



*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 25, 2009

Call to Worship:

Psalm 95:6-7

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down;

People: let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Leader: For he is our God,

People: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Prayer for God's Blessing

◆**Hymn of Adoration: #54**

“Hallelujah! Raise, O Raise”

Call to Confession:

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Corporate of Prayer:

Almighty and merciful God, we have sinned and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the vain devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended you and have broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

(silent confession)

O Lord, in your mercy and for the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord, we pray. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon:

1 John 2:2-3

If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

◆**Hymn of Praise: #465**

“Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”

◆**Our Scriptural Profession of Faith**

— from Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastoral Prayer

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

◆**Hymn of Preparation: #726**

“Spirit of the Living God”
(sing through twice)

Old Testament: Isaiah 42:1-9

New Testament: 1 Peter 1:10-13

Sermon: “A Hope Worth Cherishing”

◆**Hymn of Response: #589**

“Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God”

◆**Benediction**

◆**Doxology: #549**

“By the Sea of Crystal”
(stanza three only)

Postlude

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

Sermon Notes:

☐ **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.*

☐ **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.

☐ **Covenant Women's Fellowship...** will gather at Jennifer Frank's home on Saturday, January 31 from 10am-12pm, for a time of Prayer and Fellowship and 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 by today,** the items you plan to bring.

☐ **Monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast...** will be held Saturday morning, February 7, from 8:30-10am, at the Temby's home. All men are invited. Please let Craig know if you plan to attend, 517-545-5719, or you can e-mail Craig: craigt737@sbcglobal.net.

Upcoming Events

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
Wed, Feb 4 - Ann Arbor Community Group, 6:30pm at Wierzgac's
Wed, Feb 4 - Brighton Community Group, 7pm at Doran's
Sat, Feb 7 - Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:30-10am, at Temby's home