



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

Hebrews 4:12a NKJV

Covenant Reformed Church

February 28, 2010 AM

MORNING WORSHIP

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Order of Worship

Prelude *Accompanist, Laura Rus*

Call to Worship *Psalm 99*

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Praise #**298** *"I Will Extol Thee, O My God"*

*God's Greeting

Reading of the Law

Hymn of Confession #**1** *"That Man Is Blest"*

Assurance of Pardon *Psalm 130*

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation #**205** *"The Tender Love a Father Has"*

Scripture Reading *John 3:1-21*

Text *v. 16*

Sermon *"Loving the World the Way God Did" page 4*

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Dedication #**329** *"O Love of God, How Strong and True"*

Offertory *The offering is for Christian Education Assistance Fund*

*Doxology #**493** *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow"
(unannounced)*

*Benediction

*Postlude

**Please stand if you are able.*

*“O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself;
It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.
O LORD, correct me, but with justice;
Not in Your anger, lest You bring me to nothing.”
Jeremiah 10:23-24*

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!

We welcome today our guest minister, Dr. Nelson Kloosterman. Dr. Kloosterman is professor of Ethics and New Testament studies at Mid-America Reformed Seminary. We pray that Christ's Church will be strengthened in her mission as the Word is preached today.

Prayer Matters

Birthdays

We wish God's blessings to Margaret Van Ee (Parish 14), who will be 95 on March 3. Her address is 906 Hazel, Apt. 111, Pella.

We also wish birthday blessings to Edith Van Gorp (Parish 3), who will be 87 on March 6. Her address is 832 Franklin St., Apt. #6, Pella.

Baptism

Next Sunday morning, D.V., we will witness the baptism of Meres Avery Schiebout, infant daughter of Rueben and Holly Schiebout (Parish 5).

Sympathy

We express our Christian sympathy to Betty and Dale Van Donselaar (Parish 2), Brenda and Jason Spencer family (Parish 11), and Almira Van Gorp (Parish 5), in the death of Betty's mother, Brenda's grandmother, and Almira's sister-in-law, Doris Van Gorp, who died on February 24. At the time of bulletin printing, funeral arrangements were pending.

Loving the World the Way God Did

Scripture Reading: *John 3:1-21*

Text: v. 16

Today at Covenant...

Morning Worship Service

9:30 am

Sunday School & Catechism

10:45 am

February offerings is for Pathways

Grades 11 and 12 Catechism class will not meet today.

Adult Sunday School

"Dust to Glory" - Council Room

"Worldview" - Room 106

10:45 am

Choir, please meet in the balcony at 5:45 to rehearse for this evening's service. There will be no choir rehearsal following the evening service.

Evening Worship Service

6:30 pm

Scripture: *Revelation 1:1-20*

Sermon: *Greetings from Heaven for a Wounded Church*

Offerings

(am) CEAF

(pm) URCNA - Synod Askings

Infant Nursery

(am) Jean De Graaf, Irene Blom

(pm) Leisa Zylstra, Karen Parman

Toddler Nursery

(am) Craig & Adele Shannon Family

(pm) Becky Meinders, Holden Hooyer

Floater - (am) Danece De Zwarte (pm) Mary Vander Wilt

Enfolding

Gary & Delores Van Rees

Greeters

Dave & Glenda Mathes

Impromptu Hospitality Hosts

Bruce & Marla Schiebout

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.

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
 I would like a visit
 I would like to ob

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.
ment to fill it out, and drop it in the offering plate.

_____ (Last) _____ (First)

_____ Apt. # _____

_____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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and do not belong to any church.
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through town on a visit, business, or vacation.
e and am looking for a church to affiliate with.
t from the deacons.
t from an elder or the pastor.
tain literature about your church.

in what way we may be of service to you:

Librarians

(am) Nancy Robinson, Deb Braafhart, Kathy Van Mersbergen
(pm) Marie Schiebout, Sharon Fopma, Florence Meinders

Reminder: Please pick up your membership directory 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.

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.