

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

Hebrews 4:12a NKJV

Covenant Reformed Church

February 14, 2010 AM

To Our Visitors:

We heartily welcome you to our worship services today! This morning, we will celebrate the Holy Supper of our Lord. While the worship service is open to all, the communion aspect of the service is restricted to those who have made public profession of faith or received adult baptism, and are members in good standing in a biblical Protestant church.

Our elders are under biblical obligation to safeguard the purity of the Lord's Table by ensuring that only eligible participants are granted access. Therefore, we ask that all visitors fill out a card as indication of their intent to participate. This card will require you to furnish current church membership information. Please note that in certain cases, the elders may deem it proper to refuse a request. This might happen if it is known that a person is not a member of a church, or not a member in good standing, or if there is insufficient evidence of genuine faith or awareness of the sacredness of the Supper on the part of a visitor. In such an instance, the person will be informed directly by the elders. Please note further that your home church will receive notification from our elders that you communed with us. These steps are intended to help us maintain the purity of the Supper, the unity of the body of Christ, and accountability to our fellow churches.

If you are not eligible to participate in the Supper, we kindly request that you not do so. We also ask that you please refrain your little children from partaking.

Whether or not you are able to participate in the Supper, we are delighted that you are here. And it is our prayer that you will grow in the knowledge of our Lord, as your faith is strengthened by the most necessary means of grace—His Word. If you are not yet a member of any church, or would like to seek membership in our congregation, please let us assist you in finding a home church. If you have recently relocated and are a frequent visitor among us, we encourage you to become a member of our church family since it is biblical that one be a member of a *local* church. These words are conveyed in the spirit of deepest humility and utmost concern for the glory of our God and the good of His church.

If you wish to discuss our practice, please speak to an elder or the pastor.

The Consistory

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

February 14, 2010

Order of Worship

- Prelude *Accompanist, Vicki Van Mersbergen*
- Call to Worship *Habakkuk 3:17-19*
- Prayer of Invocation
- *Hymn of Praise #**458** *"Come, Ye Disconsolate"*
- *God's Greeting
- Congregational Prayer
- Hymn of Preparation #**226** *"Not unto Us, O Lord of Heaven"*
(While the offering for the Christian Education Assistance Fund)
- Scripture Reading & Text *2 Samuel 24:11-17, page 4*
- Sermon *"Sinners in the Hands of an Appeased God," page 5*
- Prayer of Application
- *Hymn of Response #**152** *"Remember Not, O God"*
- Reading of the Communion Formulary - **PH, Pages 156-159**
- Distribution of the Elements
- Hymn of Response #**329** *"O Love of God, How Strong and True"*
(While the offering for Benevolence is gathered)
- *Doxology #**159:3** *"O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely"*
- *Benediction
- *Postlude
**Please stand if you are able.*

2 Samuel 24:11-17

“Now when David arose in the morning, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Gad, David’s seer, saying, “Go and tell David, ‘Thus says the LORD: “I offer you three *things*; choose one of them for yourself, that I may do *it* to you.’”” So Gad came to David and told him; and he said to him, “Shall seven years of famine come to you in your land? Or shall you flee three months before your enemies, while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days’ plague in your land? Now consider and see what answer I should take back to Him who sent me.”

And David said to Gad, “I am in great distress. Please let us fall into the hand of the LORD, for His mercies *are* great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man.”

So the LORD sent a plague upon Israel from the morning till the appointed time. From Dan to Beersheba seventy thousand men of the people died. And when the angel stretched out His hand over Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD relented from the destruction, and said to the angel who was destroying the people, “It is enough; now restrain your hand.” And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

Then David spoke to the LORD when he saw the angel who was striking the people, and said, “Surely I have sinned, and I have done wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? Let Your hand, I pray, be against me and against my father’s house.””

Sinners in the Hands of an Appeased God

Scripture Reading & Text: 2 Samuel 24:11-17

God confirms the abundance of His mercy to an undeserving servant:

I. David's sinning nature; and

II. God's forgiving nature

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!
Our service will be led today by our pastor, Rev. Patrick Edouard

This morning we will celebrate the sacrament of the
Lord's Supper.

Prayer Matters

Illness

Margaret Van Ee (Parish 14) has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She underwent a mastectomy on Friday.

Bob Vander Wilt (Parish 6) underwent outpatient eye surgery to repair a damaged retina.

Last Monday, Verlan Van Gorp (Parish 8) was admitted to Iowa City Hospital for further treatment. He is expected to remain there for 11 days.

Devin Reimer (Parish 9) has experienced seizures. Scans reveal possible bleeding on the brain. Arrangements are being made for him to go to the Mayo Clinic for treatment.

Marv Meinders (Parish 12) remains a patient at the Pella Hospital. Please remember our brother who is also suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

Remember Jerald Van Wyk (Parish 14) in our prayers as he continues to receive treatment for esophageal cancer. The radiation treatments are proceeding well. Pray that God would grant strength and patience to His servant under the strain of these trials.

Brianna Braafhart, granddaughter of Joel and Deb Braafhart (Parish 1), returned home from the hospital on Wednesday.

Sympathy

We express our Christian Sympathy to Leona Wing (Parish 10) in the death of her husband, Gale Wing, on February 8. The funeral was held Friday at the Prairie City CRC.

Congratulations

With thanks to God, we offer our congratulations to John & Erma Stursma (Parish 14), who will celebrate 60 years of marriage on February 17.

Today at Covenant...

Morning Worship

9:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Catechism

10:45 am

February offerings are for Pathways of Pella

Adult Sunday School

"Dust to Glory" - Council Room

"Worldview" - Room 106

10:45 am

Parish 9 leaves for the County Care Facility

1:30 pm

Evening Worship

6:30 pm

Scripture: *Isaiah 65:17-25*

Sermon: *The End of the World & The World of the End (Part 2)*

No Choir Rehearsal

Offerings

(am) CEAF/Benevolence

(pm) Hope Ministries

Infant Nursery

(am) Dian Frost, Melissa Van Donselaar

(pm) Denise Ver Meer, Barb Vos

Toddler Nursery

(am) Libby Te Grotenhuis, Diane Van Gorp, Josie Te Grotenhuis

(pm) Amanda Bohanan, Shannon Fynaardt

Floater-(am) Kristin Reimer (pm) Rochelle De Bruin

Enfolding

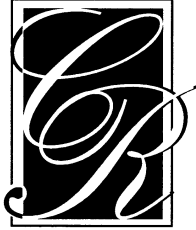
Lawrence & Irene Blom

Greeters

Arlyn & Cheri Klyn

Impromptu Hospitality Hosts

Bob & Mary Vander Wilt



Librarians

(am) Marilyn Van Gorp, Mary Vander Wilt, Carolyn Vander Wilt
(pm) Linda De Jong, Jan Dieleman, Michelle Meinders

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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 dis-
ruptive 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.