



HERITAGE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH PROFILE

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## AN INTRODUCTION FROM THE SESSION

It is our privilege to provide you with a brief introduction to Heritage Reformed Presbyterian Church in Edmond, Oklahoma. The membership of Heritage has a profound love for the word of God. Through God's word, we have been drawn to the beauty of the Reformed faith. We are a confessional church. We share a love for not only learning the truths of our faith, but also for seeking to apply them to all of life.

We are, in addition, a congregation that values the local church. We believe that it is not merely an appendage to the Christian life, but is necessary for every believer to grow in grace. Public corporate worship is at the center of the life of our church. We value a worship service that expresses reverence and awe toward our glorious God. We come to public worship not to have our preferences met, but to honor the Lord. But we also avail ourselves of the means of grace in the expectation that God will work in us as we worship Him.

While worship is at the center of our church life, we eagerly expect and hope that it will unleash us as a congregation for ministry. We desire for worship to fuel us for carrying out the Great Commission. We aspire to be a church that proclaims Christ to those outside the church, and uses our gifts to build up one another in the faith as well. We consider it a privilege to be involved in Christ's work outside of the United States through missions. At the same time, we recognize that at this stage in our life as a church, we need to grow in both the external and internal dimensions of being faithful to the Great Commission.

We also desire to inform you about the reasons we are currently seeking a Senior Pastor. Our previous Senior Pastor resigned in March of 2008 after just over three years of service. In December of 2007 the church left the PCA. Following the former Senior Pastor's resignation, the church entered into the difficult process of working through some challenging internal issues. In November of 2008 the church called Wes O'Neill as Interim Pastor (Stated Supply) to assist in this process. The church returned to the PCA as a mission church in February of 2009 under the leadership of a provisional session appointed by the presbytery. One year later Heritage was re-particularized with a new session.

The Lord has been exceedingly gracious and merciful to us as a church. In the midst of sin and struggle, He has proved Himself to be the Head of our church. A strong core of members remains at Heritage. Much progress has been made in working through our difficulties. The congregation has been patient through a season of pruning, and is eager now to call a pastor who will join with the session in leading Heritage into what we hope will be a new season of fruitfulness. We welcome your application as we seek the Lord's wisdom as to whom He is calling to be our next Senior Pastor!

*From the Session of Heritage Reformed Presbyterian Church*

## OUR HISTORY

Heritage Reformed Presbyterian Church began in 1904 with the gathering of the First United Presbyterian Church of Oklahoma City. In that year corporation papers for the church were filed in the territorial capitol at Guthrie, Oklahoma. The United Presbyterian Church was a denomination formed in the 1850's from two Scottish Presbyterian denominations that had settled in the United States and had maintained a distinctive reformed witness for many years.

The church moved to NW 25th and Shartel and completed a building in 1917 which remained the home of the church until the late 1980's. With this move came a name change: the church was now called Northminster Community Church. Undoubtedly the name reflected the church's new location in what was then the extreme northern part of Oklahoma City.

The church flourished as a small suburban church, paying off its indebtedness for the 1917 building within ten years of construction, and establishing two daughter churches (Second Presbyterian and Trinity Presbyterian). Between 1950 and 1970 the congregation suffered decline. At one point in the 1950's a body of members amicably withdrew to form Knox Orthodox Presbyterian Church. In the 1970's, membership had fallen to only thirteen communicants who decided to seek a denominational home in the Reformed Presbyterian Church Evangelical Synod (RPCES). At that time (July 1977), the church changed its name again to Heritage Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Robert H. Cox was sent by the synod to help the congregation decide what direction it should take. He thought that they should disband; however, in one of those unusual exercises of Providence, God sent the church a young man named Steve Childers, who was interested in the reformed faith and in finding a place to serve in the Kingdom. Steve met with Rev. Cox, who eventually advised him to consider taking on the responsibility of pastoring Heritage. The Southwest Presbytery of the RPCES permitted this by special dispensation because, at the time, Steve (who is now Professor of Church Planting at [Reformed Theological Seminary](#) in Orlando, Florida), had no theological training. Under Steve's leadership the church began to grow as it reached out to the surrounding neighborhoods and to the students of the nearby medical community. Eventually Steve left to pursue theological studies. In 1982, the RPCES denomination joined the Presbyterian Church in America.

