

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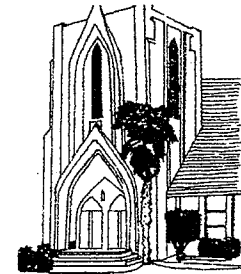
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Church Office Hours: Thursday & Friday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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

February 5, 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 instructs us further about both how the Lord equips us to grow, and what our spiritual growth should result in.

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, we continue our preaching series through the Word of God as summarized in the Canons of the Synod of Dort. The preliminaries are out of the way - and now in chapter one the canons give one of the most helpful, clear, and concise definitions of predestination/election available. We can use this brief definition as a tool in order to avoid confusion and keep the basic Bible teaching about the gracious gospel clear in our thinking and speaking.

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~ Morning Service ~

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Order of Worship

Call to Worship
*Votum
*God's Greeting
*The Holy Law
 *Song of Praise & Confession: # 98 (1 - 3, 6, 8)
 Prayer of Praise & Confession: **The Lord's Prayer**
The Holy Gospel
 Forgiveness of Sins
*Song of Thanksgiving: HFG # 260 (1, 3, 4)
Pastoral Prayer
Offerings ~ 1: General Fund
 2: Westminster Seminary
*Song of Preparation: # 422 (1, 2)
Scripture: **Ephesians 3:20-21; 4:1-16 (p. 1820)**
Sermon: **"Christ Gives Himself, So We Give Ourselves"**
*Song of Application: # 468 (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 # 263 (all)**
Prayer Requests

Order of Worship

Call to Worship
*God's Greeting
*Song of Praise: # 160 (all)
*Apostles' Creed (back of bulletin)
Pastoral Prayer
Offering: General Fund
*Song of Preparation: # 241 (all)
Canons of Dordt, Head One, Article 7 (p. 93)
Scripture: **Romans 9:1-29 (p. 1758)**
Sermon: **"Election is..."**
*Song of Praise: # 387 (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"*

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Church Calendar

Today (5th)

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

Wednesday (8th)

1:00 pm – Women's 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, 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.

Our Women's Bible Study meets this Wednesday at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall at church. We have decided on a book for our lessons. The book is titled "Legacy of Faith: From Women of the Bible to Women of Today." For those able to participate in the study, a copy of the book should be available today to pick up at church, and definitely the study guide will be available today on the back foyer table. Please read chapter one on Eve before Wednesday and work through the study guide questions, making some notes to bring with you.

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

Cookies will be served after the morning worship service next Sunday. Please check the church calendar section to see if you are scheduled to bring cookies.

Office Hours:

- Pastor Adam plans to be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 - 4. 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 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.

Next week's special offering is for Ontario Christian School Tuition Assistance. This fund is administered by the school for families who wish to give their children a Christian education but are not able to afford full tuition.

Requested Announcements

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

The Board of 3 Way Thrift Store is seeking the names of individuals who would be interested in serving on the Board of 3 Way Thrift Store. If you are interested in serving or would like to recommend someone, please contact Board President Rick Jasper at: (909) 816-0341 or by e-mail: jasperrick@hotmail.com. Please respond by February 15, 2012.

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.providenceccc.net or by calling (626) 696-4000.

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 saalemchristianhomes.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 - 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

Serving Next Week - February 12, 2012

Greeters: Dave & Marilee Parker

Nursery AM: Infant - Leah Sernas

Toddlers - Kathe & Haley Aguirre

Nursery - PM: Sue Howerzyl & Sheri Westfall

Little Lambs: Stacy & Ashlynn Burk

Sound Room: Mike Back

Library for February: Tena Meinders & Janice Shank

Coffee Servers: Tad & Julie Decker

Security Watch: AM - Thomas Czobakowski **PM -** Eric DeGroot

Elder for Spanish Language Ministry: Rudy Fabela

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Rev. Adam M. Kaloostian

February 5, 2012 ~ 10:00 AM

Ephesians 3:20-21; 4:1-16

“Christ Gives Himself, So We Give Ourselves”

I. With What the Lord Equips Us

II. How the Lord Equips Us

III. For What the Lord Equips Us

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February 5, 2012 ~ 5:30 PM
Romans 9:1-29
"Election is..."

I. Election's Foundations

II. What Our Election Is

III. How Our Election Works