



## Typical Schedule

Please refer to the church website. Thank you.

### What else should I know?

The Los Angeles Reformed Presbyterian Church is a congregation that reflects the values and beliefs of the Protestant Reformation and is committed to seeing people repent of their sins, come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and growing in grace and knowledge (2 Peter 3:18).

You will see that we are a friendly congregation that loves to welcome all kinds of people into our worship services. We believe that the Church of Jesus is to be like a hospital for sinners as each of us seek to grow in our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ through the Word and Spirit.

I am sure that there are many other questions that will come up as you worship and fellowship with us, and we look forward to getting to know you more. In the city of Los Angeles, it is easy to get lost in the hustle of a busy life. The LA RPC seeks the good of the City of Los Angeles and hopes to reflect that city whose builder and maker is God (Hebrews 11:10).

May you find this congregation to be a faithful representation of the New Testament ideal of a community centered on the Lord Jesus Christ. And again, we're glad you are here!

Feel free to call or email with any further questions or concerns.

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# Los Angeles Reformed Presbyterian Church

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What can you expect?



## Welcome!

Visiting a new church can be a complicated experience. New people, new worship styles, new neighborhood— all of these things can make people a bit intimidated, and this brochure is designed to help with some of the questions that come up when people visit the Los Angeles Reformed Presbyterian Church.

If you have further questions, please ask one of the elders (ask someone to point them out).

One of our goals as a congregation is to “glorify God and to enjoy Him forever (1 Corinthians 10:31). We hope that you find a warm, Christ-centered congregation with worship that both glorifies God and aids in Christian growth.

Please enjoy your visit with us.

## What brought me here today?

That may sound like a strange question that only you could answer, but the Bible says we can answer it as well. The Bible teaches that all things come to pass according to the counsel of God’s will. It also teaches that in Jesus we live, move and have our being (Acts 17:28).

It is no mistake that you are here with us today. Please consider why God has called you to visit the LA RPC and to worship with us today. There are no “accidents” in a world controlled by a good and perfect God.

## What do you believe about the Bible?

We believe that the Bible is the inspired, perfect, inerrant, and infallible Word of God which is useful for saving knowledge, teaching, reproof, correction and training in righteousness, so that those who believe can be equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:15–16).

The Scriptures tell us everything that we are to believe about God and what duties God requires of us.

## What is “Reformed” Presbyterian?

The Reformed Presbyterian Church is a denomination that traces her roots back to the Protestant Reformation. We are an evangelical, conservative, confessional, and reformed denomination.

The word “Reformed” refers to the beliefs and practices of the Protestant Reformation. The word “Presbyterian” refers to our practice of church government which is ruled by elders just as the Bible teaches (as opposed to a democracy or being run by bishops).

We are not a “split-off” denomination from another Presbyterian Church in the US. The RPCNA has had congregations since the 1680s in Europe, and as early as 1738 in the USA.

## Do you have a summary of your beliefs?

The LA RPC is a part of a body of churches that holds to and believes in written summaries (creeds and confessions) of the Christian faith. These are written to help us categorize what the Bible teaches about certain topics and theological questions.

The Westminster Standards and the Reformed Presbyterian Testimony are the confessional standards of the LA RPC. They will often be referred to and spoken about here. We believe that they reflect the teaching of the Bible and are useful for that purpose.

## Is your worship contemporary or traditional?

Maybe that is the wrong question. We believe and teach what is called the regulative principle of worship. The Bible teaches that God forbids worshiping Him in any way not commanded in His Word (Deuteronomy 12:32; John 4:23). This gives our worship a simple and reverent feel that is focused on the Bible. We sing psalms without instrumentation, pray, read the Scriptures, and hear preaching.

Our worship also engages the context in which we live and seeks to apply the Bible to our lives.

## What do you think about preaching?

The Bible teaches us that preaching is the main means that God uses to draw sinners to himself (Romans 10). Because of the command of God to include preaching in worship as well as it being the way that God saves sinners and builds His Church, preaching has a central place in our worship.

The pastor generally preaches book by book and chapter by chapter (expository). It is also practical and life changing (experiential).