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### **Covenant Reformed Church**

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Phone: 641/620-1777

Worship Times: 9:30 am and 6:30 pm

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Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday : 9:00 am-1:00 pm

### **Covenant's Media Ministry**

In addition to our downloadable internet sermons,  
Covenant Radio Ministry can be heard on KCWN 99.9 FM

Our worship services are broadcast live every Sunday at  
9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

We also sponsor the Reformed Pulpit heard every weeknight  
on KCWN at 8:05 p.m.

Our services can also be heard on KCOB 95.9 FM or 1280 AM  
at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday Mornings.

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The congregation is requested to be seated at 9:25 am and 6:25 pm  
so that they can enjoy the prelude and adopt a  
worshipful attitude in preparation for the service.

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Although Covenant Reformed Church is equipped with ample nursery capacity for  
both infants and toddlers, parents who wish to take their young children to the  
sanctuary during worship are welcome to do so. However, if a child becomes  
disruptive at any time during the service, parents are urged to remove the child  
promptly in order that the congregation may worship undisturbed.

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If you are interested in becoming a member of Covenant Reformed Church  
or for more information about our church or its ministries,  
please contact the pastor or the elder at the door.

*F*or the  
Word of God  
is living  
and powerful.

Hebrews 4:12a NKJV

Covenant Reformed Church

January 2, 2011 AM

# MORNING WORSHIP

January 2, 2011

## Order of Worship

Prelude *Organist, Jeana Van Voorst*

Call to Worship *Psalm 149:1,2*

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn of Praise #302 *"Praise Ye the Lord, for It Is Good"*

\*God's Greeting

Reading of the Law *Exodus 20*

Hymn of Confession #202 *"Mindful of Our Human Frailty"*

Assurance of Pardon *1 John 1: 8,9*

Congregational Prayer

\*Hymn of Preparation #339 *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

Scripture Reading : Page 1323 *1 Corinthians 15: 1-11*

Text: *1 Corinthians 15:10*

Sermon *"By the Grace of God..." page 4*

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Dedication #380 *"Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"*

Offertory *The offering is for the Christian Education Assistance Fund (CEAF).*

\*Doxology #487 *"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"  
(unannounced)*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

Dear Visitor,

We heartily welcome you to our worship service today. It is our prayer that the Lord will richly bless us as we worship Him. In our attempt to get to know you, and avail ourselves of your spiritual needs, we have designed this form to make us more aware of your presence, and if desired to establish contact with you. Please take a moment to fill it out, and drop it in the offering plate.

### Name

Mr.

Mrs.

Ms.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Last)

\_\_\_\_\_ (First)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

I am currently a member of:

### Future Contact

I live in the area, and do not belong to any church.

I live in the area and belong to a local church.

I am just passing through town on a visit, business, or vacation.

I just moved here and am looking for a church to affiliate with.

I would like a visit from the deacons.

I would like a visit from an elder or the pastor.

I would like to obtain literature about your church.

Please let us know in what way we may be of service to you:

### Comments:

## Explanation of Our Worship

This brief explanation is intended to help explain the rationale for our mode of worship. In our day, it is customary to classify worship as “traditional” or “contemporary.” Since the God we are worshipping is timeless, we avoid such time-bound references to characterize His worship. We prefer to call our worship “biblical.”

While worship is the highlight of our week, indeed of our lives, and while it reunites us with our church family, the focus of worship is not on ourselves, but on God. There are two fundamental principles involved in biblical worship: (1) Worship is governed by what God has revealed about Himself in His Word. A corollary is that worship is to be in accord with what He has prescribed as acceptable worship. (2) Worship is a dialogue between God and His covenant people. So defined, worship is a communication. In this communication God speaks to us through His Word and we respond to Him either in prayer or in singing. Every aspect of worship must have a biblical reason and a biblical defense. It is of utmost importance that we assume a reverential posture in the presence of God.

The Consistory supervises and is responsible for every aspect of our worship service. The pastor, or guest pastor, leads us in worship, under the authority of the Consistory.

The songs we sing are chosen primarily for their theology or biblical accuracy. Biblical worship is aware of the importance of music to God, and has always appreciated melody, harmony, and rhythm. But all of that is secondary to a higher, primary concern: faithfulness to Scripture. Our songs are intended to complement, support, and apply the theme of the message.

