

 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Romans 1:7*

Welcome!

It is our hope that you will feel welcome in our midst as we worship the Lord together. Please allow us to introduce ourselves, and help you get to know us better.

Cornerstone Canadian Reformed Church is a congregation that has a vibrant church life. We are focused on serving the Lord with a committed, enthusiastic faith, being devoted to one another in brotherly love and honoring one another above ourselves.

Cornerstone is an established congregation with a rich history that dates back more than half a century. The congregation was initially founded by ambitious post-war Dutch immigrants who came to Canada seeking opportunities to work and raise families. Almost immediately these immigrants committed themselves to establishing Reformed churches and Christian school societies, the fruit of which remains with us today in numerous churches and Christian schools across Canada.

WHY ARE WE A REFORMED CHURCH?

The word "Reformed" is linked to the Protestant Reformation of the sixteenth century when God raised up individuals such as Martin Luther and John Calvin to direct the church back to its theological moorings and to accept afresh the supreme authority of the Word of God.

We at Cornerstone are heirs of this movement in history and, as such, adhere to doctrinal standards produced by the Reformation church—namely, the Belgic Confession (1561), the Heidelberg Catechism (1563), and the Canons of Dort (1618-1619).



WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT THE CHURCH

We believe that God calls believers in Jesus Christ, his Son, together in communities called churches. We believe that authentic churches can be distinguished from counterfeits through the recognition of three marks:

1. The faithful preaching of the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ.
2. The proper administration of the sacraments (the rituals appointed by Jesus Christ—namely, baptism and the Lord's Supper).
3. The diligent exercise of church discipline by which members of the church, and especially her leaders, keep one another accountable to the vows of membership and the teachings of the Bible.

THE HOLY SACRAMENTS

One should expect to see the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper administered regularly in our worship services as visible and tangible presentations of the gospel.

Baptism is typically administered to the infant children of believers and occasionally to adults who have come to believe in Jesus later in life. Baptism indicates God's pledge to adopt individuals into his family and provide them with everything they need, not least the forgiveness of sins.

The Lord's Supper is a ritual meal intended for those who have publicly professed allegiance to the Lord as a means of nurturing their faith in Christ and uniting them together as members of God's loving family.

The benefits of the sacraments are enjoyed only through faith in Jesus Christ.

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

A worship service is a time when God meets with his people to speak to them, especially through the sermon preached. His people respond to his hospitality and Word through prayer, offerings, and the singing of psalms and hymns found in our songbook called the Book of Praise.

The congregation assembles twice on Sundays for such worship services. In the morning service, the pastor will typically preach Bible texts he chooses and in the afternoon service his subject material will usually be determined by the sequence of topics found in the Heidelberg Catechism, one of our doctrinal standards.

Be sure to pick up a copy of our weekly bulletin in which you can find information about our worship services and congregational life. Each week, one family volunteers to be the host family and, as such, opens their home to guests and visitors for refreshments and a meal. An usher will be happy to direct you to the host family. Feel free to ask!

*"The LORD bless you
and keep you;*

*the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;*

*the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace."* NUMBERS 6: 24-26

Congregational Activities

God's love for us in Jesus Christ is truly amazing. When we entrust ourselves to him, we experience that love and begin to want to reflect it into society around.

Here at Cornerstone there are many opportunities to serve Christ. You will find below some of the activities and groups provided for interested families and individuals.

Adult Study Societies

- Various Adult Bible Study Groups
- Senior's Study Group
- Community Bible Discovery Group
- College & Careers

Programs for Teens and Children

- Youth Group
- GEMS & CADETS
- Cornerstone Kid's Club & Vacation Bible School
- Catechism Instruction

Voice of the Church Radio Broadcast

This radio broadcast program can be heard on WDCX-FM every Saturday at 10:30am and every Sunday at 5:45pm.
www.voiceofthechurch.org

New Members Class

A class which explains the basics of the gospel for newcomers and for those desiring to join our church by public profession of faith.

Fellowship Groups

In a large church such as ours, the creation of small groups helps members to really connect with other believers. Groups meet monthly and enjoy various activities together.

You are most welcome to join us for worship each Sunday at 9:30 am and 3:30 pm.

Child care provided

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CHRIST JESUS
himself as the chief
CORNERSTONE

Ephesians 2:20

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visitors &
new members

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