

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

Hebrews 4:12a NKJV

Covenant Reformed Church

December 6, 2009 AM

MORNING WORSHIP

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Order of Worship

- Prelude *Accompanist, Laura Wielard*
"Wake, Awake for the Night is Flying"
(You can view the words in the Psalter Hymnal, #371)
- Profession of Faith- **PH, Pages 132-133**
- Call to Worship *Psalm 113:1-5*
- Prayer of Invocation
- *Hymn of Praise #**89** *"Within Thy Temple, Lord"*
- *God's Greeting
- Reading of the Law *Exodus 20*
- The Sacrament of Baptism- **PH, Pages 129-131**
- Baptismal Hymn #**407:1,2** *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*
- Congregational Prayer
- *Hymn of Preparation #**379:1,2,4** *"Lord Jesus, I Long to Be Perfectly Whole"*
- Scripture Reading & Text *Acts 18:1-18*
- Sermon *"The Son Rises Over Corinth," page 4*
- Prayer of Application
- *Hymn of Dedication #**386** *"How Vast the Benefits Divine"*
- Offertory *The offering is for the Building Fund
Choir Anthem - "Emmanuel" by Lani Smith*
- *Doxology #**317:4** *"Come, Thou Almighty King"*
(unannounced)
- *Benediction
- *Postlude *"Let Christians All with Joyful Mirth"*
**Please stand if you are able.*

*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord,
the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only
but also to all who have loved His appearing.*
2 Timothy 4:7-8

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

This morning we rejoice to witness the public
Profession of Faith of Justin and Jill Van Soelen.

This morning we will witness the baptism of Kendon Joshua Kruid,
infant son of Tim & Kelli Kruid (Parish 6).

This evening we will prepare our hearts for the celebration of the
Lord's Supper which we hope to commemorate next
Sunday morning, December 13, D.V.

Prayer Matters

Illness

Verlan Van Gorp (Parish 8) was admitted to Iowa Methodist Hospital last week due to extreme weakness. He has since regained much of his strength, and was expected to be released later in the week.

Peter Rus (Parish 9) was admitted to the Pella Regional Hospital due to severe pain in his hip.

The 3-5 grade Catechism classes will be rehearsing today for the Christmas Program at 11:30 am. Rehearsal will last for about 5-10 minutes. Contact Marge Van Haaften with any questions.

The Son Rises Over Corinth

Scripture Reading & Text: *Acts 18:1-18*

The Lord sustains His servant in Corinth:

I. By way of collegial fellowship;

II. By way of special revelation; and

III. By way of a harvest of souls.

Today at Covenant...

Morning Worship Service

9:30 am

Sunday School & Catechism

10:45 am

December offerings are for Katelyn (Turkey)

Adult Sunday School

"Dust to Glory" - Council Room

"Worldview" - Room 106

10:45 am

Choir Rehearsal

5:00 pm, in the sanctuary

Evening Worship Service

6:30 pm

Scripture: *1 Peter 2:1-12*

Sermon: *The Church Amidst the World (Part 3)*

**The 6th, 7th & 8th grade girls will practice right after
the evening service.**

Offerings

(am) Building Fund

(pm) CEAF

Infant Nursery

(am) Mary De Zwarte, Jana Vink

(pm) Heidi Van Wyk, Carol Posthuma

Toddler Nursery

(am) Brenda Spencer, Angie Alsum, Alexia Alsum

(pm) Julie Beyer, Marie Edouard

Floater - (am) Julie Hooyer (pm) Anne Bandstra

Enfolding

Gary & Delores Van Rees

Greeters

Mike & Crystal Van Donselaar

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,
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your presence, and if desired to establish contact with you.
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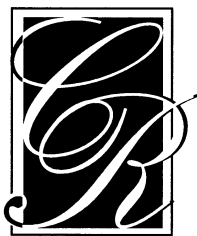
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Impromptu Hospitality Hosts

John Martin & Celia De Vries

Librarians

(am) Elaine Derringer, Marilyn Van Gorp, Vicki Van Mersbergen

(pm) Marie Schiebout, Lisa Van Gorp, Denise Ver Meer

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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.