



*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 July 12, 2009

Call to Worship: Psalm 145

Prayer for God's Blessing

◆ **Hymn of Adoration:** #48 "O Lord Most High, with All My Heart"

Call to Confession: Matthew 22:37-40
And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Hymn of Confession: #551 "How Blest is He Whose Trespass"

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 1:5-2:6
(1 John 1:5-10) This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 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. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

(2:1-6) My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

◆ **Hymn of Praise:** #558 "That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God"

◆ **Our Profession of Faith:**
The Apostles' Creed, p845 *Trinity Hymnal*

Pastoral Prayer

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

◆ **Hymn of Preparation:** #94 "How Firm a Foundation"

Old Testament: Psalm 1 (sermon text)
New Testament: Revelation 21:9-22:5

Sermon: "The Blessed Man"

◆ **Hymn of Response:** #682 "In Thee, O Lord, I Put My Trust"

◆ **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

Greeter this week: *Chuck Krueger*
Greeter next week: *Mark Doran*
Pianist: *Molly Doran*
Nursery: *Staff* (as needed)
Flowers for July: *Fogarty family*



We welcome Todd Rester this morning to lead our worship service. Todd recently completed his second of four years of doctoral studies in historical theology at Calvin Theological Seminary. He, his wife Amy, and their three young children (Ethan 4, Abby 3, and Timothy 1), are members at Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Ada, MI. He grew up in Baton Rouge, LA and graduated from Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, MS with a Master's of Divinity in 2006. He has been under care of the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario (OPC) since May 2008. He also works as a translator of 16th and 17th century Latin, Dutch, German, and French theological works from the Protestant post-Reformation era. He is also one of two scholars working on the first critical edition of texts and church documents surrounding Theodore Beza's works on predestination from Latin and French. His intention upon completing his degree is to teach in a seminary, preach as needed, write, and continue to translate Reformed Protestant works wherever in the world the Lord so leads.

☐ **Wednesday Evening Summer Bible Study...** meets from 7-9pm. Join us as we study what the Bible has to say on "**Anger and the Christian.**" Paul Tripp's DVD entitled *How to Be Good and Angry* will help guide our exploration of this powerful emotion.

☐ **Lord's Supper and Fellowship Luncheon...** next Sunday, we celebrate the Lord's Supper. After the worship service we will have our monthly 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 need several people to bring beverages, i.e., juice, pop, lemonade, etc.

Upcoming Events

Wed, July 15 - Wednesday Evening Study, 7pm
Sun, July 19 - Lord's Supper & Fellowship Luncheon
Sat, August 8 - Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:30-10am, TBD
Mon-Fri, August 10-14 - OPC Family Camp
Fri-Sat, August 14-15 - Annual Men & Boys Campout

☐ **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.

☐ **Fellowship time...** All members and regular attendees are encouraged to participate in bringing refreshments for the fellowship time after the morning worship. You can bring either homemade or store bought cookies, brownies, muffins, bread, fresh vegetables, etc. Please bring your snacks on/in a serving dish or container.

☐ **OPC Family Camp...** You are invited to join with families from the Michigan and Ontario Presbytery for a week of refreshment and fun, from August 10-14 in West Michigan. Pastor Kevin De Young returns with his family, and will speak 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. Registration forms are on the Information table and are due July 31.