



*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 27, 2009

Prelude

- ◆**Call to Worship:** Revelation 15:3-4
Leader: Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!
People: Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!
Leader: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?
For you alone are holy.
People: All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.

Prayer for God's Blessing

- ◆**Hymn of Adoration:** #218 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Call to Confession: Titus 2:11-12
For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Titus 3:5-6
God saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

- ◆**Hymn of Praise:** #220 "From Heaven High I Come to You"

◆**Our Scriptural Profession of Faith**

— from 1 Timothy 3:16

Q. What is the mystery of godliness?

- A. God was manifest in the flesh,
vindicated by the Spirit,
seen by angels,
preached unto the nations,
believed on in the world,
received up into glory.

Pastoral Prayer

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

- ◆**Hymn of Preparation:** #200 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

Old Testament: Numbers 24:15-19
New Testament: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: "Worship the King!"

- ◆**Hymn of Response:** #565 "All for Jesus!"

◆**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: *Elizabeth & Sarah Fink*

Greeter next week: *Sharon Krueger*

Piano: *Molly Doran*

Duet: *Rosemary Lewis & Emily Doran*

Nursery: *Staff* (as needed)

Flowers for December: *Krueger family*

☐ **Young Adult's New Year's Eve Party December 31st!**...will be held from 6:30 into 2010! at the Jagt's home in Howell. Please bring a dish to pass, with a snack or beverage. Wassail and Oliebollen (Dutch Raisin pastry) will be provided. For more information and to RSVP call Joanna Jagt at: 517-546-8708, or email: jagto2@yahoo.com. (Other family members are also welcome.)

☐ **Monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast...** will be held Saturday morning, January 9, from 8:30-10am, at the Lewis' home. All men are invited. Please let Ed or Mary Beth know if you plan to attend, 248-596-0521, or you can e-mail Ed at: elewis59@rocketmail.com.

☐ **The 2010 OPC Winter Youth Retreat "all-nighter"...** will be held at the downtown YMCA in Grand Rapids on January 22-23 for 7th-12th grade students and interested parents. Our speaker will be Pastor Steve Igo who will be speaking on the topic, "Blessed are the Persecuted—How Ill Treatment Builds Enduring Faith in Christ." The YMCA facility includes many amenities, including two swimming pools, a water slide, two climbing walls, two full basketball courts, squash and racquetball courts and other exercise equipment. The cost of the retreat will be \$30. Brochures are available at your local OP church, or by visiting the presbytery's web site at: www.all-of-grace.org/pres.

☐ **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.

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, at Lewis'

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