

## Where Is My Joy?

*based on Psalm 42 arr. Lucy Anne Adams*

Where is my joy when all around is sorrow? Where is my light when night is all I see?  
Why is my soul in agony despairing, where is my hope, my song of victory?

My joy is in the God of my salvation. His Word will light the shadows of my heart. So I  
will hope in God who is my comfort, Who gives a song of joy when sorrows start.

Trust in the Lord, my soul, make Him your refuge, for He again my countenance shall  
raise. In all I do, my joy is in His power to turn my feeble works to acts of praise.

I was created by my heav'nly Father to live my life in glory of His Son,  
then I shall know His deep and lasting pleasure when I complete the earthly course on  
which I run.

As pants the deer for gently flowing water, so shall my soul in God be satisfied.  
His loving-kindness daily is my portion, He is my help; in Him I will abide.

My heart again sings praises to my Father; I'll lift my voice in worship of His Son. He  
gives me joy beyond all comprehending, His joy will be my strength; my help is God  
alone.

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### 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.

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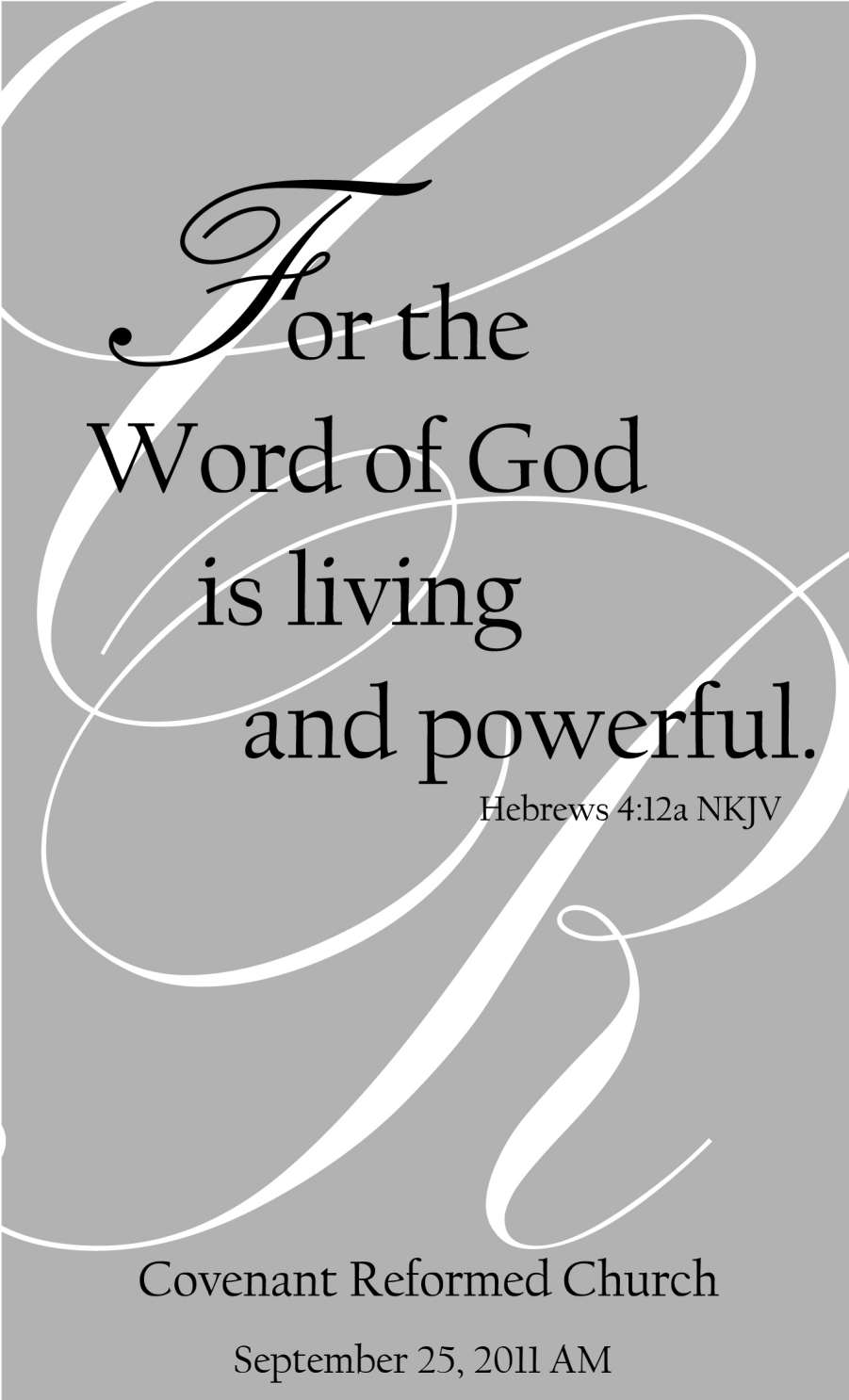
The congregation is requested to be seated at 9:25 am and 6:25 pm  
so that they can enjoy the prelude and adopt a  
worshipful attitude in preparation for the service.

