



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

August 26, 2018

◆Call to Worship:

Psalm 134:1-3

Leader Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

◆People Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord!

Leader May the Lord bless you from Zion, He who made heaven and earth!

◆Prayer for God's Blessing

◆Hymn of Adoration: #646

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

◆Call to Confession:

Psalm 51:1-2

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

◆Prayer of Confession

◆Assurance of Pardon:

Isaiah 1:18-19

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land.

◆Hymn of Praise: #551

"How Blest Is He Whose Trespass"

◆Our Scriptural Profession of Faith

Philippians 2:12-18

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

◆Pastoral Prayer

◆Worship with Tithes and Offerings

◆Hymn of Preparation: #140

"O Word of God Incarnate"

◆Scripture:

~ Old Testament: Deuteronomy 11:13-32

~ New Testament: Colossians 3:12-17

◆Sermon:

"The Heart of a New Life"

◆Hymn of Response: #649

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

◆Benediction

◆Doxology: #11

"Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God"

(vs 1 & 2)

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel, for he alone does wondrous works in glory that excel.

And blessed be his glorious name to all eternity; the whole earth let his glory fill. Amen, so let it be.

◆Please stand if you are able

Greeter this week: *George Oliver*

Greeter next week: *Michael Frank*

Piano: *Mary Beth Lewis*

Nursery: *Beth Fink*

Nursery next week: *Shannon Soma*

Flowers for August: *Marie Stults*

Flowers for September: *Jeff & Beth Fink*



We welcome back **Henry Bozwick Mtema** to lead us in worship this morning. He is studying for a Masters in Theology at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, in Grand Rapids. He was ordained in 2012 in the Presbyterian church (CCAP), in Malawi, SE Africa. Before commencing his studies at PRTS, he served as a local congregation pastor. He is married to Lizzie and they have been blessed with two children, Chikondi and Walusungu.

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.



Pilgrim OPC invites you to join their young adults (high school through 20s singles) for a cookout and outdoor games on Saturday, September 1st, from 3-7pm on Pilgrim's grounds. Burgers, hot dogs, buns, desserts, and drinks provided. Please bring a side dish/chips to share. You may want to bring a lawn chair. Contact Sara Belden at belden.sara@gmail.com or 810-969-5825 for more information and to RSVP, or you can link to their page on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/events/215496855795635/ to RSVP.

Church Directory: A new church directory will be available in September. **Please** check the current directory on the Refreshment table, to make sure the information for your family is correct. If it is correct place a check mark by your name. You do not have to be a member to be included in the directory and the directory helps Pastor Doll and the elders contact people when necessary. If you would like to be included, see Marie Stults for an information form.

Upcoming Events

Sun, September 9 ~ Sunday School resumes

Sat, September 15 ~ Annual Run for their Lives 5C Chocolate Walk

Sun, September 16 ~ Lord's Supper & Fellowship Luncheon

“Annual Run for their Lives 5C Chocolate Walk” will be held on Saturday September 15th from 9:30-11:30am. Join us for a family friendly event to support the life-affirming services of Pregnancy Help Clinic! This year walkers will stroll through Downtown Howell visiting participating vendors for chocolate treats. There will also be an area for children's activities near the Courthouse. This year there are more Chocolate Vendors and several new sponsors...you don't want to miss this walk!" For more information go to www.runfortheirlives5C.com



Upcoming Event: Billie Georgia Conference for OPC Women and Friends presents “A Conversation on Christianity and Culture.” Please join us for a time of rich fellowship and meaningful conversation as we discuss the present cultural challenges that Christians face as well as a biblical response to those challenges. This conference is open to men, women and teenagers. The conference is being held October 19-20, Friday ~ 7:00-9:30pm and on Saturday ~ 8:30am-1:00pm. Speaker will be Ken Myers author of *All God's Children* and *Blue Suede Shoes* and host and producer of *Mars Hill Audio Journal*. He will be speaking on C.S. Lewis' *The Abolition of Man*, why Christian belief fit with our experience of real life. Ken Myers will examine Lewis' arguments, outline the theological mistakes that gave rise to modern nihilism, and describe the forms of Christian discipleship needed to confront and dispel modernity's denial of reality. **Conference Location: Oakland Hills Community Church; 37150 W. 8-Mile Rd; Farmington Hills, 48335. Registration fee is \$30.** For more information please contact Tamara Kelly, LPC at: 248-651-0900 or bg.conference4women@gmail.com.

August Birthdays

Jeff Fink ~ 8/14

J.J. Chamberlain ~ 8/21

Noah Woods ~ 8/26

Imogene Soma ~ 8/30

August Wedding Anniversaries

Norm & Lori VandenBerg ~ 8/13

September Birthdays

Larry De Maar ~ 9/9

Tristan Chamberlain ~ 9/10

Shelley Woods ~ 9/19

Belinda Doll ~ 9/22