

Chamber Choir Concert

Tonight the PCHS Chamber Choir concert will begin about five minutes after the end of the service. This will allow time for those who have things they need to attend to before the concert begins. Those who don't need to leave are encouraged to remain in the sanctuary. You are invited to enjoy a time of fellowship with cookies and drink at the conclusion of the concert.

Covenant Reformed Church

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

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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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April 10, 2011 AM

MORNING WORSHIP

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Order of Worship

Prelude	<i>Organist, Ruth De Vries</i> "The Cross of Christ"
Call to Worship	<i>Psalm 72:8-11</i>
Prayer of Invocation	
*Hymn of Praise #327	"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
*God's Greeting	
Reading of the Law	<i>Deuteronomy 5</i>
Hymn of Confession #355	"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"
Assurance of Pardon	<i>Isaiah 53:5-6</i>
Congregational Prayer	
*Hymn of Preparation #348	"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
Scripture Reading & Text: Page 399	<i>1 Kings 10:1-13</i>
Sermon	"The Queen of Sheba Comes for a Visit" page 4
Prayer of Application	
*Hymn of Dedication #440	"My Jesus, I Love Thee"
Offertory	<i>The offering is for the Bible League.</i> "Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed?"
*Doxology #493	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (unannounced)
*Benediction	
*Postlude	"Lift High the Cross"
*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.

"But it is written: 'Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.'"

I Corinthians 2:9

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!

Our service will be led this morning by Mr. Aaron Verhoef.

Prayer Matters

Jonathan De Jong (Parish 16) returned home from the hospital last Sunday and is doing well.

Gerald Bogaards (Parish 1) underwent a gall bladder-related procedure in Iowa City on Wednesday and was expected to undergo gall bladder surgery in Oskaloosa later in the week.

Verlan Van Gorp (Parish 2) underwent hip replacement surgery Thursday at Methodist West in West Des Moines.

Birthday

We wish birthday blessings to Gertrude Olivier (Parish 9) who will be 87 years old on April 12. Gertrude's address is 408 Jefferson Street, Room 124, Pella.

Sympathy

We express Christian sympathy to Leonard, Ruth, and Ryan De Vries (Parish 12) in the death of their sister and aunt, Joann Knierim of Byron Center, Michigan. She died on Tuesday, April 5. Funeral services were held on Friday, April 8, in Wyoming, Michigan.

We express Christian sympathy to Cornelius and Leona Wolterstorff (Parish 16) in the death for Leona's brother-in-law, Herman Van Hulzen of Luverne, Minnesota. He died on Tuesday, April 5. Funeral services were held on Friday, April 8, in Luverne.

Marriage

We express thanksgiving to the Lord for the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Lucas and Amanda (Bohanan) Angus, who were united in the covenant of marriage on April 3 in Mt Ayr. Their new address will be 201 S. Cleveland Street, Apt. #1, Mt Ayr, IA 50852.

Council News

The Council accepted the resignation of Elder Jerry Terborg for health reasons and the resignation of Deacon Tim Kruid. We thank the brothers for their service.

The Queen of Sheba Comes for a Visit

Scripture Reading & Text: 1 Kings 10:1-13, Page 399

I. To assess the host; (1-3)

II. To confess her heart; (4-9) and

III. To regress with honor. (10-13)

Today at Covenant...

Morning Worship Service
9:30 am

Sunday School & Catechism
10:45 am-11:35 am
April offerings are for Katelyn V.

Adult Sunday School
Dust to Glory – Council Room
God's Hand in History – Room 106

Parish 10 leaves for the County Care Facility
1:30 pm

Evening Worship Service
6:30 pm
Scripture: Isaiah 53:7-12
Sermon: The Character & Consequences of Christ's Suffering

Pella Christian High Chamber Choir Concert
following the evening service.
Coffee time will be served following the concert.

Offerings
(am) Bible League
(pm) Christian Education Assistance Fund (CEAF)

Infant Nursery
(am) Mary Van Zee, Laurel De Vries
(pm) Lisa Ver Meer, Jill Van Soelen
Toddler Nursery
(am) Amy Meinders, Mary Van Steenis, Rebekah Horstman
(pm) Shirley Verhoef, Chris Meinders
Floater: (am) Raquel De Graaf (pm) Shannon Fynaardt

Enfolding
Stan & Cheryl Fynaardt

Greeters
Frank Hettinga & Ron Hoekstra

Impromptu Hospitality Hosts
Harold & Florence Meinders

Librarians
(am) Mary Ann Olivier, Judy De Vries, Cheryl Fynaardt
(pm) Florence Meinders, Marie Schiebout, Erma Stursma