



*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 18, 2009

Prelude

Call to Worship:

Stand by the roads, and look,
and ask for the ancient paths,
where the good way is; and walk in it,
and find rest for your souls.

Jeremiah 6:16

Prayer for God's Blessing

◆Hymn of Adoration: #105

“O God, We Praise Thee”

Call to Confession:

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Isaiah 44:21-22

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

But Israel is saved by the LORD with everlasting salvation; you shall not be put to shame or confounded to all eternity.

Isaiah 45:17

◆Hymn of Praise: #164

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

◆Our Profession of Faith

— The Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?

We believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Old Testament: Job 2:1-10

New Testament: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Sermon: “Joy in the Midst of Suffering”

◆Hymn of Preparation: #427

“Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands”

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table
Words of Institution

◆Hymn of Response: #516

“Jesus, I Live to Thee”

◆Benediction

◆Doxology: #731

“Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow”

Postlude

Greeter this week: *Jennifer Frank*
Greeter next week: *Norm VandenBerg*
Pianists: *Emily Doran & Marie Stults*
Nursery: *Staff* (as needed)
Flowers for January: *Doll family*

Fellowship Luncheon today!!... Following the worship service there will be a Fellowship Luncheon. If you are visiting with us today, or you forgot, please join us anyway. There is always plenty of food and you will have a wonderful time of fellowship.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held today following the Fellowship Luncheon. We will be reviewing the 2009 Budget along and also voting for a new Elder. All members of COPC are encouraged to stay. Non-members are also invited to stay and learn more about this aspect of our church. There will be no Sunday School today.



Today is "Sanctity of Life Sunday"... Since 1983, Americans have observed Sanctity of Human Life Sunday as a day to celebrate the intrinsic value of all human life. This important day also provides an opportunity for pregnancy centers to share about the work they do to bring life-affirming resources to their communities and to empower women and men to choose life for their unborn children. Churches are encouraged to focus on the sanctity

of human life with emphasis given to a broad range of life issues, including abortion, euthanasia, genetic engineering, health care, child abuse and eldercare.

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."

Ann Arbor Community Group... meets Wednesday evening, from 6:30-8:30pm, at the Wierzgac's home. The study is by Jerry Bridges, *Transforming Grace...Living Confidently in God's Unfailing Love*. For more information or if you plan to attend, please see Brian or Ariela.

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.



Please Note: Joe Willett has a new telephone number: **248-499-3922**. This change has been reflected in the Directory sheets e-mailed to everyone this past week.

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.

Covenant Women's Fellowship... will gather at Jennifer Frank's home on Saturday, January 31, to work on a special benefit project. For more information, see Belinda Doll or Sharon Krueger. Please let Belinda (810-225-8063) and Sharon (734-433-2364) know the items you plan to bring.

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!

Upcoming Events

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
 Wed, Jan 28 - Brighton Community Group, 7pm at Doran's
 Sat, Jan 31 - Women's Fellowship at Jennifer Frank's home, 10:30am
 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