

Who We Are

"Reformed" churches are, quite simply, Christian churches that worship and serve Jesus Christ. The Bible, God's holy Word, is the supreme authority in our church. The label "Reformed" is taken from the Protestant "Reformers" of the 16th and 17th centuries. The Lord used these Christian men and women to challenge the corrupted, "de-formed" Roman Catholic Church of that day with the basic teachings of God's Word. We strive to continue in the tradition of these brave Christians by holding fast to the truth, always "reforming" our own beliefs and lives in the light of Scripture.

There are many Reformed denominations and federations in the United States and around the world. And these Reformed churches are part of an even broader family of historic Protestant churches (Lutherans, Anglicans/Episcopalians, and Presbyterians). We are a member congregation of the United Reformed Churches in North America, a theologically conservative, Bible-based federation of churches. Our church was founded over 80 years ago by some Dutch immigrant families who moved into the Ontario area. These families were descendants of the original Reformed Church in the Netherlands, which the Lord had blessed tremendously with His grace and truth. Today, our church is made up of men, women, and children from many different ethnic and even religious backgrounds.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary;

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell;

The third day he rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand

of God the Father Almighty;

From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

I believe a holy catholic (universal) Church, the communion of saints;

The forgiveness of sins;

The resurrection of the body;

And the life everlasting. Amen.

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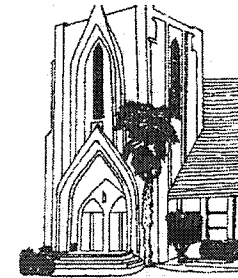
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Church Office Hours: Thursday & Friday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Sunday Worship Services: 10:00 am and 5:30 pm

January 29, 2012



We welcome each person who has gathered here to worship God. If you are visiting us, we ask that you provide us with your name and other information either by signing the book at the back entrance, or filling out the visitor card in the bench. Immediately after the worship service refreshments will be served outside at the south kitchen window.

This morning, Pastor Adam preaches from Ephesians chapter four, where the apostle Paul brings to light a series of basic, defining characteristics that ought to describe us. Each of them are directly rooted in the privileged identity we have received in Christ. Each of them ought to appear in every aspect of our lives.

At the conclusion of our morning service, we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. If you are visiting with us, please carefully read the announcement inside, which explains our elders' policy regarding visitors who wish to participate with us in this sacrament. Thank you for respecting our policy.

This evening, Pastor Ruben brings our message. Before our Lord Jesus ascended to heaven, He instructed His disciples about His life, death and resurrection. He also reiterated His promise that He would send them the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would guide the church in her witness to the world. After the disciples saw Jesus ascend to heaven, two angels appeared to them and reassured them that Jesus would return. Although Jesus is in heaven, He is still active in governing the church through His Spirit and Word.

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January 29, 2012



~ Morning Service ~

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Order of Worship

Call to Worship
*God's Greeting
*The Holy Law
 *Song of Confession: # 10 (all)
 Silent Confession
The Holy Gospel
 Forgiveness of Sins
*Song of Praise & Thanksgiving: # 3 (all)
Pastoral Prayer
Offerings ~ 1: General Fund
 2: Benevolence Fund
*Song of Preparation: # 295 (all)
Scripture: Ephesians 1:1-6 (p. 1817)
Sermon: "A Life Worthy of Our Calling"
*Song of Application: # 406 (all)
Lord's Supper
*Benediction
*Doxology (# 321 vs. 4)
 Greet One Another in Christ

*"New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,
We reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.
To Holy Ghost be praises, to Father, and to Son;
The Church her voice upraises to Thee, blest Three in One."*

*Preaching: Rev. Adam M. Kaloostian
Organist: Julie Geertsma*

**Indicates the congregation will stand, as able.*

~ Evening Service ~

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Song Service: **HFG # 40 (all) and # 98 (all)**
Prayer Requests

Order of Worship

Call to Worship
*God's Greeting
*Song of Praise: # 14 (all)
*Apostles' Creed (back of bulletin)
Pastoral Prayer
Offering: General Fund
*Song of Preparation: # 42 (all)
Scripture: Acts 1:1-11 (p. 1690)
Sermon: "Au Revoir See You Again"
*Song of Response: # 120 (all)
*Benediction
*Doxology: (# 493)

