



*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
December 20, 2009

Prelude

◆**Call to Worship:** Isaiah 9:2

The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.

Prayer for God's Blessing

◆**Hymn of Adoration:** #208 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Call to Confession: Mark 2:17
"Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor,
but the sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: John 3:16-17
For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that
whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For
God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but
to save the world through him.

◆**Hymn of Praise:** #211 "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

Pastoral Prayer

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Old Testament: Isaiah 9:2-7
New Testament: Matthew 1:18-25

◆**Hymn of Praise:** #213 "What Child Is This"

Sermon: "The Scandal of Christmas"

◆**Responsive Reading** — from Zechariah's Prophecy

Leader: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come
and has redeemed his people.

People: **He has raised up a horn of salvation for us (as he said
through his holy prophets of long ago), salvation from our
enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—**

Leader: to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy
covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

People: **to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable
us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness
before him all our days.**

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table
Words of Institution

◆**Hymn of Response:** #224 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

◆**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

Sermon Notes:

Greeter this week: *Ed Lewis*
Greeter next week: *Elizabeth & Sarah Fink*

Piano: *Molly Doran*

Instruments: *Mary Beth, Katelyn, and Rosemary Lewis*

Nursery: *Staff* (as needed)

Flowers for December: *Krueger family*

☐ **“Christmas” Fellowship Luncheon today!...** After the worship service, we will have our monthly fellowship luncheon, although today we are having a special Christmas dinner. If you are visiting with us today, or if you forgot, please join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and great food! There will be no Sunday School today.



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☐ **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...** 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.

Upcoming Events

Wed, January 6 - Brighton Community group, 7-9pm

Fri, January 8 - Women's Fellowship Study at Doll's, 9:30am

Sat, January 9 - Men's Monthly Prayer Breakfast, 8:30am

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