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### **Covenant Reformed Church**

2805 Fifield Road, Pella, IA 50219

Phone: 641/620-1777

Worship Times: 9:30 am and 6:30 pm

E-mail: [covenant@iowatelecom.net](mailto:covenant@iowatelecom.net)

Website: [www.covenantpella.org](http://www.covenantpella.org)

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.

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

Hebrews 4:12a NKJV

Covenant Reformed Church

October 2, 2011 PM

# EVENING WORSHIP

October 2, 2011

## Order of Worship

- Prelude *Organist, Jeana Van Voorst*
- Call to Worship *Psalm 95:6-7*
- Prayer of Invocation
- \*Hymn of Praise #42:1-3 *"Ye Gates, Lift Your Heads"*
- \*God's Greeting
- Reading of the Law *Exodus 20*
- Assurance of Pardon *1 Corinthians 6:11*
- Hymn of Response # 95:1-4 *"Gracious God, My Heart Renew"*
- Congregational Prayer
- \*Hymn of Preparation #483:1-3 *"Come, Ye That Fear Jehovah"*
- Scripture Reading & Text: Page 1255 *Acts 3:11-26*
- Sermon *"The Empowered Church (Part 2)" page 4*
- Prayer of Application
- \*Hymn of Dedication #2:1-5 *"Blest Is He Who Loves God's Precepts"*
- Offertory *The offering is for Christian Education Assistance Fund (CEAF).*
- \*Doxology #490 *"Praise Ye the Lord, Ye Hosts Above"*  
(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. 6

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you;  
not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled,  
neither let it be afraid."

John 14:27

Welcome to all who worship with us this evening!  
Our service will be led this evening by Rev. Simon Lievaart from  
Doon United Reformed Church.

## Prayer Matters

Matt Olivier (Parish 5) is under Hospice Care at the Pella Long Term Care.

Norman Rozendaal (Parish 11) was in an equipment accident on the highway on Wednesday. He had serious head injuries. He was taken to Iowa Methodist Hospital and was able to return home on Thursday. He is very stiff and sore but feels very fortunate to be alive and greatly appreciates all the prayer support and phone calls of concern.

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

## Birthday

We wish birthday blessings to Josephine Gosselink (Parish 11) who will be 81 years old on October 2. Josephine's address is 608 E. 2nd Street, Apt. 125, Pella.

We wish birthday blessings to Lawrence Blom (Parish 2) who will be 88 years old on October 5. Lawrence's address is 2403 Scholte Straat, Pella.

The Search Committee will be meeting, Lord willing, with Rev. Keith Davis this coming Saturday. Rev. Davis is the minister of the United Reformed Church of Lynwood, Illinois. He will lead our services and preach next Sunday, October 9. His wife Laura and some of their children will be coming as well.

The Search Committee will be meeting, Lord willing, with Rev. Christo Heiberg on October 22. Rev. Heiberg is the minister of the Zion United Reformed Church of Sheffield, Ontario, Canada. He will lead our services and preach on October 23. His wife Margherita will be with us also.

## *The Empowered Church (Part 2)*

Scripture Reading & Text: Acts 3:11-26, Page 1255

*Theme: Peter Proclaims to God's People that the Promised Restoration is in Jesus Christ.*

I. The Explanation (v. 11-18)

II. The Exhortation (v. 19-26)

## *Tonight at Covenant...*

**Evening Worship Service**  
6:30 pm

### **Offering**

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

### **Infant Nursery**

Doug & Lisa Van Gorp

### **Toddler Nursery**

Wanda Brand, Kolton Chapman

Floater: Raquel De Graaf

### **Enfolding**

John & Frances Rus

### **Greeters**

Arvin and Carolyn Vander Wilt

### **Librarians**

Darlene Van Hal, Bill & Marilyn Ver Meer