*"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen"*

*Preaching: Rev. Ruben Sernas
Pianist: Sheri Westfall*

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Church Calendar

Today (29th)

11:30 – Sunday School
11:30 – New Members Class

Wednesday (1st)

3:00 pm – Inland Home Hymnsing
6:30 pm – GEMS

Sunday – February 12, 2012

Cookies: L. Hood, J. Horton, J. Howerzyl, P. Huizenga, P. Huizenga, Jr.,
A. Hunt, A. Kaloostian, and N. Kaloostian.

Sunday – February 19, 2012

Potluck: A – M/Main Dish ~ N – Z/Side Dish

Visitors at the Lord's Supper

We are delighted that you have decided to worship the Lord with our church family today. At the conclusion of our service, we will be celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. If you wish to partake with us, we have two requirements: 1) You must be a professing member (not presently under church discipline) of a confessional Reformed or Presbyterian church, and 2) you must agree with the summary of basic Bible teachings found in the *Heidelberg Catechism*, *Belgic Confession*, and *Canons of Dordt*. Or, if you are a professing member of a confessional Lutheran or Episcopalian church, please speak with the pastor about partaking next time. If you do not meet these requirements, or you are not sure where you stand on these matters, please pass the trays of bread and wine along in the benches without partaking.

Please understand that if you do not meet these requirements, we are not saying that you are not our brother or sister in the Lord! Our elders maintain this policy because we are obligated to protect you and your family, and to protect our congregation as a whole. The apostle Paul says in 1 Cor. 11 that "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord," and "anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." As we seek to keep "good order" in all of our church affairs (1 Cor. 14:40), this policy helps us to be reasonably assured that you are a like-minded believer before you partake with us. If you have any questions about the policy or the reasons for it, please see our pastor, and he will be happy to speak with you.

Church Announcements

Little Lambs – We meet in room #4 during the 2nd half of the worship service. The children will leave the auditorium through the back doors during the last song before the sermon. This group is for children age 3 (by October 1, 2011) through kindergarten.

Hymnsing - Our church is scheduled to sing at the Hymnsing at the Inland Christian Home this Wednesday at 3:00 pm. Anyone that loves to sing is invited and asked to join them in the dining area of the Skilled Nursing Facility.

Rev. Bill Green (URCNA missionary to Costa Rica) has been suspended from office according to Article 61 and recalled from the mission field. However no gross sin has been committed. The consistory of Bethany URC (Wyoming, Michigan) is working with him in order to restore him to the ministry. Please pray for Rev. Green and his wife Aletha.

Office Hours:

- Pastor Adam plans to be in the office Monday 11 – 4, Wednesday 1 - 5 and Thursday 8 - noon. You may call him anytime at (951) 264-8520 to speak with him or to schedule an appointment.
- Pastor Ruben will be in his office this Monday & Wednesday from 9 – 5. You may call him anytime on his cell phone at (909) 615-5738 to speak with him or to arrange an appointment.

This week's special offering is for our church's Benevolence Fund. Our deacons maintain this fund in order to help provide for the needs (food, rent, utilities, etc.) of our people who may be struggling.

Next week's special offering is for Westminster Seminary California in Escondido. Along with Mid-America Reformed Seminary, Westminster trains the majority of the men who end up serving in our URCNA churches. Many faculty members at WSC are ministers in the URCNA, including the President Dr. Godfrey, and Dr. Mike Horton, and Dr. Scott Clark. More information about the school can be found online at wscal.edu.

ELDERS VISITATIONS WITH MEMBERS

The purpose of this brief "family visitation" by the elders is simply to provide us an opportunity to hear about how you are doing, and to encourage you in the faith and your Christian life. The elders attempt to meet with every church member family or individual for this "family visitation" once per year. Please make every effort to be available for the meeting, or to contact one of the elders to reschedule the time.

