

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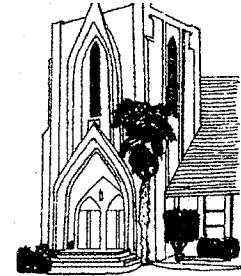
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Church Office Hours: Thursday & Friday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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

January 8, 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 2, where Paul revels in the work of Jesus Christ on our behalf in order that we would be encouraged and reinvigorated for faith and obedience. The world (and even ourselves) can interpret our lives in twisted and even discouraging ways, but these views and negativity are not the reality of who we are in Christ and because of Christ.

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.

Tonight, Pastor Adam preaches from the Word of God as summarized in the Canons of the Synod of Dordt. We are reintroduced to these teachings tonight as well as thoughtful about what difference it will make in our lives to think and live according to the gracious, biblical gospel.

Please join us tonight as the Hospitality Committee hosts a fellowship time after the evening service!

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~ Morning Service ~

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Order of Worship

Call to Worship
Votum
God's Greeting
The Holy Law
Prayer of Confession
Silent Confession
The Holy Gospel
Forgiveness of Sins
*Songs of Praise & Thanksgiving: # 317 (all)
204 (1, 2, 4)
Pastoral Prayer
Offerings ~ 1: General Fund
2: Rev. Allan VanderPol
*Song of Preparation: # 247 (all)
Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-22 (p. 1818)
Sermon: "What Christ Has Done for His People"
*Song of Thanksgiving: # 166 (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."*

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, now confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

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

*Indicates the congregation will stand, as able.



~ Evening Service ~

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Song Service: **HFG # 387 (1, 3) and # 439 (all)**
Prayer Requests

Order of Worship

Call to Worship
*God's Greeting
*Song of Praise: **HFG # 373 (all)**
*Apostles' Creed (back of bulletin)
Pastoral Prayer
Offering: General Fund
*Song of Preparation: # 154 (1, 6)
Canons of Dordt, Conclusion (p. 114)
Scripture: Romans 11:1-6 (p. 1761)
Sermon: "What Difference Does This Make?"
*Song of Praise: # 62 (1, 4, 5)
*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"*

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Pianist: Julie Geertsma

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Church Calendar

Today (8th)

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

Monday (9th)

6:30 pm – Council Meeting

Wednesday (11th)

2:00 pm – Senior Bible Study
6:30 pm – High School Catechism

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, 2011

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.

Hospitality Event – Please join us after the evening worship service tonight for a time of fellowship with yummy snacks and drinks.

Senior Bible Study – meets this Wednesday, January 11 at 2:00 pm. Please join us for a time of fellowship and study.

High School Catechism – meets this Wednesday, January 11, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Please join us for dinner and discussion at church!

Library News - some books checked out from the church library are a month or more overdue and it would be appreciated if they could be returned so that others may have the opportunity to check them out.

In the New Year, our ushers will encourage us to sit closer together toward the front of the auditorium. Also, we encourage everyone to commit to making it to church a little early so we can be in the auditorium together when we begin our services. Paul Garcia, who will serve us as Head Usher, will be signing men up to take an occasional turn in the usher rotation, so please, if you are able, consider helping us in this way. Thank you! We will enclose in the bulletin this week and next the guidelines for our ushers, so we can all understand what they are trying to do and help them to serve us better.

Office Hours:

- Pastor Adam plans to be in the office on Tuesday from 9:30 - 4:30, Wednesday from 9 - 2 and Friday from 9 - 11. 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 and 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 Rev. Allen VanderPol. This past fall, Rev. Vander Pol traveled to Myanmar (Burma) and Manila to teach some Miami Int'l Seminary (MINTS) courses and encourage the development of MINTS study centers there. Check out his most recent newsletter that is posted on the foyer and office bulletin boards.

Next week's special offering is for Inland Christian Home. Our offerings go toward the C.A.R.E. Fund, which has been set up to assist those residents who cannot afford to pay for the full cost of health or retirement services.

Church Family

Alice DeLeeuw returned home from the hospital quickly but the doctors are uncertain of what ails her. Please pray for Alice as she rests, as she has been lacking energy and basically feels sick all over.

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 8, 2012

Greeters: Joe & Chris Horton

Nursery AM: Infant - Becky McIlhenny
Toddlers - Jennifer & Gabby Martinez

Nursery - PM: Tena Meinders & Sheri Westfall

Little Lambs: Jamie Beeson & Haley/Corey Aguirre

Sound Room: Josh Martinez

Library for January: Christina Bejarano

Coffee Servers: Ken Drost & Sue Howerzyl

Security Watch: AM - Joe Aguirre PM - Charles Baker

Elder for Spanish Language Ministry: Gabe Martinez



Serving Next Week - January 15, 2012

Greeters: Paul & Doreane Huizenga

Nursery AM: Infant - Jennifer Back
Toddlers - Joyce & Nathaniel Belden

Nursery - PM: Alicia & Madeleine Silva

Little Lambs: Liz DeGroot & Caley McLaughlin

Sound Room: Eric DeGroot

Library for January: Christina Bejarano

Coffee Servers: Tena & Cheryl Meinders

Security Watch: AM - Bill Bejarano PM - Dave Belden

Elder for Spanish Language Ministry: Rudy Fabela

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Rev. Adam M. Kaloostian

January 8, 2012 ~ 10:00 AM

Ephesians 2:1-22

“What Christ Has Done for His People”

I. He Makes Us a New Humanity

II. He Reconciles Us to the Father

III. He Makes Us a Temple

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January 8, 2012 ~ 5:30 PM

Romans 11:1-6

“What Difference Does This Make?”

I. It's Either Grace or It Isn't

II. Differences in Souls

III. Differences in Lives

IV. Differences in Churches