

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

Hebrews 4:12a NKJV

Covenant Reformed Church

December 13, 2009 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

December 13, 2009

Order of Worship

Prelude *Accompanist, Vicki Van Mersbergen*

Call to Worship *Psalm 106:1-5*

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Praise #**324** *“God Himself Is with Us”*

*God’s Greeting

Congregational Prayer

Hymn of Preparation *“Once in Royal David’s City,” page 4*
(While the offering for the Rev. Puzon, UCRCP Las Pinas City is gathered)

Scripture Reading *Deuteronomy 18:9-18, page 6*

Text *Deuteronomy 18:15-18*

Sermon *“A Prophet for our Profit” page 7*

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Response #**384:1-3** *“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”*

Reading of the Communion Formulary - **PH, Pages 156-159**

Distribution of the Elements

Hymn of Response #**329:1-4,6** *“O Love of God, How Strong and True”*
(While the offering for Benevolence is gathered)

*Doxology #**488** *“Now Blessed Be Jehovah God”*

*Benediction

*Postlude

**Please stand if you are able.*

Once in Royal David's City

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all;
 3 For he is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day like us he grew;
 4 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love,
 5 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble with the ox - en stand - ing by

where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
 and his shel - ter was a sta - ble and his cra - dle was a stall:
 ▶ he was lit - tle, weak, and help - less; tears and smiles like us he knew:
 for that child, so dear and gen - tle, is our Lord in heav - en a - bove:
 we shall see him, but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high:

Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 with the poor and meek and low - ly lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 ▶ and he feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he has gone.
 there his chil - dren gath - er round bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

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Once in Royal David's City

Alternative arrangement with descant

5 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble with the ox - en stand - ing by

The first system of music features a vocal line in the upper staff and piano accompaniment in the lower two staves. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "5 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble with the ox - en stand - ing by".

we shall see him, but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high:

The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "we shall see him, but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high:". The piano accompaniment includes a descant in the right hand during the final measure of the system.

there his chil - dren gath - er round bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

The third system concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "there his chil - dren gath - er round bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.". The piano accompaniment features a final descant in the right hand, marked with a fermata and a double bar line.

Deuteronomy 18:9-18

“When you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you *anyone* who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, *or one* who practices witchcraft, *or a* soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For all who do these things *are* an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you. You shall be blameless before the LORD your God. For these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the LORD your God has not appointed such for you.

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, according to all you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.’

“And the LORD said to me: ‘What they have spoken is good. I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.’”

A Prophet for our Profit

Scripture Reading: *Deuteronomy 18:9-18*

Text: *Deuteronomy 18:15-18*

The Lord graciously provides His people with a Prophet:

I. The reason for this Prophet; and

II. The purpose for this Prophet

“In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith — the salvation of your souls.”
I Peter 1:6-9

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

Marion Wichhart (Parish 8) is now receiving hospice care at Comfort House.

Christmas Program Practice

Today, there will be no Sunday school or catechism classes for ages 3 year old - 5th grade due to Christmas program practice. All children and junior high girls need to be in attendance.

Council Members

Council members must return the policy manuals tonight, Sunday December 13.

Today at Covenant...

Morning Worship

9:30 a.m.

Catechism for Grades 6-10

The 11th and 12th grade catechism class will not meet today due to student participation in the Christmas program.

10:45 am

December offering is for Katelyn (Turkey)

Adult Sunday School

"Dust to Glory" - Council Room

"Worldview" - Room 106

10:45 am

Parish 5 leaves for the County Care Facility

1:30 pm

Evening Worship

6:30 pm

Scripture: *John 15:1-10*

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

Choir Rehearsal

7:45 pm, in the sanctuary

Offerings

(am) Rev. Puzon, UCRCP Las Pinas City/Benevolence

(pm) CEAF

Infant Nursery

(am) Marianne Vink, Marla Schiebout

(pm) Jon & Jocelyn Meinders

Toddler Nursery

(am) Sarah De Vries, Cassie Gullion, Shane Beyer

(pm) Caolyn Ver Meer, Cailee Veenstra

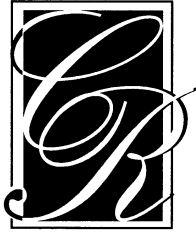
Floater-(am) Dian Frost (pm) Jan Dieleman

Greeters

Tim & Jeana Van Voorst

Enfolding

Terry & Nancy Robinson



Impromptu Hospitality Hosts
Arvin & Carolyn Vander Wilt

Librarians

(am) Mary Van Steenis, Joan Fopma, Kathy Van Mesbergen
(pm) Mary Van Zee, Bill & Marilyn 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 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.