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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**  
December 21, 2008  
*"Celebration of Christmas"*

**Prelude**

◆**Call to Worship:** Isaiah 9:2

The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of the shadow of death  
a light has dawned.

**Prayer for God's Blessing**

◆**Hymn of Adoration:** #208 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

**Call to Confession:** Mark 2:17

Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor,  
but the sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon:** John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal  
life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the  
world, but to save the world through him.

◆**Hymn of Praise:** #211 "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen"

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

*"Esurientes"* from the "Magnificat" — Antonio Vivaldi

Luke 1:53 *"Esurientes implevit bonis et divites dimisit inanes."*

— Jennifer and Gillian Frank

**Old Testament:** Isaiah 9:2-7

**New Testament:** Luke 2:1-14

◆**Hymn of Praise:** #213 "What Child is This"

**Sermon:** "Rejoicing with the Angels"

◆**Responsive Reading** — from Zechariah's Prophecy

**Leader:** Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come  
and has redeemed his people.

**People:** **He has raised up a horn of salvation for us (as he said  
through his holy prophets of long ago), salvation from our  
enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—**

**Leader:** to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy  
covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

**People:** **to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable  
us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness  
before him all our days.**

**The Lord's Supper**

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

◆**Hymn of Response:** #224 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

◆**Benediction**

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

**Postlude**

**Greeter this week:** *Fred Williams*  
**Greeter next week:** *Elizabeth & Sarah Fink*  
**Pianist:** *Molly Doran*  
**Nursery:** *Staff* (as needed)  
**Flowers for December:** *VandenBerg family*

☐ **Fellowship Luncheon & Christmas Hymn Sing...** After the worship service a Fellowship Luncheon will be held, followed by a time of sing of our favorite Christmas hymns. If you are visiting or forgot to bring, please join us for a wonderful time of fellowship, a time of singing, and good food.

☐ **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.

**Upcoming Events**

Wed, Jan 7 - Brighton Community Group, 7pm at Doran's  
Wed, Jan 7 - Ann Arbor Community Group, 6:30pm at Wierzgac's  
Sat, January 10 - Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:30-10am, at Doll's home  
Fri-Sat, January 23-24 - OPC Winter Youth Retreat in Grand Rapids



**December Birthdays**

Brian Wierzgac - 12/2  
Nate Lanning - 12/3  
Geoff Arnold - 12/7  
Norm VandenBerg - 12/7  
Susie Williams - 12/7  
Chase Lanning - 12/21  
John Doran - 12/22

**December Wedding Anniversaries**

Doug & Belinda Doll - 12/18  
Marc & Cindy Evans - 12/22