

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

Hebrews 4:12a NKJV

Covenant Reformed Church

January 31, 2010 AM

MORNING WORSHIP

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Order of Worship

Prelude	<i>Accompanist, Laura Wielard</i>
Call to Worship	<i>I Kings 8:56-58</i>
Prayer of Invocation	
*Hymn of Praise #37	<i>"Amid the Thronging Worshipers"</i>
*God's Greeting	
Reading of the Law	<i>Exodus 20</i>
Hymn of Confession #230:1,4,5	<i>"What Shall I Render to the Lord"</i>
Assurance of Pardon	<i>1 John 1:7-9</i>
Congregational Prayer	
*Hymn of Preparation #203	<i>"In the Heavens the Lord Almighty"</i>
Scripture Reading & Text	<i>Acts 20:17-38</i>
Sermon	<i>"Ephesus for Jesus! (Part 3)" page 4</i>
Prayer of Application	
*Hymn of Dedication #217	<i>"O Praise the Lord, for He Is Good"</i>
Offertory	<i>The offering is for Christian Education Assistance Fund "We Give Thee but Thine Own" - #482</i>
*Doxology #493	<i>"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" (unannounced)</i>
*Benediction	
*Postlude	
<i>*Please stand if you are able.</i>	

*“Even a child is known by his deeds,
Whether what he does is pure and right.”
Proverbs 20:11*

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

Prayer Matters

Illness

Marvin Meinders (Parish 12) continues to receive care at the Pella hospital.

Larry Engbers (Parish 15) remains a patient at the Pella Hospital for pneumonia.

The Gift of Life

This past Wednesday, the Lord blessed Reuben and Holly Schiebout (Parish 5) with the birth of Meres Avery. Both mother and child are doing excellent. Praise be to our merciful Lord for faithfully adding covenant children to the quiver of the church militant.

Sympathy

We express our Christian sympathy to Vernon and Margaret Menninga (Parish 15) and Laura and Arvin Vos (Parish 5), in the death of Vernon's sister and Laura's aunt, Janet Van Waardhuizen, on January 24. The funeral was held Friday at Garden Chapel Funeral Home in Pella.

Baptism

Next Sunday morning, D.V., we will witness the baptism of Elsa Ann Breems, infant daughter of Kent and Deanne Breems (Parish 16), Levi Michael Fransman, infant son of Mike and Tara Fransman (Parish 7), and Addison Clara Van Soelen, infant daughter of Justin and Jill Van Soelen (Parish 15).

Ephesus for Jesus! (Part 3)

Scripture Reading & Text: *Acts 20:17-38*

Paul affectionately reminds the Ephesian elders of their solemn charge:

I. The nature of their office;

II. The charges of their office; and

III. The sorrow of providence

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

Choir Rehearsal

5:00 pm

Evening Worship Service

6:30 pm

Scripture: *Psalm 144*

Sermon: *Render unto God what is Caesar's*

Offerings

(am) CEAF

(pm) Messiah's Reformed Fellowship - Rev. Murphy

Infant Nursery

(am) Marianne Vink, Jan Dieleman

(pm) Anne Bandstra, Carol Posthuma

Toddler Nursery

(am) Brenda Spencer, Cassie Gullion, Andrea Horstman

(pm) Carolyn Ver Meer, Sara Van Gorp

Floater - (am) Marla Schiebout (pm) Sarah De Vries

Enfolding

Sy & Judy De Vries

Greeters

Calvin & Erin Meinders

Impromptu Hospitality Hosts

Norman & Vicki Van Mersbergen

Librarians

(am) Ruth Gorter, Judy De Vries, Mary Ann Olivier

(pm) Linda, Jon & Elizabeth Verhoef

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
us more aware of your presence.
Please take a moment to fill out this card.

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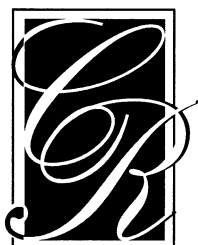
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Covenant's Media Ministry

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.

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.

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.

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.