



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
September 17, 2017

◆ **Call to Worship:**

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

Psalm 105:1-4

**People: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!**

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek
the LORD rejoice! Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

◆ **Prayer for God's Blessing**

◆ **Hymn of Adoration: #15**

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

Call to Confession:

Matthew 6:31-33

“Do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we
drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these
things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek
first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will
be added to you.”

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

Psalm 103:10-12

God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according
to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great
is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from
the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

◆ **Hymn of Praise: #635**

“How Good It Is to Thank the Lord”

◆ **Our Statement of Faith #845**

— The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

Pastoral Prayer

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

◆ **Scripture**

~ Old Testament: Proverbs 3:5-12

~ New Testament: Hebrews 12:3-13

Sermon:

“Adoption—God's Fatherly Discipline”

◆ **Hymn of Preparation: #108**

“Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right”

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

◆ **Hymn of Response: #677**

“Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him!”

◆ **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

Greeter this week: *Jeremy Jeruzal*
Greeter next week: *Hanna VandenBerg*
Piano: *Jennifer Frank*
Nursery: *Mary Ellen Oliver*
Nursery next week: *Rosemary Lewis*
Flowers for September: *George & Mary Ellen Oliver*



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.

Sunday Evening study... will begin tonight at the Fink's home, 6pm. Jeff Fink will be leading a study on "The Attributes of God." For more information, please see Jeff or phone him at 248-685-0617.

Whitmore Lake Small Group... meets Wednesday evenings, 7pm, at the Oliver's home. They have resumed their study of Genesis on Wednesday, September 6th at the Oliver's home, at 7pm. For more information see or contact Ed Lewis: 248-596-0521.

The Brighton Small Group... will meet at 7pm on Friday evenings, starting September 22, at the home of Tom and Sharon Fogarty. This year we will be watching and discussing "Dust to Glory: An Overview of the Bible with R.C. Sproul." For more information, please see or contact Pastor Doll.



PLEASE NOTE! Reformation Day Celebration...

Every year we set aside a Saturday in October to celebrate the Reformation of the Church. This year is especially significant as it was 500 years ago, on October 31, 1517 that Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the Castle Church wall in Wittenberg, Germany. Beth Fink is looking for people to volunteer to work with her

to set a date and make plans for this year's event. Please see Beth or contact her at 248-685-0617 to let her know if you are willing to help plan this event.

Upcoming Events

- Wed, September 20 ~ Whitmore Lake Small Group, 7pm, at the Oliver's home
- Fri, September 22 ~ Brighton Small Group, 7pm, at the Fogarty's home
- Sun, September 24 ~ Sunday Evening study, 6pm, at Fink's home
- Sat, September 23 ~ Brighton Farmer's Market Ministry, 8am-1pm
- Sun, October 15 ~ Lord's Supper



Church Directory: I am currently working to update and print a new church directory, to be available this month. If you are not in our current directory but would like to be included, please see Marie Stults for an information form, or email your information to marie.stults@att.net. You do not need to be a member to be in the directory and a church directory helps us get to know one another better.

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.



OPC Young Adult Fall Retreat – Save the date for the next fall retreat, October 13-15, 2017. We will have the pleasure of hearing Pastor Jonathan Cruse, newly ordained at Community Presbyterian Church in Kalamazoo. His topic is "Our Relationship with the World." Come join fellow young adults on the shore of Lake Huron at Intervarsity's beautiful Cedar Campus. For more information, please email Hannah DeRuischer at: hannah.deruischer@gmail.com

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.

September Birthdays

- Larry De Maar ~ 9/9
- Emily Fink ~ 9/11
- Shelley Woods ~ 9/19
- Belinda Doll ~ 9/22
- Gareth Oldaker ~ 9/23

September Wedding Anniversaries

- Andy & Heather Ireland ~ 9/30