Rev. Charles M. Garriott assumed leadership in 1983. The building at 25th & Shartel was sold in 1985, and the church worshipped in two different rental properties for the next four years. In 1989, Heritage moved into its present home in the northern part of Oklahoma City (NW 145th & Western Ave). The property and improvements cost three-quarters of a million dollars of which \$250,000 was secured with a mortgage. The property became debt-free in 1996. Heritage has helped in the establishment of two PCA church plants in Oklahoma, Christ the King Presbyterian Church in Norman, OK, and Grace Stillwater in Stillwater, OK. Heritage has also been actively involved in support of two RUF works at the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University. Thus the tradition of our founding congregations continues.

Reverend Mark Balthrop was called as Senior Pastor in October 2004. During his tenure we completed a building expansion program adding 11,000 sq. ft. including new education space and a new fellowship hall. Heritage left the PCA in December of 2007. Mark Balthrop resigned in March of 2008. Wes O'Neill was called as interim pastor in December of 2008. Heritage was received back into the PCA in February of 2009. One year later Heritage was re-particularized with a new Session.

# OUR BELIEFS

## **We Are Evangelical**

We believe in the Triune God, the deity of Jesus, his virgin birth, and substitutionary and vicarious atonement for his people. We believe in the physical resurrection of Christ, his sure and visible return, and the inerrancy, infallibility, and divine authority of the Bible which is the only rule of faith and practice.

## **We Are Evangelistic**

We take seriously the Great Commission, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20) We believe God is sovereign by his Spirit to give rebirth to whomever he pleases, but we also know that the Holy Spirit always works in conjunction with the gospel as it is spoken. Therefore, we place a premium on preaching and verbal presentations of the gospel. Because of the explicit instructions of the Great Commission, we do not regard a person simply "asking Jesus into their heart" as what Jesus was commanding. It is only when a person has trusted in Christ and been baptized and taught the Word of God (i.e., they've become a fully functioning part of the church) that the Great Commission has been fulfilled for that person.

## **We Are Reformed**

We are heirs of the Protestant Reformation which comes from Luther, Calvin, Knox and other reformers. "Reformed" is used most commonly to refer to certain theological distinctives which have marked Reformation believers, particularly those in the Calvinist tradition. Reformed distinctives include the following beliefs:

- All people are sinners and are completely unable to save themselves or even cooperate with God in efforts to earn salvation.
- God is sovereign at all times over all things including the choosing of believers apart from any merit of their own.
- The irresistible grace of God precedes the faith of the individual.
- Christ died potentially for no one, but definitely for his people, whom he chose from the foundation of the world.
- Because God chose his people in the first place, it is his work to make good on his promises, i.e., to cause them to persevere to the end.

## **We Are Confessional**

Many churches claim that the Bible alone is the Word of God. We do too. However, one doesn't have to look very hard to find that, even among those churches, there are great differences. For this reason, we subscribe doctrinally to the Westminster Confession of Faith and its Larger and Shorter Catechisms. We believe these documents are a good and accurate summary of the Bible's teaching. While we do not

hold the Confession to be authoritative (that's reserved for scripture), we believe the Confession is a normative understanding of scripture.

It is important to note that every church has a confession, formal or informal. Even churches that claim they have "no creed but Christ" summarize their convictions in some form to distinguish their members from those who are not believers or who do not believe in their distinctives. The problem with "no creed but Christ," is that it is a creed, but not a very helpful one.