Monday, January 30, 2012 (NOTE THE DATE CHANGE)

7:00 pm

Mike Henry
Mike Back

Bill & Stacy
Burk

Ken Drost
Neal Westfall

8:15 pm

Joe & Chris
Horton

Ed & Alicia
Silva

Date & Time to be determined:

Jim McLaughlin
Gabe Martinez

Wilbur & Arlys
Veen

Ulises & Letty
Flotte

Pastor Ruben
Rudy Fabela

Ruben & Rosita
Rodriguez

Gabriel & Rosy
Gutierrez

***If you cannot meet at the scheduled time, please contact your elder TODAY.**

Requested Announcements

Inland Christian Home Auxiliary Meeting: Wednesday, February 8. Come join us at 9:30 am for refreshments and 10:00 for the meeting in the Friendship Center. A member "Appreciation Luncheon" will be served following the meeting.

Providence Christian College Golf Tournament! Come and play in the 4th Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, April 9 at San Dimas Canyon Golf Course. Enjoy a great afternoon of golf and help support athletics at Providence and our new men's soccer program (sponsorships are available). Get more information and register on the college website at www.providencecc.net or by calling (626) 696-4000.

Requested Announcements (cont'd)

Giving to your Valentine has never been so sweet....Join us Friday, February 10 for Salem Christian Homes "Treats for Your Sweet" fundraiser. Delicious and gourmet goodies, beautiful jewelry and other affordable gifts will be available to purchase all while giving back to the 114 individuals with developmental disabilities who live at Salem! This elite edible extravaganza will be held in CrossPoint Church's Fellowship Hall in Chino (across the street from Salem's Administration Offices) from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. Stop by anytime, for a one stop shop for all your Valentine's Day gifts for friends, teachers, grandparents, family, and of course, your sweetheart. Enjoy live entertainment from our very own Ontario URC's children's choir, other local children's choirs and your Salem Stars! No RSVP is required for this casual event. Go to salemchristianhomes.org or call (909) 614-0585 for more details.



Spanish Language Ministry

We offer Sunday morning worship services for those more comfortable worshipping our Lord in the Spanish language at 10:00 am, in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Ruben Sernas is preaching weekly on the doctrines of the Reformed faith. Everyone is encouraged to support the Hispanic Ministry by praying, inviting family and friends to attend, and by greeting and welcoming our visitors. Students studying Spanish might also benefit from participating in these services.

Ministerio en Español

Ofrecemos un Servicio de Adoración los domingos en la mañana para aquellos que desean estar más cómodos adorando a nuestro Señor en Español a las 10:00 en el salón de compañerismo. Revdo. Rubén Sernas está predicando semanalmente en las doctrinas de la fe Reformada. Les animamos a todos a apoyar el Ministerio Hispano orando, invitando familia y amigos a venir a los servicios de adoración, y saludando y dando la bienvenida a los visitantes. Los estudiantes que están estudiando español podrían también beneficiarse participando en estos servicios.

Serving Today – January 29, 2012

Greeters: Noah & Christin Kaloostian

Nursery AM: Infant – Sue Howerzyl
Toddlers – Joanne Boersma & Heather Huizenga

Nursery – PM: Jennifer Back & Marilee Parker

Little Lambs: Jennifer & Mia Martinez

Sound Room: Josh Martinez

Library for January: Christina Bejarano

Coffee Servers: Mark & Shawn Caro

Security Watch: AM – Mark Caro PM – Bryan Castleman

Elder for Spanish Language Ministry: Rudy Fabela



Serving Next Week – February 5, 2012

Greeters: David & Maria King

Nursery AM: Infant – Becky Henry
Toddlers – Shawn Caro & Anabel Fabela

Nursery – PM: Christin Kaloostian & Becky McIlhenny

Little Lambs: Heather Huizenga & Hannah Moreno

Sound Room: Eric DeGroot

Library for February: Tena Meinders & Janice Shank

Coffee Servers: Tom & Jerilynn Czobakowski

Security Watch: AM – Edwin Cuahuizo PM – Frank Cuomo

Elder for Spanish Language Ministry: Gabe Martinez

Ontario United Reformed Church

Rev. Adam M. Kaloostian

January 29, 2012 ~ 10:00 AM

Ephesians 1:1-6

“A Life Worthy of Our Calling”

I. Our Reality

II. Our Responsibility