



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 23, 2018

◆ **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 world, 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: Luke 2:1-14

Sermon:

"Do You Hear the Angels?"

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.

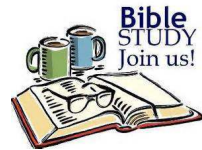
Greeter this week: *Jeremy Jeruzal*
Greeter next week: *Mary Ellen Oliver*

Piano: *Mary Beth Lewis*

Nursery: *Belinda Doll*

Nursery next week: *Beth Fink*

Flowers for December: *Ed & Mary Beth Lewis*



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.

PLEASE NOTE: Sunday School... There will be no Sunday School today, but will resume again 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.



Annual Congregational Meeting... The session has set Sunday, January 13 for our Annual Congregational Meeting. The agenda will be to hear from our various committees and to present our 2019 budget. All communicant members are encouraged to attend.

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.

Upcoming Events

Sun, December 30 ~ Sunday School Resumes

Sat, January 5 ~ Monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:30-10am, at Doll's

Tue, January 9 ~ Whitmore Lake Small Group, 7pm, at Oliver's

Sun, January 13 ~ Annual Congregational Meeting, 12pm

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 if you have any questions.

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