

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

Hebrews 4:12a NKJV

Covenant Reformed Church

January 10, 2010 PM

## EVENING WORSHIP

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### Order of Worship

Prelude "Sweet Hour of Prayer" & "Teach Us How to Pray"  
Accompanist, Vicki Van Mersbergen

Call to Worship Isaiah 65:1-2

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn of Praise #36 "The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear"

\*God's Greeting

\*Apostle's Creed - **PH, inside front cover**

\*Gloria Patri #491 "Glory Be to the Father"  
(unannounced)

Congregational Prayer

\*Hymn of Preparation #393 "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"

Scripture Reading John 5:24-29

Text II Kings 13:20-21

Sermon "A Dead Prophet; A Living Spirit" page 4

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Dedication #391 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Offertory The offering is for Focus on the Family

\*Doxology #488 "Now Blessed Be Jehovah God"  
(unannounced)

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

**Welcome to all who worship with us this evening!**  
This evening we welcome Seminarian Aaron Verhoef to lead our  
worship and exhort. Aaron is in his last year of seminary.

### Prayer Matters

#### Illness

Pauline Branderhorst (Parish 2) will undergo aortic valve replacement at Mercy Hospital, on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, Lord willing. She is expected to remain in the hospital for about one week to ten days. Pray that the Lord will grant a successful surgery and speedy recovery. Remember also Marvin Branderhorst in your prayers. He recently experienced a seizure, and will need to see a seizure specialist to see if medication can help prevent other seizures.

Jerald Van Wyk (Parish 14) has been diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus. There is evidence that some lymph nodes are also affected. Jerald will receive 12 weeks of radiation therapy, in Des Moines. After that he will undergo surgery to remove the cancer. Remember the Van Wyks in your prayer during this time of adverse providence. May the Lord bless these measures to the restoration of His servant's health. "Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yes, our God is merciful" Ps. 116:5.

#### Birthdays

We wish God's blessings to Cornelia Tibboel (Parish 6) who will be 87 on January 13. Her address is 607 E. Third St., Apt., 406, Pella.

We also wish birthday blessings to Aletta Hiemstra (Parish 12) who will be 92 on January 14. Her address is 2602 Fifield Road, Apt. 103, Pella.

We also wish birthday blessings to Loren De Zwarte (Parish 1) who will be 80 on January 15. His address is 300 Pine Ave., Pella.

#### Sympathy

We express our Christian sympathy to Carl and Mary Van Steenis (Parish 4) in the death of Carl's father, Clarence Van Steenis, on Sunday, January 3. The funeral was held Friday at Heartland Reformed Church in Pella.

We also express our Christian sympathy to Art and Marge Sneller (Parish 15) in the death of Art's brother, Gerrit Sneller on December 30. The funeral was held Monday at United Methodist Church in Pella.

*A Dead Prophet; A Living Spirit*

Scripture Reading: *John* 5:24-29

Text: *II Kings* 13:20-21

*Tonight at Covenant...*

Evening Worship Service

6:30 pm

No Choir Rehearsal

**Offering**

Focus on the Family

**Infant Nursery:** Linda De Jong, Kathy Van Mersbergen

**Toddler Nursery:** Jill Bandstra, Sarah Posthuma

**Floater:** Sara Runner

**Enfolding**

Brad & Michele Worthington

**Greeters**

Leighton & Diane Frost

**Librarians**

Jan Dieleman, Nancy Robinson, Michelle Meinders

## 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. 6

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, \_\_\_\_\_

I am just passing through \_\_\_\_\_

I just moved here \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a visit \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a visit \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be contacted \_\_\_\_\_

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,  
s of your spiritual needs, we have designed this form to make  
your presence, and if desired to establish contact with you.  
ment to fill it out, and drop it in the offering plate.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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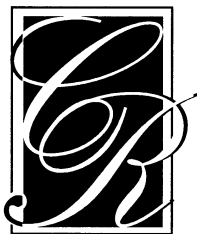
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### **Covenant Reformed Church**

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### **Pastor: Rev. Patrick Edouard**

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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.

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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 dis-  
ruptive 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.