

Birthday

We wish birthday blessings to Marge Fopma (Parish 3) who will be 80 years old on July 27. Marge's address is 708 Brentwood Street, Pella.

We wish birthday blessings to Harriet Brand (Parish 4) who will be 89 years old on July 30. Harriet's address is 1546 Pleasant Drive, Pella.

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

Website: 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.

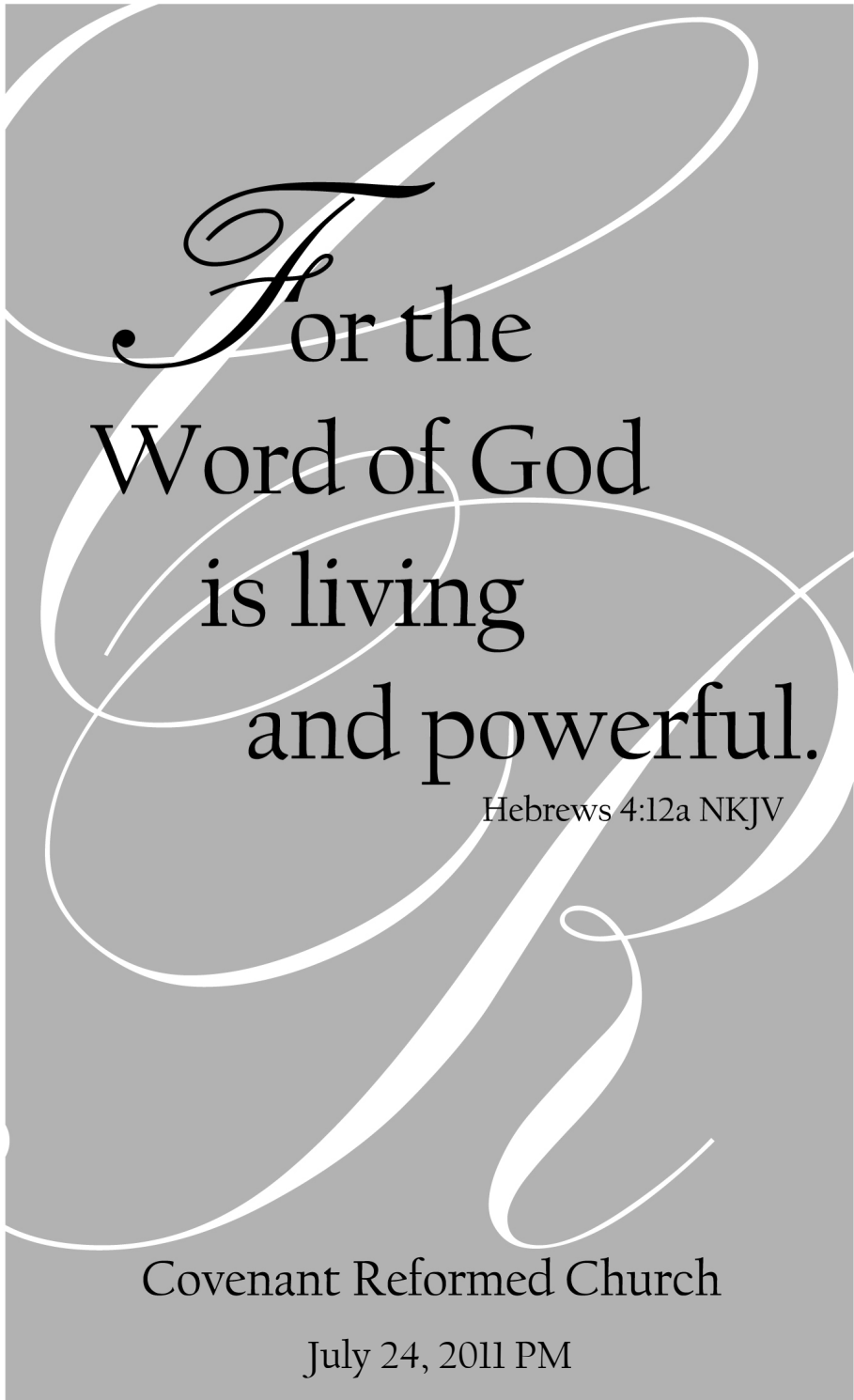
We also sponsor the Reformed Pulpit heard every weeknight on KCWN at 8:05 p.m.

