

First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Fresno

We are committed to the full inspiration and authority of the Bible in all matters of faith and life. We believe that the truth of Scripture is knowable and necessary for salvation for faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ (Rom. 10:17). Since Christ commissioned the church to make disciples of all nations, we believe it is part of our duty to set forth the truth of Scripture clearly so that we may teach one another to observe all that Christ has commanded (Matt. 28:20).

In light of the above, we believe that the most comprehensive and accurate summary of biblical teaching is found in the *Westminster Confession of Faith*, together with the *Westminster Larger* and *Shorter Catechisms*. These documents were completed in 1647 as a summary of Christian belief and practice, with the desired intention of helping Christ's church become unified in doctrine, government, and worship (John 17:11). In addition to the Westminster Standards, we also maintain the *Testimony of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America*, which is our denomination's own continuing and contemporary application of the Word of God to our current culture and context.

Although we earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints (Jude 3), we also sincerely desire that our theology would transform our individual and family life. Thus, we strive to love and serve one another in the church and seek to be lights in a dark world. In both our doctrine and practice, our ultimate goal is to glorify God and enjoy Him in all things (1 Cor. 10:31; Ps. 16:11).

**Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

Psalms 95:6



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Today's Schedule – February 3, 2019

Sunday School.....	9:30 AM
Morning Worship.....	10:30 AM
Evening Worship.....	5:30 PM

Welcome

We welcome you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We hope you will be encouraged and edified, having heard Biblical truth in love.

Visitors

If this is your first time worshiping with us, please take note of the following:

Church Introduction & Order of Worship

Our church is part of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, which holds to the Westminster Confession of Faith. On the back of the pew in front of you, you will find a Bible (black) and Psalter (blue). This bulletin includes our order of worship.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the fellowship hall.

Nursery

We love having children in the sanctuary throughout the service, but if you should have need, the nursery is available. A nursing mother/sleeping baby room and worship training room are located in the back of the sanctuary. A toddler nursery (with volunteers ready to serve) is located in the fellowship hall, next to the kitchen.

Mobile devices

Please take a moment to double check that your cell phone or other mobile device has been silenced.

Fellowship

Please join us for coffee, snacks, and fellowship after the morning worship service.

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Elders: Sam Ketcham (pastor), Bus Archer, Dan Gathright & Paul Hemphill

Deacons: Harold Harikian, Christina Harikian, & Jason Paul

This Week's Prayer Items (contact Paul Hemphill @ 559-392-2139)

Pray for the Ketcham family

Pray for Elder Bus Archer in his service to the church

Pray for our sister congregation in Edmonton, Alberta

Pray for Reformed Presbyterian Home Missions

Pray for Christina Harikian's health

Pray for our government leaders (national, state, and local)

Pray for our home-bound and elderly members

Pray for evangelism opportunities for our congregation

Pray for our expectant mothers: Dorsey Ketcham and Lupe Ortega

Pray for members struggling with disease and sickness

“Persevering through difficulties”

2 Samuel 15:13-37

Sermon Lesson: Christians, in order to follow Christ faithfully, persevere through the difficulties of hostility, discomfort, unfamiliarity, inconvenience and pride.

Outline:

- I. Hostility

- II. Discomfort

- III. Unfamiliarity

- IV. Inconvenience

- V. Pride

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Contact: Paul Hemphill (559-392-2139)

This Week:

Wed. (1/2) – Prayer Meeting & Fellowship Meal @ 6:30 PM at the Archers (13756 E. Rialto, Sanger)
A-F (Side Dish); G-L (Dessert); M-Z (Main Dish)

Looking Ahead:

February Session Visitations: Gathrights, Hemphills, & Archers
Ladies B'Day Dinners on 2nd Wed. of month (2/13 next).
Saturday, Feb. 23 – Annual Congregational Meeting
Thur. - Sat – Pacific Coast Presbytery Fall Meeting at the (3/7 – 3/9) Squamish RP Church in British Columbia
July 29-Aug 2 – Pacific Coast Presbytery Summer Conference Bellingham, WA (www.pcsummercamp.com)

Volunteer Rotations:

Nursery (rotation list through December on nursery door)
Morning
Today – Samantha Paul Next Week (2/10) – Lori McCracken
Evening
Today – M. Hemphill Next Week (2/10) – Ashley Burns
Refreshments (rotation list through Dec. on secretary office door)
Today – Parishes Next Week (2/10) – Martins
Precenter
Today – Simon Parish Next Week (2/10) – Paul Hemphill

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Today – Stephanie Aguilar

