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### Covenant Reformed Church

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Phone: 641/620-1777

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

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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.

For the  
Word of God  
is living  
and powerful.

Hebrews 4:12a NKJV

Covenant Reformed Church

June 26, 2011 PM

EVENING WORSHIP  
June 26, 2011

Order of Worship

- Prelude *Organist, Stephanie Van Mersbergen*
- Call to Worship *Psalm 117:1-2*
- Prayer of Invocation
- \*Hymn of Praise #301:1-4 *"Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"*
- \*God's Greeting
- Reading of the Law *Exodus 20*
- Assurance of Pardon *Micah 7:18-20*
- Hymn of Response # 232:1-4 *"O Praise the Lord, for He Is Good"*
- Congregational Prayer
- \*Hymn of Preparation #390:1-4 *"Eternal Spirit, God of Truth"*
- Scripture Reading & Text *Acts 17:16-34*
- Sermon *"Proclaiming the Unknown" page 4*
- Prayer of Application
- \*Hymn of Dedication #410:1-4 *"Come to the Savior Now"*
- Offertory *The offering is for Wycliff-LeMahieu's Ladies Chorus singing "Be Thou My Vision"*
- \*Doxology #490:1-2 *"Praise Ye the Lord, Ye Hosts Above"*
- \*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

"Praise the LORD, call upon His name; Declare His deeds among the peoples, Make mention that His name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, For He has done excellent things; This is known in all the earth."

Isaiah 12:4b-5

Welcome to all who worship with us this evening!

Our service will be led this evening by Rev. Bradd Nymeyer.

### Prayer Matters

Evelyn Gross's surgeries went smoothly this week, and she is recovering well. Her family hopes to have her home in the next few weeks. Please pray for her continued healing.

### Council News

D.V., the profession of faith of Jenna Horstman and Bryce De Zwart will take place on July 3rd at the evening service. Brennan Veenstra, Kayla De Bruin, Raquel De Graaf, and Moriah Worthington will profess their faith on August 14th during the morning service, D.V.

### Baptism

Next Sunday morning, D.V., we will witness the baptism of Aleah Hope, infant daughter of Drew & Heidi Van Wyk (Parish 9), and Jesse James, infant son of Terry & Jennifer Thorington (Parish 12).

### Congratulations

Arvin & Carolyn Vander Wilt (Parish 12) will celebrate 50 years of marriage on June 29, 2011. Their children, Doug, Julie, and Tom invite you to an open house held at our church on Tuesday, July 5, from 5:00-8:00 pm. Please let your presence be your gift.

### Gift of New Life

We join Aaron & Hannah Verhoef (Parish 14) in giving thanks to God for the birth of their daughter, Natalie Daisy Elise. She was born on Sunday, June 19.

# *Proclaiming the Unknown*

Scripture Reading & Text: Acts 17:16-34

I. The Wonderful Opportunity

II. The Glorious Proclamation

III. The Varied Response

## *Tonight at Covenant...*

Evening Worship Service

6:30 pm

Offerings

Wycliff-LeMahieu's

Infant Nursery

Holly Schiebout, Carolyn Ver Meer

Toddler Nursery

Laurel De Vries, Kenden Veenstra

Floater: Andrea Horstman

Enfolding

Brad & Michele Worthington

Greeters

Ron & Annabelle Meinders

Impromptu Hospitality Hosts

Harold & Ruth Gorter

Librarians

Nancy Robinson, Lisa Van Gorp, Marie Schiebout