

Size 3, 4, 5, & 6 diapers and Wipes are almost totally gone! Last year PH Clients were given over 35,000 diapers after completing parenting instruction... PLEASE HELP! Our Earn While You Learn (EWYL) clients come in every other week to meet with a parent mentor. The EWYL participant completes an educational lesson about baby care, parenting or life skills education. This lesson includes a video, worksheet and homework. In return they are given Baby Bucks with which they "purchase" the diapers, wipes, clothing and baby equipment they need. The EWYL program is designed to change the generation with the support and education parents need to succeed. The clients are women and men who have made the choice for Life in less than ideal circumstances. Please help if you can!

Upcoming Events

Sun, Nov 23 - Annual OPC "Thank Offering" collection
Wed, Dec 3 - Brighton Community Group, 7pm at Doran's
Wed, Dec 3 - Ann Arbor Community Group, 6:30pm at Wierzgac's
Sat, Dec 6 - Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:30-10am, at Joe Willett's
Sat, Dec 6 - Ladies' Christmas Luncheon, Brighton Bar & Grill, 12pm
Wed, Dec 10 - Brighton Community Group, 7pm at Doran's
Sun, Dec 21 - Christmas Hymn Sing & Fellowship Luncheon
Sat, January 3 - Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:30-10am, TBD

Sermon Notes: