



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
February 11, 2018

◆ **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: #2** "O Worship the King"

Call to Confession: 2 Corinthians 5:19-20

In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake God made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

◆ **Hymn of Praise: #455** "And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

Pastoral Prayer

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Hymn of Preparation: #148 "How Shall the Young Direct Their Way?"

◆ **Scripture:**

~ Old Testament: Ezekiel 36:22-28

~ New Testament: Romans 6:1-11

Sermon: "Baptism = Dead to Sin and Alive to God"

Sacrament of Baptism Austin Marken

Congregational Vow

"I acknowledge and receive this brother, as a fellow member of Christ's Church, and I will pledge to him my duty to be devoted to him in love, to honor him above myself, to be kind and tender, forgiving. I will seek to encourage, admonish, and pray for him as I have opportunity, to teach and exhort him to live a holy life. I will be faithful to practice hospitality ungrudgingly, bear his burdens, and serve him, even to supply material needs as I am able. I will seek to imitate Christ before him and put away falsehood, grudges, anger, dishonesty, evil talk, bitterness, slander and impurity since we are members of the same body. And I will seek to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, accepting him as Christ has accepted me in order to bring praise to God."

◆ **Hymn of Response: #359** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

◆ **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

◆ Please stand if you are able

Greeter this week: *Frank Peters*
Greeter next week: *Marie Stults*
Piano: *Mary Beth Lewis*
Nursery: *Belinda Doll*
Nursery next week: *Shannon Soma*
Flowers for February: *Doll family*



Katelyn Hartwell & Ben De Maar Wedding shower...

You are invited to attend a wedding shower for Kate and Ben on Monday, February 26th, 7pm, at the home of Laura Jeruzal. Please bring an hors d'oeuvres to share. They are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and at Amazon.com. Please RSVP to Belinda Doll at: 810-599-2562 or Laura Jeruzal at: 616-644-5998



Sunday Evening study... will NOT meet tonight. We will resume the study again next Sunday evening at 6pm. We meet 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... meets Wednesday evenings, 7pm, 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... meets Friday evenings, 7pm at the Fogarty's home. They are viewing and discussing "Dust to Glory: An Overview of the Bible with R.C. Sproul." For more information please see Pastor Doll.



The Lord's Supper... will be celebrated next Sunday. In preparation for the Communion service, ask the Lord to prepare your heart so as to examine yourself and to live in faith a life of obedience.

Fellowship Luncheon... next Sunday, after the worship service we will have our monthly fellowship luncheon. You are asked to bring a hot dish and either a salad or dessert. For more information, please see or phone Ariela Wierzgac 734-929-0622 or Beth Fink 248-685-0617. You are encouraged to join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and great food! Sunday School will not meet.



Pastor Doll will be leading a New Members Class during the Sunday School hour starting March 4th. This class will meet for 3-4 weeks and is designed for visitors or guests who are interested in joining in the membership of our church. It is also appropriate for members who wish to refresh their understanding of church membership.

Upcoming Events

Wed, February 14 ~ Whitmore Lake Small Group, 7pm, at Oliver's home
 Fri, February 16 ~ Brighton Small Group, 7pm, at Fogarty's home
 Sun, February 18 ~ Sunday Evening study, 6pm, at Fink's home
 Sun, February 18 ~ Lord's Supper and Fellowship Luncheon
 Sat, March 3 ~ Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:30-10am, at Jeff Fink's house
 Sun, March 11 ~ Daylight Savings time begins

"2nd Conference for OPC Women and Friends" will be held on March 9th and 10th at Oakland Hills Community Church in Farmington Hills. We live in a disordered, obsessive culture that values being true to *self* and finding significant *worth* in "whatever floats your boat." Nowhere is this more evident than in the fluidity of sexuality and the choice to express that sexuality in whatever form or with whomever one pleases. This conference will offer some understanding and resources on how to lovingly live this Gospel Truth in our homes, churches, and communities. We will discuss various topics pertaining to sexuality grounded on the foundation of God's created order of male and female. There will be talks and discussions on masculinity and femininity, shaping sons' and daughters' identities as male and female, understanding gender disorder, and the church's response to this culture of fluid sexuality. Tamara Kelly, LPC will be presenting along with her husband, George (also a counselor), and Pastor Jeff Wilson from Providence OPC. Lisa Branton from Washtenaw Biblical Counseling will be moderating the panel discussion. The conference is open to those sixteen and older with an understanding that there will be sexual language in some of the talks. Join us in a time of fellowship and good conversation as we seek to better understand God's design for us. If you have any questions or would like to register you can send an email to Tamara Kelly at bg.conference4women@gmail.com, or by phone at 248-651-0900.

Save the Date! OPC Young Adult Ski Retreat... The Annual Presbytery Young Adult Ski Retreat is scheduled for Friday-Sunday, February 23-25, at the beautiful Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire MI. Leave the business of life to come and worship God, engage in meaningful fellowship, and grow spiritually during the Winter Retreat. Questions can be directed to Hannah DeRuischer at hannah.deruischer@gmail.com.



Thank you to all the ladies of the church for the fun surprise basket of goodies Belinda brought by this week. Besides enjoying her visit very much, I also enjoyed going through all the items in the basket and finding things that I can eat and also things to do. I appreciate your kindness and prayers. ~ Love, Kathy

February Birthdays

Elisabeth Schumaker ~ 2/6

Josh Soma ~ 2/6

Joslyn Jeruzal ~ 2/10

Brody Jeruzal ~ 2/11

Hanna VandenBerg ~ 2/15

Craig Temby ~ 2/18

Tom Fogarty ~ 2/27

Heather Ireland ~ 2/28