1. *Call to Worship:* The Lord officially summons us to worship Him. This is usually done with the reading of an appropriate Scripture passage.
2. *Prayer of Invocation:* We call upon the Lord to assist and prepare us for the solemn task of worshipping Him; that our worship would be acceptable to Him.
3. *Hymn of Praise:* We extol the Lord in singing.
4. *God's greeting:* God welcomes us in His house of worship, and greets with His “Grace, Peace, and Mercy.”
5. *Reading of the Law:* Here we hear God's law proclaimed to us. The Law is normative for our lives and reveals God's will for Christian living.
6. *Hymn of Confession:* In acknowledgement of our failure to keep the Law, we implore the Lord's mercy, or sing of His mercy. In some cases, a song of gratitude may also be sung at this point.
7. *Assurance of Pardon:* In response to our song of penitence, the Lord responds with the assurance that our sins are forgiven in Christ, wholly by grace.
8. *Congregational Prayer:* Here, the worship leader addresses the Lord with the petitions of the congregation. Prayer is often composed of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication, or ACTS.
9. *Hymn of Preparation:* This song prepares us to hear the word of God, often anticipating the theme of the sermon.
10. *Sermon:* This is the center of the worship service. It is not because we place a premium on oration or human eloquence. It is because at this point the Lord speaks to His people, through His word and servant. The purpose of a sermon is to focus on Christ and His finished work. The desired response is *never* “what a preacher,” but *always* “what a Savior!”
11. *Hymn of Response:* We respond with appropriate singing, again emphasizing the theme of the sermon.
12. *Offerings:* This is an offering to the Lord, usually for a cause we support.
13. *Doxology:* This is a song in which we celebrate the glory and supreme majesty of God, while accentuating our complete dependence on Him and His goodness to us.
14. *Benediction:* The worship service is officially over. The Lord dismisses us with His blessing.

If you have any further questions about our church or ministries, please do not hesitate to contact one of our elders or the Pastor.

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for  
brethren to dwell in unity!

Psalm 133:1

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!

Our service will be led this morning by our guest minister,  
Rev. Mark Vander Hart.

This morning we welcome into our fellowship Mr. and Mrs. Gary and Andrea Beekhuizen. They come to us from Crossroads Fellowship CRC in West Des Moines. They have been placed in Parish 5.

### Birthday

We wish birthday blessings to Conrad De Vries (Parish 15) who will be 103 years old on January 6. Conrad's address is Long Term Care, 404 Jefferson Street, Pella.

The Christmas Program will take place following the morning service. Installation of new elders and deacons will take place this evening.

The Wednesday evening Adult Study Group will begin January 5, 2011. Dale Van Donselaar has agreed to lead this group through *The Truth Project*, a DVD series produced by Focus on the Family. Please refer to the Announcement Bulletin for a more complete description of the material. The Adult Education Committee thanks Dale for his willingness to assist with this class.

Sunday evening, January 2, D.V., our offering will be for Third Millennium Ministries (TMM).

TMM's goal is to provide Reformed Theological education to thousands of pastors around the world who lack sufficient training for ministry. They do this by publishing multi-media and digital seminary curriculum and distributing it at no cost to the American continents, Asia, Europe, Africa, Australia and the Middle East. The church is growing rapidly and TMM seeks to work cooperatively with traditional forms of education to meet the tremendous and urgent need for doctrinally sound educational material.

Our offering will be used to support Norlan De Groot, who is a writer for TMM, and a member of the Sioux Center URC. A copy of Norlan's quarterly newsletter is included in the handout; or, you may access their main website at [www.thirdmill.org](http://www.thirdmill.org). You can also visit Norlan's website at [www.norlandegroot.webs.com](http://www.norlandegroot.webs.com). Please give this cause your prayerful consideration as we work together to spread the Gospel.

### 3 The Deacons

*By the Grace of God...*

Scripture Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:1-11*, Page 1323

Text: *1 Corinthians 1:10*

I. God's grace re-assembles us

II. God's grace re-energizes us

*Today at Covenant...*

Morning Worship Service

9:30 am

Christmas Program

11:00 am

Evening Worship Service

6:30 pm

Scripture: Joshua 24: 1-28

Sermon: Joshua Renews a Difficult Covenant

Offerings

(am) Christian Education Assistance Fund (CEAF)

(pm) Third Millennium Ministries

Infant Nursery

(am) Val Bandstra, Darlene Van Hal

(pm) Erma Stursma, Laura Vos

Toddler Nursery

(am) Lori Lunsford, Lila Gullion, Kenden Veenstra

(pm) Nikki Hol, Holden Hooyer

Floater: (am) Emily Gullion (pm) Verna Zylstra

Enfolding

Bruce & Marla Schiebout

Greeters

Justin & Rachel De Jong Family

Impromptu Hospitality Hosts

Harold & Ruth Gorter

Librarians

(am) Elaine Derringer, Alice Vande Haar, Carolyn Vander Wilt

(pm) Denise Ver Meer, Darlene Van Hal, Linda De Jong