Our services can also be heard on KCOB 95.9 FM or 1280 AM at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday Mornings.

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.



For the
Word of God
is living
and powerful.

Hebrews 4:12a NKJV

Covenant Reformed Church

July 24, 2011 PM

EVENING WORSHIP

July 24, 2011

Order of Worship

Prelude Organist, Ruth De Vries
"How Great Thou Art" & "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Call to Worship Psalm 96:1-4

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Praise #180 "It Is Good to Sing Thy Praises"

*God's Greeting

*Apostles' Creed - **PH, inside front cover**

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

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation #361 "Praise the Savior"

Scripture Reading: Page 1416 Revelation 12

Scripture Text: Vv. 6, 10-11, 14-15

Sermon "The Church Protected and Triumphant" page 4

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Dedication #469 "By the Sea of Crystal"

Offertory The offering is for Christian Education Assistance Fund (CEAF).
"Abide With Me"

*Doxology #326:1-2 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"
(unannounced)

*Benediction

*Postlude "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

*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

"Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know."

Jeremiah 33:3

Welcome to all who worship with us this evening!
Our service will be led this evening by Dr. Cornelis Venema,
President of Mid-America Reformed Seminary.

Prayer Matters

John Sturmsma (Parish 1) was taken to University Hospitals in Iowa City on Friday, July 15, for tests following a seizure. He has improved and is waiting for a transfer to a hospital for physical therapy. He is thankful for all of your prayers.

The CRYPS ask you to remember them in prayer this week as they attend the Reformed Youth Services Convention. Kayla DeBruin, Raquel De Graaf, Bryce De Zwarte, Lance De Zwarte, Shannon Fynaardt, Danny Hessian, Jenna Horstman, Josh Van Gorp, and Cailee Veenstra along with two leaders, Jocelyn Meinders and Steve Runner, will be traveling to Dordt College in Sioux Center on Monday and returning on Friday. Please pray that they will be safe in their travels, encouraged from the speakers, and energized by the fun and fellowship during the week. Thanks for remembering them in prayer this week.

The Cadets ask that you remember them in prayer this week as they attend the International Camporee at Camp Whitetail in Central Michigan. The boys that are going are Tristan Chapman, Kyle Meinders, John Meinders, William Meinders, and Timothy Van Donselaar. Don Van Maanen and Dr. John Kanis will be going to serve on the medical staff. They will be leaving on Tuesday, July 26, and returning on Wednesday, August 3. Pray for safety in all that they do.

Gift of New Life

We rejoice with Tim and Kelli Kruid (Parish 9) in the birth of a daughter, Kayli Jo. She was born Monday, July 18th.

Sympathy

We express our Christian sympathy to Joel and Deb Braafhart (Parish 8) in the death of Deb's father, Marv Kooyman. The funeral service was held this past Saturday at the First Christian Reformed Church in Pella. He was 75 years old.

Marriage

We express thanksgiving to the Lord for the marriage of Ben Van Wyk and Bailey Van Vark, who were united in the covenant of marriage this past Saturday. They will live at 707 1/2 Franklin Street, Pella.

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The Church Protected and Triumphant

Scripture Reading: Revelation 12, Page 1416

Scripture Text: Vv. 6, 10-11, 14-15

I. The Church Protected

II. The Church Triumphant

Tonight at Covenant...

Evening Worship Service

6:30 pm

Offering

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

Infant Nursery

Marilyn Ver Meer, Jean De Graaf

Toddler Nursery

Libby Te Grotenhuis, Timothy Van Donselaar

Floater: Elizabeth Verhoef

Enfolding

Jerry & Rosie Terborg

Greeters

Don & Mary Ann Olivier

Librarians

Darlene Van Hal, Judy De Vries, Linda De Jong