



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

January 17, 2010

Prelude

◆**Call to Worship:** Psalm 95:1-3

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Prayer for God's Blessing

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

Call to Confession: Isaiah 44:21-22

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 45:17

But Israel is saved by the LORD with everlasting salvation; you shall not be put to shame or confounded to all eternity.

◆**Hymn of Praise:** #164 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

◆**Our Scriptural Profession of Faith** — from Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastoral Prayer

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

"Stan' Still Jordan" by H.T. Burleigh

— Gillian Frank

Old Testament: Habakkuk 3:17-19

New Testament: Ephesians 1:3-14 (sermon text)

Sermon: "What is the Church?"

◆**Hymn of Preparation:** #424 "Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless"

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

◆**Hymn of Response:** #516

"Jesus, I Live to Thee"

◆**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

Greeter this week: Sharon Krueger
Greeter next week: Jennifer Frank
Piano: Gillian Frank
Nursery: Staff (as needed)
Flowers for January: Fink family

☐ **Fellowship Luncheon today!**... After the worship service, we will have our monthly fellowship luncheon. 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.

☐ **The Annual Congregational Meeting...** will be held next Sunday, January 24, following the worship service. We will be reviewing the 2010 budget along with other items on the agenda. Pray for wisdom, insight, and sound advice would be given during this meeting.

☐ **Brighton Community Group...** meets Wednesday evening, 7-9pm at the Fogarty's home. Pastor Doll is leading the study by Jerry Bridges, *The Joy of Fearing God*. For more information, please see Pastor Doll or phone him at 810-599-4232.

☐ **Women's Bible Study...** meets Friday morning, 9:30am at the Doll's home. The study is from the book, *Damsels in Distress: Biblical Solutions for Problems Women Face*, by Martha Peace. For more information see Belinda Doll, or phone her at 810-225-8063.

☐ **Covenant Women...** will meet January 30, from 9:30-12pm to work on their January/February project. We still need someone to host the gathering. Please contact Sharon Krueger (734-276-7456) or Belinda Doll (810-225-8063) if you are willing to host this event.

☐ **Sunday School Teacher Training!** Harvest OPC would like to invite you to join us for a Sunday School Teacher Training January 30, 2010. We'll have a continental breakfast from 8:30-9am; the training session is from 9am-12:30pm. Several people will demonstrate teaching methods and techniques. Each will begin by describing their style and goals and then teach from the same passage of Scripture so we can compare techniques and style. The training will be held at Harvest OPC, 930 52nd St, SW, Wyoming, MI. Please RSVP to Jackie Minatelli by phone (616-928-4720) or email jminatelli@gmail.com by January 25. Childcare is available. For more information, please contact Pastor Francis at 616-261-0327 or associate@harvestopc.org.

☐ **From Jonathan Curran:** a 2nd-year student at the US Military Academy at West Point, is involved with a Christian group called Officer's Christian Fellowship (OCF). They plan to go on a mission trip to Honduras during Spring break and he is looking for prayer and/or financial support. Copies of Jonathan's letter with the details, are on the Information table.

☐ **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. Pastor Steve Igo will speak on the topic, "Blessed are the Persecuted— How Ill Treatment Builds Enduring Faith in Christ." Cost of the retreat is \$30. Brochures are available at: www.all-of-grace.org/pres.



**Eat Out Friday, January 22nd.....
to support Pregnancy Helpline!**

Friday, January 22 is the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Please consider eating at Bennigan's Restaurant in Howell (in front of Walmart) on January 22 and mention to your server that you are there in support of Pregnancy Helpline. 20% of your bill will be donated to PH to support Livingston County's only crisis pregnancy center. For more information please call PH at 810-494-5433, or call Bennigan's at 517-548-4966 to order carryout!

☐ **Young Adult Winter Ski Retreat...January 29 –31.** We will host our 2nd annual Winter Ski Retreat for young adults (college age and above) at Chain-O-Lakes OPC in Central Lake, MI. There will be lots of good food, fellowship and winter snow sports at Shanty Creek. Rev. Everett Henes (Hillsdale OPC) will speak on "Learning to Pray through the Psalms." Cost for the entire weekend is \$15. Snow sports cost additionally, but skiing or snowboarding is only \$15 more, and equipment rental is \$15 more. Brochures are available at the presbytery's web site at www.all-of-grace.org/pres.

Upcoming Events

Wed, January 20 - Brighton Community group, 7-9pm
Fri, January 22 - Women's Fellowship Study at Doll's, 9:30am
Fri-Sat, January 22-23 - 2010 OPC Winter Youth Retreat All-Nighter
Sun, January 24 - Annual Congregational Meeting, 11:45am
Sun, January 24 - OHCC Youth Group, 6pm
Fri-Sun, January 29-31 - Young Adult Winter Ski Retreat
Sat, January 30 - Covenant Women's January/February Gathering
Sat, February 6 - Men's Monthly Prayer Breakfast, 8:30am
Sun, February 21 - Lord's Supper & Fellowship Luncheon