We gladly join with other classical Reformed Protestants in enjoying the Three Forms of Unity (the Canons of Dordt, the Belgic Confession and the Heidelberg Catechism, the latter of which we use regularly in worship.)

## **We Are Covenantal**

We believe the way God has communicated to and redeemed his people is best expressed and understood in classical covenant theology. This majority view of the bulk of church history until the nineteenth-century tells of a relationship of gracious love that God has initiated with his people throughout history. The covenant is a unifying principle of the Scriptures. It draws attention to the fact that there is only one way to salvation in both the Old and New Testaments, by faith alone in Jesus Christ. This covenantal understanding of the Bible is in contrast to any system of understanding the Scriptures that attributes differing ways of salvation to a succession of historical Biblical eras or different races today.

## **We Are Gospel-Centered**

The Gospel is the good news of Jesus Christ. Our God reigns! Jesus is the Son of God who became man. He lived a perfect life, the life we could not live because of sin. He died the death that we deserve by being punished for our sins. He was then raised from the dead so that we too can be redeemed and restored to all that we were created to be before sin. We want to be shaped by the gospel and to live according to the gospel. We earnestly desire that our worship reflects the transforming power of the Gospel. We endeavor by the enablement of the Holy Spirit to bring the Kingdom of God to bear upon the world through the Gospel until the knowledge of the glory of the Lord covers the earth as the waters cover the sea. (Habakkuk 2:14)

## **We Are Presbyterian**

All churches have some kind of church government. Some are ruled by the pastor, others by bishops, and still others by the majority vote of the congregation. To be Presbyterian is to be ruled by congregationally elected elders. In the Presbyterian Church in America, we have ruling elders and teaching elders, who are the pastors. They are all intent upon following the Biblical model of the church in teaching, leadership and structure we see in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. These men have as their goal the maturity and care of believers at Heritage and equipping them to do the tasks to which God has called them. A complete description of the Presbyterian form of government can be found in our Book of Church Order.

## OUR VISION

This church is a body of believers under the leadership of Christ. We seek to proclaim the whole counsel of God to all nations. This is revealed in the infallible Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, which are the only rule of faith and practice. Therefore, this church is committed to the preaching and teaching of the Scriptures; regular participation in the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper; loving exercise of church discipline as instructed by our Lord; fellowship; and, prayer to the end that each person might be better equipped to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. All this to the glory of God.

### **Vision**

That the people of Heritage Reformed Presbyterian Church join together every Sunday to worship the Lord and hear God's Word taught and preached from the Reformed perspective, and enjoy a meal with Christ.

That the members of Heritage Reformed Presbyterian Church be instructed in the Scriptures and thereby equipped to disciple their families and others in the Gospel.

That, as a result of God's marvelous grace and mercy, the people of Heritage Reformed Presbyterian Church will experience joy and peace, as they are set free from the bondage of sin. That they will obey Christ out of thanksgiving and not from mere obligation.

That God will use the people of Heritage Reformed Presbyterian Church actively to reach out to unbelievers with the gospel; doing so as he transforms us all into the image of Christ. That our people will be warm, caring, and welcoming to all.

That all members of Heritage pursue Christ's call to use their spiritual gifts, talents, and resources to his glory and honor, thereby serving to build his kingdom both locally and globally.

### **Heritage Vision Statement**

Corporate worship is at the center of the life of Heritage Reformed Presbyterian Church. Everything else we do as a church flows out of our worship. We value a distinctively Reformed liturgy characterized by reverence. Our Lord's Day service includes a call to worship, confession of faith, reading of the law, confession of sin, pardon of sin, exegetical preaching, singing of hymns, weekly celebration of the Lord's Supper, prayer, and benediction.

