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Word of God  
is living  
and powerful.

Hebrews 4:12a NKJV

Covenant Reformed Church

January 24, 2010 AM

# MORNING WORSHIP

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## Order of Worship

Prelude	<i>Accompanist, Jeana Van Voorst</i>
Call to Worship	<i>Psalm 29:1-2, 10-11</i>
Prayer of Invocation	
*Hymn of Praise # <b>263:1-3,5</b>	<i>“With Joy and Gladness in My Soul”</i>
*God’s Greeting	
Reading of the Law	<i>Deuteronomy 5</i>
Hymn of Confession # <b>274:1,4,5</b>	<i>“From the Depths Do I Invoke Thee”</i>
Assurance of Pardon	<i>Psalm 5:7-8</i>
Congregational Prayer	
*Hymn of Preparation # <b>268</b>	<i>“When Zion in Her Low Estate”</i>
Scripture Reading & Text	<i>Acts 19:21-20:1</i>
Sermon	<i>“Ephesus for Jesus! (Part 2)” page 4</i>
Prayer of Application	
*Hymn of Dedication # <b>302</b>	<i>“Praise Ye the Lord, for It Is Good”</i>
Offertory	<i>The offering is for Romanian Evangelistic Medical Mission</i>
*Doxology # <b>490</b>	<i>“Praise Ye the Lord, Ye Hosts Above” (unannounced)</i>
*Benediction	
*Postlude	
<i>*Please stand if you are able.</i>	

**Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!**  
Our services will be led today by our pastor, Rev. Patrick Edouard.

### **Prayer Matters**

#### **Illness**

Verlan Van Gorp (Parish 8) was readmitted to Iowa Medical Hospital for follow-up treatments related to his previous weakening condition.

After several weeks of physical therapy, Peter Rus (Parish 11) was able to return home this past week.

Pauline Branderhorst (Parish 2) remains in Mercy Hospital for follow-up care after a recent aortal valve replacement surgery.

Larry Engbers (Parish 15) is a patient at Pella Hospital, under observation for respiratory discomfort. Pneumonia is suspected.

Gerald Bogaards (Parish 1) is now a resident at the Crystal Heights Care Center, situated at 1514 High Ave West, Oskaloosa, IA 52577.

Marv Meinders (Parish 12) remains in the Pella Hospital in the skilled care unit.

#### **The Gift of New Life**

This past Monday, Justin and Jill Van Soelen (Parish 15) welcomed baby Addison Clara. Mother and child are doing well. We thank God for a healthy pregnancy and baby.

#### **Members Transfer**

At his request, the membership of Mr. Dean Verhoef (Parish 2) has been dismissed so that he might affiliate with Calvary church in St. Peters, MO.

At his request, the membership of Mr. Justin Van Rees (Parish 11) has been dismissed so that he might affiliate with Otley Reformed Church (RCA), Otley, Iowa.

At her request, the membership of Ms. Jana De Graaf (Parish 6) has been transferred to Cornerstone United Reformed Church of Sanborn, Iowa.

May Christ's church be strengthened wherever it is we are placed by Him. "I will build my church....".

<p><b>**The Covenant Communiqué deadline is today.</b></p>
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## *Ephesus for Jesus! (Part 2)*

Scripture Reading & Text: Acts 19:21-20:1

The preaching of the gospel defeats the world:

I. A message of power;

II. A vanishing idolatry; and

III. Christ the Victor

## *Today at Covenant...*

### **Morning Worship Service**

9:30 am

### **Sunday School & Catechism**

10:45 am

*January offerings are for Wycliffe Bible Translators (Doug & Benita Le Mahieu)*

### **Adult Sunday School**

“Dust to Glory” - Council Room

“Worldview” - Room 106

10:45 am

### **Evening Worship Service**

6:30 pm

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:17-30

Sermon: *Channels of Indispensable Blessings (Part 3)*

### **Choir Rehearsal**

7:45 pm

### **Offerings**

(am) Romanian Evangelistic Medical Mission

(pm) CEAF

### **Infant Nursery**

(am) Amy Meinders, Mary De Zwarte

(pm) Nancy Robinson, Jana Vink

### **Toddler Nursery**

(am) Sheila Van Gorp, Julie Hooyer, Allyson Parman

(pm) Julie Beyer, Laura De Zwarte

Floater - (am) Lori Lunsford (pm) Heidi Van Wyk

### **Enfolding**

John & Frances Rus

### **Greeters**

Joe & Cassie Gullion

### **Impromptu Hospitality Hosts**

Al & Bev Van Haften

### **Librarians**

(am) Deb Braafhart, Sharon Fopma, Cheryl Fynaardt

(pm) Florence Meinders, Bill & Marilyn Ver Meer

## 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.

Dear Visitor,  
We heartily welcome you. The Lord will richly bless you and avail ourselves to help you become more aware of His love. Please take a moment to fill out this card.

### Name

- Mr.  
 Mrs.  
 Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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

I am currently a member of \_\_\_\_\_

### Future Contact

- I live in the area,  
 I live in the area a  
 I am just passing  
 I just moved here  
 I would like a visit  
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Please let us know \_\_\_\_\_

### Comments:

me you to our worship service today. It is our prayer that the  
s us as we worship Him. In our attempt to get to know you,  
s of your spiritual needs, we have designed this form to make  
your presence, and if desired to establish contact with you.  
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### **The Offering**

This offering this morning is for the Romanian Evangelistic Medical Mission (REMM). REMM is involved in medical work, evangelism and helping those in need, including orphans, widows and poor families. It organizes work teams from around the world to assist in these ministry outreaches. Teams help plant new churches, support missionaries both in and around Romania, assist physicians, as well as equip medical clinics and nursing homes. They also purchase land for Christian farmers, supply agricultural equipment, support evangelists and pastors, adopt churches in Romania and distribute biblical literature in hospitals, orphanages, villages, market places, prisons, schools and universities.

Reminder: Please pick up your budget envelopes in the back of the narthex.

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### **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.