



*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

January 4, 2009

Prelude

- ◆**Call to Worship:** Psalm 145:1-6
Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.
- People: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**
- Leader: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.
- People: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.**
- Leader: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- All: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.**

Prayer for God's Blessing

- ◆**Hymn of Adoration:** #103 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"
- Call to Confession:** Matthew 7:7-8
"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened."

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Matthew 11:28-30
"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

◆**Hymn of Praise:** #12 "Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim"

◆**Our Profession of Faith**
— Westminster Larger Catechism Q & A, 72 & 73

Q. What is justifying faith?

A. Justifying faith is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God, whereby he, being convinced of his sin and misery, and of the disability in himself and all other creatures to recover him out of his lost condition, not only assenteth to the truth of the promise of the gospel, but receiveth and resteth upon Christ and his righteousness, therein held forth, for pardon of sin, and for the accepting and accounting of his person righteous in the sight of God for salvation.

Q. 73. How doth faith justify a sinner in the sight of God?

A. Faith justifies a sinner in the sight of God, not because of those other graces which do always accompany it, or of good works that are the fruits of it, nor as if the grace of faith, or any act thereof, were imputed to him for his justification; but only as it is an instrument by which he receiveth and applieth Christ and his righteousness.

Pastoral Prayer

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

◆**Hymn of Preparation:** #320 "Rejoice, All Ye Believers"

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 10:12-22
New Testament: 2 Timothy 1:1-12 (sermon text: vs. 12)

Sermon: "THE WHO"

◆**Hymn of Response:** #705 "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

◆**Benediction**

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

Postlude

Greeter this week: *Elizabeth & Sarah Fink*
Greeter next week: *Sharon Krueger*
Pianist: *Molly Doran*
Nursery: *Staff* (as needed)



We welcome Rev. Peter Moelker to lead our worship today.

Rev. Moelker has served as the pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church (OPC) in Lisbon, New York, but has recently returned to Ontario, Canada with his wife Lisa and five covenant children due to some complications in securing a permanent Visa for ministry in the United States.

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

☐ **Brighton Community Group...** resumes 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 12, "The Process of Speaking the Truth in Love."

☐ **Monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast...** will be held Saturday morning, January 10, from 8:30-10am, at the Doll's home. All men are invited. Please let Doug or Belinda know if you plan to attend, 810-225-8063, or you can e-mail Doug at doug.doll@att.net.

☐ **Coming Up... The Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held Sunday, January 18, following the Fellowship Luncheon. We will be reviewing the 2009 Budget along with other items on the agenda. More information will follow.

☐ **Winter Youth Retreat** – Mark your calendar! The 2009 OPC Winter Youth Retreat "all-nighter" will be held at the downtown YMCA in Grand Rapids on January 23-24 for 7th-12th grade students and interested parents. Our speaker will be Pastor John Beldon, pastor of Neon Reformed Presbyterian Church (OPC) in Kentucky. The YMCA facility has many amenities, including two swimming pools, a water slide, two climbing walls, two full basketball courts, squash and racquetball courts, and other exercise equipment. The cost of the retreat will be \$25. This year, we will also include 2 hours of bowling at nearby Spectrum Lanes! Hope to see you there!

☐ **Sunday School Teacher Training!...** Harvest OPC would like to invite you to join us for a Sunday School Teacher Training on January 24th at Harvest OPC, 930 52nd St. SW, Wyoming, MI. We'll have a continental breakfast from 8:30-9am, and begin at 9:00am. Dan Boulton, the Great Commissions Publication trainer, will be addressing the themes of "Benchmarks—how to bolster retention" as well as "Learning Styles—varied teaching for varied learning." We anticipate finishing up at 12:30pm. **Please RSVP to Jackie Minatelli** by phone or (616-928-4720) or email jminatelli@gmail.com by January 16th, 2009. Childcare is available. For more information, please contact Pastor Francis at 616-261-0327 or associate@harvestopc.org.

☐ **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.

☐ **Fellowship time...** We encourage all members and regular attendees to participate in bringing refreshments to share during this time. You may bring either homemade or store bought cookies, brownies, muffins, bread, fresh vegetables, etc. Please bring your snacks on/in a serving dish or container.

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, Jan 10 - Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:30-10am, at Doll's home
Sun, Jan 18 - Lord's Supper & Fellowship Luncheon
Sun, Jan 18 - Annual Congregational meeting, after luncheon
Fri-Sat, Jan 23-24 - OPC Winter Youth Retreat in Grand Rapids
Sat, Jan 24 - SS Teacher Training, Harvest OPC, 8:30-12:30am