In light of this we hold the following items as priorities we value:

- Importance of the Lord's Day
- Ordinary means of grace: prayer, sacraments, preaching of the word
- Necessity of local church
- God's covenant promises to the family
- Family worship
- Presbyterian polity
- Strong leadership/wise discipline
- Shepherding
- Mercy ministry
- Outreach/church planting/missions
- Shepherding/visitation
- Catechizing children

# WORSHIP AT HERITAGE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **The Lord's Day or the Sabbath**

With respect to corporate worship and celebration of the Sabbath, we are led by the Scriptures.

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Isaiah 58:13-14

## **What is the Purpose of Corporate Worship?**

WSC Question 117. How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?

Answer: The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

We believe that God serves us in our worship (Acts 20:32)

We believe that we serve God as we gather for corporate worship (Matthew 4:10)

## **Purpose of Worship—Summary Statement**

“Whenever we gather for public worship, it is because we have been summoned. That is what ‘church’ means: ekklesia, ‘called out.’ It is not a voluntary society of those whose chief concern is to share, to build community, to enjoy fellowship, to have moral instruction for their children, and so forth. Rather, it is a society of those who have been chosen, redeemed, called, justified, and are being sanctified until one day they will finally be glorified in heaven” (Michael Horton, *A Better Way, Rediscovering the Drama of Christ-Centered Worship*).

## **The Regulative Principle of Worship—“What Scripture does not authorize it forbids.”**

Again, we look to the Scriptures for the principles that order our worship. Exodus 20:2-6 Exodus 36:1 Deuteronomy 12:29-31 Leviticus 10:1-3 Mark 7:6-7 WCF, 21.1—“The light of nature showeth that there is a God, who hath lordship and sovereignty over all, is good, and doth good unto all, and is therefore to be feared, loved, praised, called upon, trusted in, and served, with all the heart, and with all the soul, and with all the might. But the acceptable way of worshiping the true God is by himself, and so limited by his own revealed will, that he may not be worshiped according to the imaginations and devices of men, or the suggestions of Satan, under any visible representation, or any other way not prescribed in the Holy Scripture.”

## **Reformed Distinctives**

We believe that “reformed worship” is characterized by seven clearly distinct elements.

### **1. Trinitarian**

WCF 21.2 “Religious worship is to be given to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; and to him alone; not to angels, saints, or any other creature: and, since the fall, not without a Mediator; nor in the mediation of any other but of Christ alone.”

### **2. Covenantal**

“By contrast what defines Reformed Christianity is not the immediate experience of God. Rather, the Reformed confession teaches mediation: the mediation of revelation in God’s covenants and chiefly through the Mediator of the covenant of grace, Jesus Christ the Word of God incarnate. Reformed Christianity is nothing if not doctrinal and churchly.” (R. Scott Clark, *Recovering the Reformed Tradition*).

### **3. Dialogical**

The covenantal pattern of Christian worship takes the shape of a dialog between God and His people. God is present in public worship. He speaks and acts; we respond to what He says and does. The people aren’t passive! They are active participants in the dialogue.

### **4. Reverent**

There is an honor and respect that is due God alone and we, of all people, ought to accord Him what He is uniquely due. Our liturgy must enable us to worship reverently, in a manner consistent with God’s very nature; otherwise it will fail as worship (Hebrews 12: 28-29).

### **5. Simple**

“[It is] simple because the New Testament does not prescribe a complex ritual of service as is found in the Old Testament; spiritual because when Jesus removed the special status of Jerusalem as the place where God was to be worshiped (John 4:7-24), he signaled the abolition of all the material forms that constituted the typological Old Testament system including not only the city, but all that gave the city significance—the temple, the altars, the priests, the sacrificial animals, the incense; substantial because the God of the Bible is a great God and cannot be worshiped appropriately with forms that are light, flippant, or superficial; he must always be worshiped with ‘reverence and awe’ (Hebrews 12:28)” (Terry Johnson, *Leading in Worship*).

### **6. Redemptive**

Our worship should be shaped by the gospel: the good news of God’s gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. As such there should be a place for: Confession of sin; a calling to and affirmation of faith in Christ; the benefits of Christ: forgiveness, reconciliation, freedom from sin, et cetera.

