



Covenant Reformed Church

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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.

For the
Word of God
is living
and powerful.

Hebrews 4:12a NKJV

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November 7, 2010 AM

MORNING WORSHIP

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Order of Worship

- Prelude *Organist, Ruth De Vries*
"Jesus Loves Me"
- Call to Worship *Psalms 27: 1, 4-5*
- Prayer of Invocation
- *Hymn of Praise #284 "Give Thanks to God, for Good is He"
- *God's Greeting
- Reading of the Law *Exodus 20*
- Hymn of Confession #48: 1, 2, 5 "Jehovah Is My Light"
- The Sacrament of Baptism- PH, Pages 129-131
- Congregational Prayer
- *Hymn of Preparation #167 "Zion, on the Holy Hills"
- Scripture Reading & Text, Page 31 *Genesis 28: 10-22*
- Sermon "Jacob's Baby Steps" page 4
- Prayer of Application
- *Hymn of Dedication #119: 1, 2, 4 "O All Ye Peoples, Bless Our God"
- Offertory *The offering is for Bethany Christian Services.*
"Abide With Me" arr. Molly Ijames -Sung by the Choir
- *Doxology #316:3 "Now Thank We All Our God"
(unannounced)
- *Benediction
- *Postlude "Prelude and Fugue in F Major"
**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 what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us,
that we should be called children of God!"

1 John 3:1 a

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!

Our services will be led today by our pastor, Rev. Patrick Edouard.

This morning we will witness the baptism of Madelyn Jane, infant daughter of Curt and Julie Hooyer (Parish 11) and William Brandt, infant son of Chris and Lisa Ver Meer (Parish 6).

Prayer Matters

Illness

Because Leif Le Mahieu's foot infection did not respond to all the available medical measures in PNG, he was evacuated to a hospital in Australia for further medical care. Please remember the LeMahieu family in your fervent prayers during this time of trial and as the family is temporarily separated.

Larry Gullion will undergo surgery on Thursday, the 11th of November, Lord willing, due to his recent diagnosis of colon cancer. Pray that the Lord will use these procedures as answers to our prayers.

Birthday

We wish birthday blessings to Ann Van Zee (Parish 3) who will be 96 years old on November 11. Ann's address is 408 Jefferson, Apt. 108, Pella.

Congregational Meeting

The following men have been nominated for elder: Greg Horstman, Gene Kamerick, Harold Meinders, Don Olivier, Dennis Roozeboom, John Rus, Bruce Schiebout, David Te Grotenhuis, Doug Van Gorp, and Bill Verhoef. Five are to be chosen. The following men have been nominated for deacon: Ryan Bandstra, Tim Kruid, Calvin Meinders, Glenn Meinders, Chad Vink, and Jaron Vos. Three are to be chosen. The congregational meeting is November 8, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Lord willing. Absentee ballots are available in the narthex. Put the ballot in the envelope and sign your name on the envelope. One set of ballots per envelope, please. You may return your ballot to a council member or the office.

Jacob's Baby Steps

Scripture Reading & Text: *Genesis 28: 10-22 Page 31*

God graciously reveals Himself to wandering Jacob:

I. God's unconditional acceptance; and

II. Jacob's conditional allegiance.

Today at Covenant...

Morning Worship Service

9:30 am

Sunday School & Catechism

10:45 am-11:35 am

November offerings are for the Le Mahieus (Wycliffe).

Adult Sunday School

Dust to Glory – Council Room

God's Hand in History – Room 106

Choir Rehearsal

5:00 pm

Evening Worship Service

6:30 pm

Scripture: Matthew 7:21-28

Sermon: The Christian's Checklist

Offerings

(am) Bethany Christian Services

(pm) Christian Education Assistance Fund (CEAF)

Infant Nursery

(am) Laura Vos, Diane Van Gorp

(pm) Marilyn Ver Meer, Leah Fopma

Toddler Nursery

(am) Nikki Hol, Darlene Van Hal, Rebecca Horstman

(pm) Rochelle De Bruin, Andrea De Bruin

Floater: (am) Sharon Fopma (pm) Kayla De Bruin

Enfolding

Gary & Delores Van Rees

Greeters

Carl & Mary Van Steenis

Impromptu Hospitality Hosts

Bob & Mary Vander Wilt

Librarians

(am) Mary Vander Wilt, Marilyn Van Gorp, Carolyn Vander Wilt

(pm) Linda, Jon, and Elizabeth Verhoef