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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.

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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

Covenant Reformed Church

September 25, 2011 AM

# MORNING WORSHIP

September 25, 2011

## Order of Worship

Prelude *Organist, Stephanie Van Mersbergen*

Call to Worship *Psalm 24:7-10*

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn of Praise #388 *"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"*

\*God's Greeting

Reading of the Law *Exodus 20*

Assurance of Pardon *Matthew 9:36-38*

The Lord's Supper Preparatory Form-PH, Pages 155-156

Hymn of Confession #236 *"How Blest the Perfect in the Way"*

Congregational Prayer

\*Hymn of Preparation #131:1, 4, 5 *"In Thee, O Lord, I Put My Trust"*

Scripture Reading & Text: Page 1236 *John 11:1-16*

Sermon *"The Death of Lazarus" page 4*

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Dedication #60:1, 3, 8 *"Be Thou My Helper in the Strife"*

Offertory *The offering is for the Christian Education Assistance Fund (CEAF).  
Carrie Veenstra singing - "Where Is My Joy?" based on Psalm 42,  
arr. Lucy Anne Adams - words on back page.*

\*Doxology #360:3 *"Alleluia! Alleluia!"  
(unannounced)*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*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.

“I was glad when they said to me,  
‘Let us go into the house of the Lord’”

Psalm 122:1

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!

We welcome Rev. Casey and Mrs. Beverly Freswick to Covenant. Rev. Freswick met with the Search Committee yesterday. Rev. Freswick is the minister of the Bethany United Reformed Church of Wyoming, Michigan.

This morning we will prepare our hearts for the celebration of the Lord's Supper which we hope to commemorate next Sunday morning, D. V.

### Prayer Matters

Marilyn De Vries (Parish 8) is slowly improving at the Pella Skilled Care. She enjoys having visitors.

Elijah Van Gorp (Parish 8) returned home this past Sunday. He is still a bit sore from surgery, but is doing well.

Harry Tibboel (Parish 6) continues to improve and was expected to return home by the end of the week.

John Sturmsma (Parish 1) returned home from the hospital this past Wednesday.

Vi Engbers (Parish 15) returned home from the Skilled Care this past Wednesday.

### Birthday

We wish birthday blessings to William Van Maanen (Parish 8) who will be 86 years old on September 26. William's address is 510 Washington Street, Pella.

Choir will be rehearsing at 5:00 pm this Sunday due to the fellowship coffee time after the service. This is a change from the normal schedule.

# *The Death of Lazarus*

Scripture Reading & Text: *John 11:1-16*, Page 1236

I. Its Setting

II. Its Ultimate Purpose

III. Its Unexpected Reality

IV. Its Danger for Jesus

Conclusion: Its Reality

## *Today at Covenant...*

**Morning Worship Service**

9:30 am

**Sunday School & Catechism**

10:45 am-11:35 am

*September offerings are for the Church Library.*

**Adult Sunday School**

*Dust to Glory – Council Room*

*God and Government – Room 106*

**Choir Rehearsal**

5:00 pm

**Evening Worship Service**

6:30 pm

Scripture: Romans 1:18-23

Sermon: “General Revelation”

**Fellowship Coffee Time**

*Will be held following this evening’s service.*

*Parish 11 is responsible for cookies.*

**Fellowship Committee Meeting**

*Will be held following coffee time*

**Offerings**

(am) C.E.A.F. (Christian Education Assistance Fund)

(pm) Trinity Christian College

**Infant Nursery**

(am) Lori Lunsford, Tara Fransman

(pm) Erin Meinders, Marla Schiebout

**Toddler Nursery**

(am) Dian Frost, Sharon Fopma, Roberto Worthington

(pm) Brenda Spencer, Laura De Zwarte

Floater: (am) Elizabeth Verhoef (pm) Cailee Veenstra

**Enfolding**

Bruce & Marla Schiebout

**Greeters**

Craig & Adele Shannon Family

**Impromptu Hospitality Hosts**

Harold & Florence Meinders

**Librarians**

(am) Deb Braafhart, Cheryl Fynaardt, Elaine Derringer

(pm) Judy De Vries, Sharon & Leah Fopma