### **7. Historical**

One of the largely forgotten impulses of the Reformation was the desire to recover the good things from the early church that had been lost or obscured in Medieval Christianity. The church may only include elements which are commanded by God in worship. However, we should especially incorporate tried and true forms that have served the church well over the centuries.

## **Music in Worship**

Music plays an important role in worship at Heritage. Through the music ministry at Heritage we seek to praise God with gladness, to proclaim his steadfast love for His people and to meditate upon and proclaim the redeeming work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our worship service is "traditional" in nature. We sing "psalms, hymns and spiritual songs." Many of the hymns we sing are from the Trinity hymnal, supplemented with psalms and modern hymns.

We encourage the participation of the body, both young and old, not only through communal singing in the worship service but also through the various gifts and talents that God has provided to his people.

Presently, our ministry includes Adult Choir, children's choir, small ensembles, and opportunities for vocal or instrumental solos or accompaniment during the worship service. We also have special services such as the annual Christmas Program, Good Friday service and Easter that provide additional opportunities to serve through music.

Please see the following link for an example of a Sunday Worship Guide

<http://heritagepca.org/downloads/WG-09.05.2010.pdf>

# HERITAGE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN LEADERSHIP

## Session

Tim Clem – Ruling Elder  
Dave Fresella – Ruling Elder  
Wes O’Neill – Teaching Elder  
Shawn Young – Teaching Elder

## Deaconate

Jonathan Camenisch	Kris Russell
Chris Koiner	Bryan Peck
Bill Ruwe	David O’Kresik
Carlton Futrell	Jim Boughman

## Pastor Search Committee (PSC) Profile

**Mike Dudleson** – Chairman of the PSC. Mike is 36 years of age and has been married to Amy for 10 years. Mike and his wife have four children, all whom have been baptized at Heritage. He is a CPA and works in Oklahoma City. He is an ordained Deacon at Heritage, and has been a member since 2004.

**Gary Peabody** – Vice Chairman of the PSC. Gary is 55 years old. He is married to Denise and has three children. He has been a physical therapist for 30 years, the past twenty of which have been with McBride Clinic. Gary is an ordained Deacon and Elder, though not currently active as an Elder. He has been a member of Heritage Church for the past 31 years.

**Bryan Peck** – Secretary of the PSC. Bryan is 42 years of age, and has been married to Brenda for 17 years. They have three children. He has been employed in sales for 17 years, having worked for Kronos for the last seven years. Bryan has been an ordained Deacon at Heritage since 2001 and has been a member of Heritage since 1998.

**Jonathan Camenisch** – Member of the PSC. Jonathan has been married to Rebecca for six years. Born to a Presbyterian pastor in Atlanta Georgia, but spent most of his childhood in Oklahoma City, and then his teen years in Mississippi and Louisiana. He works for a non-profit, “Character First” in Oklahoma City in I.T. doing freelance web development and incubating a future business when he can find time. Jonathan has attended Heritage since 2001 and has been an ordained Deacon for three years.

**Bill Ruwe** – Member of PSC. Bill has been married to Yvonne, who works in the educational publishing industry, for 20 years. Bill was a neuroscientist for 17 years and has been a clinical neuropsychologist for the past 18 years. Currently, he is the Director of Clinical Neuropsychology at the Oklahoma Veterans Affairs Medical Center and in private practice at NeuroResources, PLLC. Bill and his wife (and their chocolate Labrador retrievers) live in Edmond, and have attended Heritage since 1997. He has been an ordained Deacon for the past six years.

## Our Staff

### Wes O'Neill, Interim Senior Pastor



Wes O'Neill is a Teaching Elder in the North Texas Presbytery of the PCA. He has pastored churches in Missouri, Oklahoma, and New York. Since 2007 he has been doing interim and consulting work in the North Texas Presbytery with churches in Texas and Oklahoma. He graduated from the University of Maine with a BA in Sociology in 1971, and received his M.Div. from Covenant Theological Seminary in 1988. He has been at Heritage since December of 2008.

