



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 30, 2018

◆ **Call to Worship:** Psalm 31:14-16

Leader But I trust in you, O Lord;
I say, "You are my God."

**People My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my
enemies and from my persecutors.**

Leader Make your face shine on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love!

◆ **Prayer for God's Blessing**

◆ **Hymn of Adoration: #30** "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Call to Confession Psalm 51:3-4a

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you,
you only, have I sinned. and done what is evil in your sight.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 103:8-12

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger
forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us
according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east
is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

◆ **Hymn of Praise: #78** "O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

Responsive Reading: #816 (Trinity Hymnal)

Psalm 90

Pastoral Prayer

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Hymn of Preparation: #684

"My Times Are in Thy Hand"

◆ **Scripture:**

~ Old Testament: Psalm 39:4-5

~ New Testament: James 4:13-17

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon:

"Presumptuous Plans for 2019"

◆ **Hymn of Response: #98**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

◆ **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: *Mary Ellen Oliver*

Greeter next week: *Tom Fogarty*

Piano: *Benjamin Moy*

Nursery: *Shannon Soma*

Nursery next week: *Beth Fink*

Flowers for December: *Ed & Mary Beth Lewis*

Flowers for January: *Frank & Deb Peters*



We welcome Pastor Mick Knierim to lead us in worship today. He was born in Southern Illinois and attended Oklahoma University for 2-1/2 yrs. He joined the Army and after he was discharged he pursued pastoral ministry. He accepted Jesus Christ in 1960. Pastor Knierim graduated from Dordt College and then from Westminster Seminary. He served in the CRC in Grand Rapids, MI and then in an OPC in Wisconsin. He retired to care for his wife Joann who died of Lyme disease in 2011. He then married Ethel this past August. He writes, "The Lord is Good!!!"

PLEASE NOTE... There will be a New Members Class beginning Sunday, January 27th. Please contact Pastor Doll if you are interested in attending.



Annual Congregational Meeting... The session has set Sunday, January 13th 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.



Monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast... will be Saturday morning January 5th, from 8:30-10am, at the home of Pastor Doll. All the men are invited to join us for a time of fellowship and prayer. Please let Pastor Doll know if you plan to attend at: 810-599-4232.

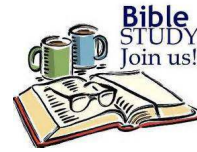
Upcoming Events

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



Congratulations to Bob & Laura (Bohnett) Craigmile... who were married December 22nd. May God richly bless them in their marriage as they grow in their relationship to each other and with the Lord.

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.



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: 248-596-0521.

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.



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.

January Birthdays

Rosemary Lewis ~ 1/7
Katherine Harmon ~ 1/16

January Wedding Anniversaries

Frank & Deborah Peters ~ 1/6
Josh & Shannon Soma ~ 1/21
Tom & Sharon Fogarty ~ 1/29