



*Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church!
We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning.
Thank you for joining us and may you experience
God's blessing in our worship.*

The Lord's Day

March 1, 2009

Prelude

◆**Call to Worship:** Psalm 96:7-9

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

**People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

Leader: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

Prayer for God's Blessing

◆**Hymn of Adoration:** #62 "Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise"

Call to Confession: Psalm 130:3-4

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O LORD, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 130:7-8

O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.
And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

◆**Hymn of Praise:** #498 "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

◆**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:** #140 "O Word Of God Incarnate"

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 4:1-14

New Testament: 1 Peter 2:11-12

Sermon: "Living as a Resident Alien"

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

◆**Benediction**

◆**Doxology:** #733 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"
(tune: "All Creatures of Our God and King")

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Greeter this week: *Noah Doran & Nathan Fink*
Greeter next week: *Lori Vandenberg*
Pianist: *Jennifer Frank*
Nursery: *Staff* (as needed)
Flowers for March: *Stults family*

☐ **OPC Missionary Sam Folta** will be at Doug and Belinda Doll's home on Thursday, March 5, at 7pm. We will also have a time of fellowship with coffee and dessert. Sam will also be at Oakland Hills Community OPC on March 8, for the evening service. They are planning on a "meet and greet" from 5-6pm, then he will preach from 6-7pm.

☐ **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*. We will be having a meal this week, so please see Brian or Ariela if you plan to attend.

☐ **Brighton Community Group... will not be meeting this week**, due to Sam Folta's meeting with us at the Doll's home on Thursday. We will resume the study March 11, from 7-9pm at the Doran's home. Pastor Doll is leading the study on Philippians.

☐ **Women's Bible Study...** meets Friday mornings, 9:30-11am, at the Doll's home. Our study is *"Hope in Hard Times...studies in the Book of Ruth."* Next week's lesson is from Chapter 4, Ruth 1:14-18, *"Love and Loyalty: God's Way."* Nursery is provided. For more information or, if you would like to join us, see Belinda Doll or Marie Stults.

☑ **Daylight Savings Time...** Next week Sunday, Daylight Savings time begins, so remember to set your clocks ahead one hour.

☐ **Monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast...** will be held Saturday, March 14, from 8:30-10am, at Alec Ream's home in Ann Arbor. All men are invited. Please let Alec know if you plan to attend, **734-660-0737**, or e-mail him at: alexander.ream@dkehq.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.

☐ **Pregnancy Helpline is seeking Theme Basket Donations...** Theme basket donations are needed for the *"Baskets for Life Challenge"* that will take place Thursday, April 23, 2009 at the *"Celebration of Life"* Fundraising event held at the Brighton Church of the Nazarene. Last year nearly 100 theme baskets were donated with all proceeds going to provide life saving ultrasound services, educational programs and material support to families in crisis.



The baskets are displayed and attendees vote by placing a ticket in a bag for each basket they like. A drawing will award each basket to a winner. This is a fun service project for Bible study, Youth, Men's or Mom's groups. Past themes have included Gardening, Fishing, Italian Dinner, Movie Night, Game Night and more! Individual items may be donated and we will create a basket or use for a silent auction. Call Pregnancy Helpline at 810-494-5433 for more information, to donate, or to reserve your Celebration ticket.

Upcoming Events

Wed, March 4 - Ann Arbor Community Group, 6:30pm at Wierzgac's
 Thu, March 5 - OPC Missionary Sam Folta, 7pm at Doll's
 Fri, March 6 - Women's Bible study 9:30-11am at Doll's
 Sun, March 8 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
 Wed, March 11 - Brighton Community Group, 7pm at Doran's
 Fri, March 13 - Women's Bible study 9:30-11am at Doll's
 Sat, March 14 - Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:30-10am at Alec Ream's
 Sun, March 15 - Lord's Supper & Fellowship Luncheon