Road trips with his wife Kathy, time with his grandkids, art museums, music of almost all kinds, military history, and a goofy Golden Retriever named Amber are some of his delights. Wes and his wife Kathy have been married for 39 years and they have two grown children and six grandchildren.

### Shawn Young, Associate Pastor



Shawn is an associate pastor with primary responsibilities in the areas of outreach, small groups, and Christian education. He also shares general pastoral duties in areas such as preaching, teaching, leading worship, and visitation.

Shawn grew up in Minden, Nebraska. He attended the University of Nebraska with a double major in political science and English (BA, 1992). After a couple of years working in Lincoln, he spent two years as a missionary in Zambia, Africa. He then attended Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis and finished his M.Div. in May 2002. Shawn came to serve at Heritage after graduating. He and his wife Jennifer have two sons and three daughters: Easton, Jonas, Selah, Lucy and Gemma.

Dear Candidate,

This is an exciting time in the life in our church, and as a ruling elder at Heritage I am encouraged to see the interest of worthy men the Lord has called to shepherd His church. As you consider our congregation, may the Lord grant you wisdom in discerning His will for your future.

My wife and I moved to the Oklahoma City area in 1999. As an Air Force family, we have moved around the country and have been a part of many different types of churches. Upon visiting Heritage, we were immediately struck by the warmth of the congregation and their reverence for God's word. Our congregation is committed to the historic reformed doctrines and the centrality of corporate worship in the life of the church. Our five children have all been baptized here, and Di and I feel blessed to see them being raised in this wonderful covenant community.

I also am blessed to be part of our recently particularized session. Although still fairly new (and rather small), I am excited to see the passion this session has for shepherding God's people. Two books which resonate with us are *With a Shepherd's Heart* by John Sittema, and *The Shepherd Leader* by Timothy Witmer. I look forward to seeing how the Good Shepherd will use us as we depend on Him to know, feed, lead, and protect His sheep.

As you will no doubt learn, life at Heritage has not always been easy. The Lord has seen fit to bring us through various trials over the past few years. Although not pleasant to go through, most of us would have to conclude that we are changed for the better because of them. I think God has produced in us a stronger faith, perseverance, and humility. I, for one, see a richness to the gospel I did not see before.

As I look to the future, I am encouraged by the direction in which our church is heading. We have grown much as a congregation, and we are all eager to see where God will lead us. Perhaps you will be part of that future. May the Lord bless you and keep you as you move through this important stage in your own life. Thank you again for your consideration.

In Christ,

Dave Fresella  
Ruling Elder

Dear Candidate,

Through earnest prayer the people of Heritage are trusting God to lead the right man to our flock and to oversee the office of Teaching Elder. God has kept and preserved us over the last few years and we look forward to His continuing providence.

Fifteen years ago my wife Debbie and I were drawn away from an Arminian denomination and led to the Reformed faith. It was a struggle to find a church espousing the doctrine which we so learned to love, and not until four years ago did we begin attending Heritage. We were thrilled to attend a church that celebrated the reform doctrine in worship, edification, and fellowship of the body, and quickly decided that this is the place where Debbie and I are to remain. We cherish the worship, fellowship, and common bond of our covenant brothers and sisters in Christ and through the shared difficulties we have experienced, God has demonstrated his love and preservation of His Church.

A large part of the Heritage flock consists of those who found themselves drawn to the reformed faith through the Holy Spirit guiding them through personal study of the word. They were strengthened during their decision process through unsuccessful challenges of friends and family having concerns based on misguided understandings of the doctrine. Other members have attended Heritage since its inception and have many years in being a part of the Reformed tradition. Regardless of their background, God has drawn this flock together and as a Session member, worshipping and serving together is a complete joy.

