



Covenant Reformed Church

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

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Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday : 9:00 am-1:00 pm

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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May 1, 2011 AM

MORNING WORSHIP

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Order of Worship

Prelude *Organist, Jeana Van Voorst*

Call to Worship *Isaiah 2:3a*

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Praise #327 *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

*God's Greeting

Service of Confession & Reconciliation
The Law of God *Exodus 20*

Psalm of Confession #94 *"God, Be Merciful to Me"*

Assurance of Pardon *1 Timothy 1:15-17*

Psalm of Praise # 71:1-3 *"I Waited for the Lord Most High"*

The Sacrament of Baptism- PH, Pages 126-128

*Baptismal Hymn #415 *"O God, Great Father"*

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation #150 *"Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds"*

Scripture Reading & Text: Page 16 & 359 *Genesis 17:11-14, 2 Samuel 9:1ff*

Sermon *"The Great Blessings of Covenant Children" page 4*

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Dedication #419 *"Thus Saith the Mercy of the Lord"*

Offertory *The offering is for the Kauai Reformed Church.*

*Doxology #325:2 *"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"*
(unannounced)

*Benediction

*Postlude 2

*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

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!
Our service will be led this morning by Rev. Andrew Cammenga.

This morning we will witness the baptism of Daniel Jacob, infant son of Brian and Denise Ver Meer (Parish 14) and Elijah James, infant son of Jim and Melissa Van Donselaar (Parish 5).

Gift of New Life

We rejoice with Drew and Heidi Van Wyk (Parish 9) in the birth of a daughter, Aleah Hope. She was born Friday, April 22.

Sympathy

We express Christian sympathy to Almira Van Gorp (Parish 5) and Betty Van Donselaar (Parish 8) in the death of their sister and aunt, Pearl Van Ryswyk of Peoria, Arizona. She died on Monday, April 25.

We express Christian sympathy to Josie Gosselink (Parish 11) in the death of her sister-in-law, Rosie Van Den Berg of Pella. She died on Thursday, April 28.

Council News

A Congregational Meeting is scheduled for May 18 for the election of an elder and a deacon. Nominees for elder are Bill Verhoef, Jr. and Bruce Schiebout. Nominees for deacon are Calvin Meinders and Reuben Schiebout.

K-2nd Singing

K-2nd grade will be practicing a few songs after the morning service today. They will be singing during the song service this evening. Please have your child come up when Mrs. Fransman begins to play the piano.

Profession of Faith

Today the new members class will begin. Visitors and friends of the member candidates are welcome to attend. The six-week course is based on the four profession of faith questions found on page 132 in the back of the Psalter Hymnal. The class will meet in room 103 in the education wing. Norman Van Mersbergen will be leading the class.

The Great Blessings of Covenant Children

Scripture Reading & Text: *Genesis 17:11-14, 2 Samuel 9:1ff*, Page 16 & 359

I. BAPTISM: A COVENANT SIGN FOR COVENANT PEOPLE

A. God is a covenant God.

B. Covenants have signs/symbols.

C. Circumcision was OT covenant sign. (*Genesis 17:11*)

D. Baptism is the NT covenant sign.

Notice strong similarities with circumcision. Both are:

1. Connected with faith (*Romans 4:11; Acts 18:8*)
2. Connected with a cleansed heart (*Deut 30:6; Acts 22:16*)
3. Connected with entrance into family of God
4. Connected with covenant (*Genesis 17:11; Malachi 3:1*)
5. Connected with households (*Genesis 17:12,13; Acts 16:15*)
6. Baptism is actually called circumcision. (*Colossians 2:11,12*)

E. If Baptism is the NT covenant sign then children of believers should continue to receive the sign unless expressly forbidden.

II. MEPHIBOSHETH A BLESSED COVENANT CHILD

A. A covenant child for Jonathan's sake (*I Samuel 20:14-17,42*)

B. A blessed child for Jonathan's sake (*II Samuel 9:1ff*)

III. OUR CHILDREN ARE BLESSED COVENANT CHILDREN.

("I will be a God to you and to your children!")

Today at Covenant...

Morning Worship Service

9:30 am

Evening Worship Service

6:30 pm

Scripture: *1 Corinthians 15:17-24*
Sermon: Christ's Resurrection is Crucial

Choir Rehearsal

7:45 pm

Offerings

(am) Kauai Reformed Church
(pm) Christian Education Assistance Fund (CEAF)

Infant Nursery

(am) Jan Dieleman, Erin Meinders
(pm) Sheila Van Gorp, Nancy Robinson

Toddler Nursery

(am) Rosie Terborg, Brenda Spencer, Bethany Spencer
(pm) Julie Beyer, Sarah Posthuma
Floater: (am) Peyton Reimer (pm) Emily Van Gorp

Enfolding

Jerry & Rosie Terborg

Greeters

Mert & Lola Kramer

Impromptu Hospitality Hosts

Norm & Jan Dieleman

Librarians

(am) Elaine Derringer, Deb Braafhart, Kathy Van Mersbergen
(pm) Mary Van Zee, Ron & Jan Vande Voort

What did God say to me in this sermon?