



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 9, 2018

◆ Call to Worship:

Joel 2:1

Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sound an alarm on my holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
for the day of the LORD is coming; it is near!

◆ Prayer for God's Blessing

◆ Hymn of Adoration: #194

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Call to Confession:

Isaiah 40:3-5

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

Isaiah 42:1, 3

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations... a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

◆ Hymn of Praise: #211

"God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

◆ Our Statement of Faith:

— Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 29

Q. Why is the Son of God called "Jesus" meaning "savior"?

A. Because he saves us from our sins.

Salvation cannot be found in anyone else;
it is futile to look for any salvation elsewhere.

Pastoral Prayer

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Hymn of Preparation:

(see *Hymns for Worship* folder)

"Speak O Lord"

◆ Scripture:

~ Old Testament: Isaiah 7:10-16

~ New Testament: Luke 1:26-38

Sermon:

"The Waiting of Faith"

◆ Hymn of Response: #196

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

◆ Benediction

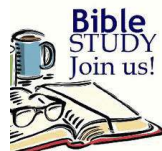
◆ Doxology: #549

"By the Sea of Crystal"
(stanza 3 only)

Unto God Almighty, sitting on the throne,
and the Lamb, victorious, be the praise alone.
God has wrought salvation, he did wondrous things.
Who shall not extol you, holy King of kings!

◆ Please stand if you are able

Greeter this week: *Laura Bohnett*
Greeter next week: *Laura Jeruzal*
Piano: *Benjamin Moy*
Nursery: *Kayla Doll*
Nursery next week: *Mary Ellen Oliver*
Flowers for December: *Ed & Mary Beth Lewis*



Bible Study Join us!
Whitmore Lake small group meets on Wednesday evenings, 7pm at the Oliver's home. They are doing a study of **Romans** and if you are interested in joining their group or for more information, please see or phone Ed Lewis at 248-596-052.

The Brighton Small Group... meets Tuesday evenings, 7pm, at the home of Tom & Sharon Fogarty. All are welcomed to participate. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Doll at: 810-599-4232.



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 "Annual Christmas Fellowship Luncheon." **PLEASE** look for the email sent with the link to SignUpGenius providing you with a list of items you can sign up for, to bring. For information, please see/phone Ariela Wierzgac at: 734-929-0622 or Beth Fink at: 248-685-0617. You are encouraged to join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and great food! Sunday School will not be held next week.



The "Annual Christmas Carol Sing and Pizza" will be held Tuesday, December 18th, 6:30pm at the Jeruzal's home. Pizza will be provided and you are asked to bring either a salad, fruit or vegetable tray, or a dessert to share. You can go to the SignUpGenius link sent out to list the item you plan to bring. **Please RSVP to to Jeruzal's at: 616-644-5998 or Beth Fink at: 248-685-0617, if you plan to attend.** This will enable them to know how many pizzas to order. We hope everyone will join us for a wonderful evening of food, fellowship and singing!

Upcoming Events

Sun, December 16 ~ Lord's Supper and Fellowship Luncheon
 Tue, December 18 ~ "Annual Christmas Carol Sing," 6:30pm, at Jeruzal's
 Sat, January 5 ~ Monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:30-10am
 Tue, January 9 ~ Whitmore Lake Small Group, 7pm, at Oliver's



Presbytery Annual Youth Gathering... will be held January 26th, 10am-4pm, We will again meet at the 3MP in Grand Rapids, MI (3MP.org). Come try out the new Ninja Course and the first ever Presbytery Ninja Challenge. Pastor Everett Henes will be speaking on Worship from Exodus 24 and Hebrews 12:18-29. Brochures are available on the Information table. We are praying for a great time of instruction, fellowship, and fun. Please email Pastor Vern at opcpastorvern@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Session News... The session would like to remind all committees of the church that written reports for the Annual Congregation Meeting are due for review by mid-December. Committees may submit them via email to Elder Jeff Fink: jefffink08@comcast.net Thank you!

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.



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.

December Birthdays

Brian Wierzgac ~ 12/2
 Vaughn Dayen ~ 12/3
 Norm VandenBerg ~ 12/7
 Konrad Chamberlain ~ 12/16

December Wedding Anniversaries

Doug & Belinda Doll ~ 12/18
 Rich & Nancy Wood ~ 12/29