The present Session has been in place since the recent particularization and care deeply for one another; being unified through their love for Christ and His church. We recognize we are in need of a pastor that along with the Session will provide assurance to the flock through humble, loving, yet strong leadership. There is great opportunity for leadership to provide ongoing shepherding, edification, training, fellowship, and involvement in ministry in and out of the local body. All which can be a vital part of God leading us through the pilgrim journey.

May God bless you and direct you as you consider the opportunity at Heritage,

Tim Clem  
Ruling Elder

# CHURCH INFORMATION

## A Vibrant Church

Heritage Reformed Presbyterian Church is a vibrant church, which emphasizes nurturing and equipping the saints for service. It involves the mutual commitment of the church to the members and the members to the church. The body of Heritage enjoys warm fellowship, experiences a strong sense of belonging, and holds one another mutually accountable. New members are welcomed, and all benefit from the pastoral care and shepherding provided by the Teaching and Ruling Elders. There are a number of ways in which the body at Heritage is nurtured and equipped.

### Sunday Worship

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship (supervised nursery is provided)
- 10:30 a.m. Informal Fellowship and Coffee Break
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday School (offering classes for the entire family)
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Vespers Service (held quarterly)

### Wednesday Evening Activities

- 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir Practice (seasonal)
- 5:30 p.m. Meal and Fellowship (monthly)
- 7:00 p.m. Adult's Choir Practice (weekly)

### Special Services

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Christmas Eve

## Adult Discipleship

### “Introduction to Heritage”

A class designed for those interested in knowing more about Heritage and the Presbyterian Church in America. This class is currently taught by Pastor Shawn Young. It is offered during the adult Sunday school sessions at regular intervals throughout the year. An extensive handbook is provided for the attendees that includes the following topics:

- What We Believe, Part 1 Essentials: Scripture, Creation, Fall, Redemption, & Consummation
- What We Believe, Part 2 Covenant Theology & Five Points of Calvinism
- What We Believe, Part 3 Priority of the Church, Baptism, & The Lord's Supper
- What We Believe, Part 4 Form of Government & Membership
- The Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy
- Our Denomination
- PCA Vision 2000
- Membership Standards & Requirements
- Appendix A: Biblical Conflict Resolution
- Appendix B: Reflections on Worship
- Appendix C: PCA Statement on Marriage and Sexuality

### **“Christian Education Hour”**

Please see the following link for examples of our Adult Sunday school material.

<http://www.4shared.com/dir/15990617/b709d441/sharing.html>

## **Women in the Church**

The purpose of the Women’s Ministry at Heritage Reformed Presbyterian Church is for every woman in the congregation to know Christ personally with a robust commitment to extending His kingdom in her life, home, church, community and throughout the world.

Our goal is that this purpose becomes a reality as women are given opportunities to respond to the gospel, to pray, study the scriptures, fellowship, and serve the Lord together.

The Women’s Ministry Council operates under the authority and guidance of the Heritage Session, and is comprised of an elected Chairwoman, Vice-Chairwoman and Secretary. The Council consists of ministry teams, or committees, for each of the areas of ministry. Each team has a coordinator with women who work together on the teams. The structure of the ministry is outlined below:

- Chairwoman
- Vice-chairwoman
- Secretary
- Publicity Coordinator
- Community Outreach Coordinator
- Compassionate Care Coordinator
  - Flowers and Cards
  - Funeral Ministry
  - Hospitality
  - Mercy
  - Prayer Chain
- Covenant Showers Coordinator
- Special Events Coordinator
  - Spring Luncheon
  - Labor Day Picnic
  - Pastor Appreciation
  - Progressive Dinner
  - Seasonal Decorations
- Titus 2 Coordinator

All women members of Heritage are considered to be a member of our Women’s Ministry. Additionally, even though only members of Heritage may hold leadership positions, participation by non-member attendees on any of the ministry teams is welcomed.

