COVENANT
Presbyterian Church

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 24, 2017

**✦Call to Worship:** Isaiah 9:2

Leader The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!

**People Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined!**

Leader Jesus Christ is our life and light. In his name and in his strength, let us worship God!

**✦Prayer for God's Blessing**

**✦Hymn of Adoration:** #195 "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

**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 wold, but to save the world through him.

**✦Hymn of Praise:** #203 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

**Hymn of Preparation:** #213 "What Child Is This"

**✦Scripture:**
~ Old Testament: Isaiah 9:6-7
~ New Testament: Matthew 1:18-25

**Sermon:** "You Shall Call His Name Jesus"

**✦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.**

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

**✦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

✦Please stand if you are able

**Greeter this week:** *Mary Ellen Oliver*
**Greeter next week**: *Hanna VandenBerg*
**Piano:** *Mary Beth Lewis*
**Nursery**: *Belinda Doll*
**Nursery next week:** *Shannon Soma*
**Flowers for December:** *Lewis family*

**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.

**Monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast...**will be Saturday morning January 6th, from 8:30-10am. We need someone willing to make a pot of coffee and provide a place for the men to gather for prayer and have a time of fellowship. If interested, please contact/see Pastor Doll at 810-599-4232, or see one of the elders. All men are invited.

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**Sunday Evening study...** will **Not** meet Sunday evening due to the Christmas holidays. They will resume their study on Sunday January 7, 2018, 6pm, at the Fink's home. Jeff Fink is leading a study on "The Attributes of God." For more information see or phone Jeff at: 248-685-0617.

**Whitmore Lake Small Group**... will **Not** meet on Wednesday evenings until after the holidays. They will resume their study on January 3, 2018, 7:30pm, at the Oliver's home. They are doing a study on Romans. For more information see or contact Ed Lewis: 248-596-0521.

**The Brighton Small Group...** will **Not** meet again until after the holidays. They normally meet Friday evenings, 7pm, at the Fogarty's home and are viewing and discussing "Dust to Glory: An Overview of the Bible with R.C. Sproul." For more information please see Pastor Doll.

**Upcoming Events**
Wed, December 20 ~ Whitmore Lake Small Group, 7pm, at Oliver's
Fri, December 22 ~ Brighton Small Group, 7pm, at Fogarty's
Sat, January 6 ~ Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8-10:30am
Sun, January 7 ~ Sunday Evening study, 6pm, at Fink's
Sun, January 21 ~ Lord's Supper and Fellowship Luncheon

**Presbytery Youth Gathering...** The annual presbytery youth event for Middle School and High School Youth is scheduled for February 10th. We will again be meeting at the 3 Mile Project in Grand Rapids, MI from 10am-4pm. Pastor Jonathan Cruse will challenge us from Philippians 3:1-11 on Knowing Christ. Registration is $15 (or $20 late) and is due by January 29th. The 3MP has reball, athletic courts, skate park, game room, video game stations and more. Come join us for fellowship, fun, and a challenge from God's Word. See the brochure for more information. Please contact Pastor Vern Picknally with any questions.

**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.

**December Birthdays**
Brian Wierzgac ~ 12/2
Norm VandenBerg ~ 12/7
Anson Ireland ~ 12/22

**December Wedding Anniversaries**
Doug & Belinda Doll ~ 12/18
Jake & Elisabeth Schumaker ~ 12/31