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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** January 11, 2009

### **Prelude**

◆**Call to Worship:** Isaiah 12:4-6

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name!

**People: Make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.**

Leader: Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

**People: Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you!**

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

◆**Hymn of Adoration:** #53 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

**Call to Confession:** Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and let the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

### **Prayer of Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon:**

Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.

◆**Hymn of Praise:** #246 "Man of Sorrows! What a Name"

◆**Reception of New Members:**  
— Alec Ream and Joe Willett

◆**Hymn of Praise:** #347 "The Church's One Foundation"

### **Pastoral Prayer**

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

◆**Hymn of Preparation:** #334 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

**Old Testament:** Joshua 24:1-18

**New Testament:** 1 Peter 1:1-2

**Sermon:** "Living Life as an Alien"

◆**Hymn of Response:** #644 "May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

### ◆**Benediction**

◆**Doxology:** #731 "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"

### **Postlude**

**Greeter this week:** *Sharon Krueger*  
**Greeter next week:** *Amy & Sophie Techentin*  
**Pianist:** *Jennifer Frank*  
**Nursery:** *Staff* (as needed)  
**Flowers for January:** *Doll family*

☐ **We welcome Joe Willett and Alec Ream** into our church membership this morning. They have met with the Session and expressed their desire to formally unite themselves in the ministry of the church and enjoy all privileges of full communion with our church. Please receive them joyfully into our fellowship!

☐ **Brighton Community Group...** meets 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 13, "Establishing Agenda and Clarifying Responsibility."

☐ **Lord's Supper and Fellowship Luncheon...** Next week, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Following the worship service, there will be a Fellowship Luncheon. Please bring two dishes to pass...one should be a main dish, and the other a salad/side dish or dessert.

☐ **The Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held next 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. Pray for wisdom, insight, and sound advice given during this meeting.

☐ **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.

☐ **Winter Youth Retreat** – 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. Pastor John Beldon of Neon Reformed OPC Church in Kentucky, will be the speaker. 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. This year, we will also include 2 hours of bowling at nearby Spectrum Lanes! Cost of the retreat will be \$25. 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 January 24th at Harvest OPC, 930 52nd St. SW, Wyoming, MI. We'll have a continental breakfast from 8:30-9am, and meet from 9am-12:30pm. Dan Boulton, the Great Commissions Publication trainer, will be the speaker." **Please RSVP to Jackie Minatelli** at 616-928-4720, or email [jminatelli@gmail.com](mailto:jminatelli@gmail.com) by Friday, January 16th, 2009. Childcare is available. For more information, contact Pastor Francis at 616-261-0327 or [associate@harvestopc.org](mailto:associate@harvestopc.org).

☐ **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 14 - Brighton Community Group, 7pm at Doran's  
Sun, Jan 18 - Lord's Supper & Fellowship Luncheon  
Sun, Jan 18 - Annual Congregational meeting, following luncheon  
Wed, Jan 21 - Ann Arbor Community Group, 6:30pm at Wierzgac's  
Wed, Jan 21 - Brighton Community Group, 7pm at Doran's  
Fri-Sat, Jan 23-24 - OPC Winter Youth Retreat in Grand Rapids  
Sat, Jan 24 - SS Teacher Training, Harvest OPC, 8:30-12:30am  
Sat, Feb 7 - Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:30-10am, at Temby's home