



*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 26, 2009

Prelude

◆**Call to Worship:** Psalm 99:1-3, 5

Leader: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

People: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

Leader: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

People: Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

Leader: Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!

Holy is he!

Prayer for God's Blessing

◆**Hymn of Adoration:** #15 "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

Call to Confession: 1 John 3:4-5

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that Jesus appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 5:11-12

And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

◆**Hymn of Praise:** #521 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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

◆**Hymn of Preparation:** #726 "Spirit of the Living God"
(sing through 2 times)

Old Testament: Isaiah 8:11-15

New Testament: 1 Peter 3:13-17

Sermon: "Living According to our Hope"

◆**Hymn of Response:** #600 "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!"

◆**Benediction**

◆**Doxology:** #731 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

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

Postlude

Sermon Notes:

Greeter this week: *Elizabeth & Sarah Fink*

Greeter next week: *David Frank*

Pianist: *Mary Beth Lewis*

Nursery: *Staff* (as needed)

Flowers for today: *Fink family*

☐ **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...** meets 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 from Chapter 10, Ruth 3:3-13, "*Who Are You?*" Nursery is provided.

☐ **Monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast...** will be held Saturday morning, May 2, from 8:30-10am, at the Fink's home. All men are invited. Please let Jeff or Beth know if you plan to attend, 248-685-0617, or you can e-mail Jeff at jefffink08@comcast.net.

☐ **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 on your next visit to your doctor or dentist's office.

☐ **OPC Family Camp...** You are invited to join with other individuals and families around the Michigan and Ontario Presbytery for a week of refreshment and fun. This year's camp is scheduled for August 10-14 in West Michigan. We're excited to welcome back Pastor Kevin De Young and his family as he speaks on the topic of the church using material from his new book coming out this summer. Plan now to join us for a wonderful time of fellowship with others in our Presbytery.

Upcoming Events

Wed, April 29 - Brighton Community Group, 7pm, at Doran's

Fri, May 1 - Women's Bible Study, 9:30am, at Doll's

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

Wed, May 6 - Ann Arbor Community Group, 6:30pm, at Wierzgac's

Wed, May 6 - Brighton Community Group, 7pm, at Doran's

Wed, May 13 - Bruce & Kathy Cain from Wycliffe, 7pm

Sat, May 16 - Danielle Clerebout & Patrick Arnold Wedding

Sun, May 17 - Lord's Supper & Fellowship Luncheon