



*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

April 12, 2009

Prelude

◆**Call to Worship:** Psalm 118:1; 22-24

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!

People: His steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

People: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Prayer for God's Blessing

◆**Hymn of Adoration:** #277 "Christ, the Lord Is Risen Today"

Call to Confession: Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

O death where is your victory.

O death, where is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

◆**Hymn of Praise:** #283 "Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Our Profession of Faith

— The Apostles' Creed

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

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.

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. AMEN.

Pastoral Prayer

Worship with Tithes and Offerings "Rejoice Now, My Spirit"

—Easter Cantata by Johann Ludwig Bach

◆**Hymn of Preparation:** #286 "Worship Christ, the Risen King!"

Old Testament: Isaiah 25:6-9

Gospel: John 20:19-23

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15:12-28

Sermon: "Easter's Significance"

◆**Hymn of Response:** #276 "Up from the Grave He Arose"

◆**Benediction**

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

Unto God Almighty, sitting on the throne,
and the Lamb, victorious, be the praise alone.
God has wrought salvation, he did wondrous things.
Who shall not extol you, holy King of kings!

Postlude

Greeter this week: Sharon Krueger
Greeter next week: Fred Williams
Pianist: Marie Stults
Special Music: Jennifer Frank
Nursery: Staff (as needed)
Flowers for April: Krueger family



Congratulations to Fred and Susie Williams as they rejoice over the birth of their first grandchild, Kailyn Beth Highstrom. She was born April 7 and is the daughter of Matt and Honnie (Williams) Highstrom. We praise God for His goodness and faithfulness for this precious little girl.

☐ **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 see Brian or Ariela or phone them: 734-929-0622.

☐ **Brighton Community Group...** meets Wednesday, 7-9pm at the Doran's home. Pastor Doll is leading the study on Philippians. For more information see/phone Mark or Nancy Doran, 810-225-8063.

☐ **Women's Bible Study...** we meet Friday mornings from 9:30-11am, at the Doll's home. Our study is *"Hope in Hard Times...studies in the Book of Ruth."* The next lesson is Chapter 8, Ruth 2:17-20, *"The God of Kindness."* Nursery is provided.

☐ **Lord's Supper and Fellowship Luncheon...** next Sunday, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. After the worship service we will have a fellowship luncheon. Please bring two dishes to pass...one should be a main dish, and the other a salad/side dish or dessert. We will also need several people to bring beverages, i.e., juice, pop, lemonade, etc.

☐ **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.

☐ **Fellowship time...** All members and regular attendees are encouraged to participate in bringing refreshments for the fellowship time after the morning worship. 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.



"CELEBRATION OF LIFE"

Annual Event to Benefit Pregnancy Helpline...

April 23, 2009 6:30- 9:00pm

Brighton Church of the Nazarene
 7669 Brighton Rd, Brighton 48114

~For information or to purchase tickets call 810-494-5433.

Pregnancy Helpline's annual fund & awareness raising event will feature a keynote address by Michelle Yax. Eighteen years ago Michelle was facing an unplanned pregnancy when she made a rash decision to abort her baby. The next few years she struggled with grief and feelings of depression until she attended a Rachael's Vineyard weekend. She now dedicates her life to young women facing the same decision. She believes we need to educate ourselves so we can help others.

~Also featured are video presentations by Christian Film Festival finalist Penny Carlisi, featuring a poignant Pregnancy Helpline client testimony, and a preview of the youth education team. An appetizer and dessert buffet, plus a "Theme Basket" drawing will also take place. Tickets are \$20.00 each, 10 for \$180.00, \$12.00 for teens. Call 810-494-5433 to order, donate a "Theme Basket" or an item for a silent auction.

Upcoming Events

Wed, April 15 - Ann Arbor Community Group, 6:30pm

Wed, April 15 - Brighton Community Group, 7pm

Fri, April 17 - Women's Bible Study, 9:30am

Sat, April 18 - Bridal shower for Danielle Clerebout, 10am at Fink's

Sun, April 19 - Lord's Supper & Fellowship Luncheon

Wed, April 22 - Brighton Community Group, 7pm

Thu, April 23 - Pregnancy Helpline Fundraiser, 6:30-9pm

Sat, May 2 - Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:30-10am