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*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.*

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## **The Lord's Day**

November 30, 2008

### **Prelude**

#### **◆Call to Worship:**

Leader: Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
sound an alarm on my holy mountain!

*Joel 2:1*

**People: Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,  
for the day of the LORD is coming; it is near!**

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

**◆Hymn of Adoration:** #194 "O Come, O come, Emmanuel"

#### **Call to Confession:**

*Hosea 14:1-2*

Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity. Take words with you and return to the LORD. Say to him, "Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously, that we may present the fruit of our lips."

### **Prayer of Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon:**

*Hosea 14:4-5*

I will heal their apostasy; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them. I will be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom like the lily.

**◆Hymn of Praise:** #78 "O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

### **Pastoral Prayer**

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

#### **◆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.

**◆Hymn of Preparation:** #193 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

**Old Testament:** *Isaiah 64:1-9*

**New Testament:** *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

**Sermon:** "All I Want for Christmas"

**◆Hymn of Response:** #196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

#### **◆Benediction**

**◆Doxology:** #549

"By the Sea of Crystal"  
(stanza 3 only)

### **Postlude**

**Greeter this week:** *Mike Frank*  
**Greeter next week:** *Mark Doran*  
**Pianist:** *Molly Doran*  
**Nursery:** *Staff* (as needed)  
**Flowers for November:** *VandenBerg family*



**OPC Annual Thank Offering 2008...** Today is the last day for the annual "Thank Offering." This offering supports OPC missions in actively making the name of Jesus Christ better known throughout the world. If you would like to make a contribution, make your check payable to COPC, designate it for the "Thank Offering," and place it in the offering plate.

**Brighton Community Group...** resumes it's study this Wednesday evening, 7-9pm at the Doran's home. Pastor Doll is leading the study by Paul Tripp, *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands: People in Need of Change, Helping People in Need of Change*. This week's lesson is Chapter 11, "*The Goals of Speaking the Truth in Love.*"

**Ann Arbor Community Group...** meets Wednesday evening, from 6:30-8:30pm, at the Wierzgac's home. We will be having a meal this week, so contact Brian or Ariela if you plan to attend, 734-929-0622. The study is by Jerry Bridges, *Transforming Grace...Living Confidently in God's Unfailing Love*.

**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 let Nancy Doran know by TODAY if you plan to attend!**

**Monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast...** will be held Saturday morning, December 6, from 8:30-10am, at Joe Willett's home. All men are invited. Please let Joe know if you plan to attend and also for directions at: 248-363-0520, or e-mail him: [joseph.willett@att.net](mailto:joseph.willett@att.net).

**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...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**

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