



---

---

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 16, 2018

◆ **Call to Worship:**

Rejoice in the Lord always.  
I will say it again: Rejoice!  
Let your gentleness be evident to all.  
The Lord is near.

Philippians 4:4-5

◆ **Prayer for God's Blessing**

◆ **Hymn of Adoration:** #225

"Once in Royal David's City"

**Call to Confession:**

Isaiah 1:18  
"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 as crimson, they shall be like wool."

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Isaiah 40:1-2  
Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly  
to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has  
been completed, that her sin has been paid for.

◆ **Hymn of Praise:** #197

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

◆ **Our Scriptural Profession of Faith**

— Jeremiah 23:5-6

Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD,  
when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,  
and he shall reign as king and deal wisely,  
and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.  
In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.  
And this is the name by which he will be called:  
"The LORD is our righteousness."

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

◆ **Scripture:**

~ Old Testament: 1 Samuel 2:1-10  
~ New Testament: Luke 1:39-56

**Sermon:**

"The Rejoicing of Faith"

◆ **Hymn of Preparation:** #193

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

† **The Lord's Supper**

Invitation to the Table  
Words of Institution

◆ **Hymn of Response:** #215

"While by the Sheep We Watched at Night"

◆ **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

---

† The bread is gluten-free. Grape juice is available in the center of the wine tray.

◆ Please stand if you are able

**Greeter this week:** *Laura Jeruzal*  
**Greeter next week:** *Marie Stults*  
**Piano:** *Mary Beth Lewis*  
**Nursery:** *Mary Ellen Oliver*  
**Nursery next week:** *Belinda Doll*  
**Flowers for December:** *Ed & Mary Beth Lewis*



**Fellowship Luncheon today!...** After the worship Service, we will have our “Annual Christmas 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.

**Whitmore Lake small group** will not meet again until the New Year. They meet on Wednesday evenings, 7pm at the Oliver’s home and are doing a study of **Romans**. For more information or if you are interested in joining their group please see or phone Ed Lewis at: 248-596-052.

**The Brighton Small Group...** will not meet again until the New Year. They meet Tuesday evenings, 7pm, at the home of Tom & Sharon Fogarty. All are welcomed to participate. For more information or if you are interested, please contact Pastor Doll at: 810-599-4232.



**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 by MONDAY night to Laura Jeruzal 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!

**PLEASE NOTE: Sunday School...** There will be no Sunday School on December 23, but will resume on December 30.

**New Members Class...** There will be a New Members class, beginning in January. Please contact Pastor Doll if you are interested in attending.

#### Upcoming Events

Sun, December 30 ~ Sunday School Resumes  
 Sat, January 5 ~ Monthly Men’s Prayer Breakfast, 8:30-10am  
 Tue, January 9 ~ Whitmore Lake Small Group, 7pm, at Oliver’s  
 Sun, January 20 ~ Lord’s Supper and Fellowship Luncheon



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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