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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.

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## The Lord's Day

October 2, 2016

### ◆Call to Worship:

Isaiah 12:4-6

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name!

**People: Make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.**

Leader: Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

**People: Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you!**

### ◆Prayer for God's Blessing

### ◆Hymn of Adoration: #118

"Come, Sound His Praise Abroad"

### Call to Confession:

Luke 6:35

Love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

### Prayer of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon:

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

### ◆Hymn of Praise: #701

"Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!"

### ◆Our Statement of Faith: — from the Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 61

Q. Why do you say that by faith alone you are right with God?

**A. It is not because of any value my faith has that God is pleased with me.**

**Only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me right with God.**

**And I can receive this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than by faith alone.**

### Pastoral Prayer

### Worship with Tithes and Offerings

### Hymn of Preparation:

(see *Hymns for Worship* folder)

"Speak O Lord"

### ◆Scripture

~ **Old Testament:** Judges 20:1-48

~ **New Testament:** John 15:4-5

**Sermon:** "Why Do the Righteous Suffer Defeat?"

### ◆Hymn of Response: #669

"Commit Now All Your Grievs"

### ◆Benediction

### ◆Doxology: #735

"Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen

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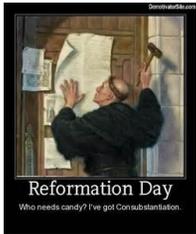
◆Please stand if you are able

**Greeter this week:** *Michael Frank*  
**Greeter next week:** *Laura Jeruzal*  
**Piano:** *Mary Beth Lewis*  
**Nursery:** *Kayla Doll*  
**Nursery next week:** *Camryn Lewis*  
**Flowers for October:** *Doll family*



**The Linden Small Group...** will **NOT** meet tonight but will resume their study next Sunday night at 6pm, at the VandenBerg's home. Using the Bible, they've been looking at "Imagery in Scripture." For more information, please see Norm VandenBerg or phone him at: 810-735-8757.

**The Whitmore Lake Small Group...** will **Not** meet this week but we will resume our study on Wednesday evening, October 12 at 7pm, at the Oliver's home. They are doing a study on the book of Genesis. For more information please see or phone Ed Lewis at 248-596-0521.



**Reformation Day Luncheon...** In lieu of our regular monthly Fellowship Luncheon we will have a luncheon to recognize our Reformed heritage. Next year on October 31, 2017, the Protestant church celebrates the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary when Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenburg, Germany. This will be a Chili luncheon held on Sunday, October 16 after the worship service, at the Fink's home in Milford. More details

will be posted at the SignUpGenius link, giving you an opportunity to list what you will bring to the Chili Luncheon. For more information, please see or phone Ariela Wierzgac at: 734-929-0622. You are encouraged to join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and great Chili! In case of inclement weather, we will stay at the school.

**Fellowship time...** All members and regular attendees are encouraged to participate in bringing refreshments for the fellowship time. You may bring homemade or store bought cookies, brownies, muffins, bread, fresh vegetables, fresh fruit, etc. **Please Note: DO NOT bring any snacks with tree nuts!** Please be respectful and sensitive to those in our midst who have severe food allergies. Bring your snacks on/in a serving dish or container.

#### Upcoming Events

Sun, October 9 ~ Sunday evening Study Group, 6pm, at VandenBerg's  
 Wed, October 12 ~ Whitmore Lake Small Group, at Oliver's, 7pm  
 Sun, October 16 ~ Lord's Supper & Reformation Fellowship Luncheon, 12pm  
 Sat, November 5 ~ Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:30-10:00am



**"Living in the Face of Suffering"** with Tamara Kelly, a Women's Conference is being put on by Providence OPC, November 4-5, but will be hosted at Oakland Hills Community Church; 37150 West Eight Mile Road; Farmington Hills, MI 48335. For Questions, please contact: Sarah Benjamin at

248-259-2119 or Joyce Harlukowicz 248-853-4047. Tamara Kelly is a Licensed Professional Counselor with over thirty years of counseling experience in hospital and private-practice settings. In addition to providing counseling, she leads women's groups and occasionally speaks at women's events on topics relating to the life of a Christian woman. Cost of the conference is \$30/person. The cost of the conference covers conference, Friday evening refreshments, and Saturday lunch. Those needing a financial scholarship should see Pastor Doll.

**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. If you are a member of Covenant Church, you can also subscribe to *New Horizons* at the OPC.org website.

#### October Birthdays

Jenna Woods ~ 10/2  
 Katherine Frank ~ 10/5  
 Shannon Soma ~ 10/7  
 John Oliver ~ 10/17  
 Lori VandenBerg ~ 10/26  
 Austin Ireland ~ 10/31  
 Ed Lewis ~ 10/31  
 Kevin Woods ~ 10/31

#### October Wedding Anniversaries

Craig & Viola Temby ~ 10/4  
 George & Mary Ellen Oliver ~ 10/22