### **Women’s Bible Study**

A Bible study for the women of the church also is offered regularly during the year. Women meet at the church for Bible study and fellowship.

## **Opportunities for Men**

### **Men's Morning Study**

The men of Heritage gather early on Tuesday morning to share breakfast together, study, and pray. The men typically select a book to read and discuss during the meeting.

### **Men's Prayer Meeting**

Men of Heritage meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month to pray for the church and its ministry. This hour-long time of prayer provides an opportunity for the men to actively engage in corporate prayer for the members of Heritage, the community, Oklahoma, the nation, and the world.

## **Care Groups**

Care groups are a vital part of the life of Heritage Reformed Presbyterian Church. The kind of interdependence envisioned in Ephesians 4:11-14 requires that we spend meaningful time together. Care groups provide a good opportunity for getting to know one another better on a personal level. But more than that, they are intended to help promote true biblical fellowship. In this manner, we can know and enjoy one another, pray for one another, and encourage one another in the faith.

If you are a believer, you need the encouragement of your fellow believers, and they need your encouragement. Likewise, something is seriously missing when we are not praying for one another. There are a variety of ways at Heritage to be involved in this kind of meaningful fellowship. One of the best ways is to join a care group. If you are not yet part of a care group, we invite you to become a part of one. For the most part, our care groups meet on Sunday evening. Being able to join together with brothers and sisters in the more intimate setting of a care group is a wonderful way to conclude the Lord's Day. Below are our current care groups, including information and the contacts.

#### **The Downtowners Care Group**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Meal and prayer, followed by dessert and fellowship.

Contact: Wes or Kathy O'Neill at 518-505-8159 or 518-618-8558

#### **Fresella Care Group**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Meal and a discussion focused on parenting.

Children are welcome.

Contact: Dave or Di Fresella 396-2673

#### **Nelson Care Group**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays.

Devotion, sharing, prayer and fellowship over dessert for adults, which alternates with family time including children and a meal.

Contact: Brian or Anne Nelson at 478-3727

#### **Peck Care Group**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month from 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Meal and fellowship.

Children are welcome.

Contact: Bryan or Brenda Peck at 771-3364.

Ruwe Care Group  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 6:00 p.m.  
Meal, study, and prayer.  
Contact: Bill or Yvonne Ruwe at 330-4779

Wells Care Group  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 6:00 p.m.  
Meal, prayer, and dessert.  
Contact: Mike or Joann Wells at 340-2012

Young Care Group  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 5:00 p.m.  
Meal and prayer.  
Children are welcome.  
Contact: Shawn or Jennifer Young at 528-1300

## **Youth Ministry**

Youth programs at Heritage provide an atmosphere in which the young people can grow closer in their relationship with Christ and with one another.

### **Children's Ministry**

The purpose of the Childcare Ministry is to provide a safe and loving environment for the children of Heritage. Child care is provided for infants (birth to 3 years) during the Worship Service.

### **Sunday School and Youth Activities**

In addition to Sunday school classes, there are several activities for children and youth at Heritage. Parents take an active role in providing regular opportunities for teaching, fellowship, and special activities for the Covenant children at Heritage.

## **Missions and Outreach**

### **Capitol Bible Study**

Following the long tradition established by a former senior pastor at Heritage, Reverend Charles M. Garriott, a Bible study is offered every Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. at the State Capitol. This study is open to all, and is attended by state officials and workers. Attendees enjoy Bible teaching, prayer, and a meal. Members of Heritage volunteer to help provide lunch for this outreach ministry.

### **Mission to the World – Missionary Support**

Heritage currently supports a number of missionaries serving in locations around the world. In addition, the church has been instrumental in providing encouragement and support for members of the body to participate in short-term missions, and also has been involved in the support of those seeking to become involved in full-time ministry and/or missions work. Missionaries currently supported by Heritage include the following:

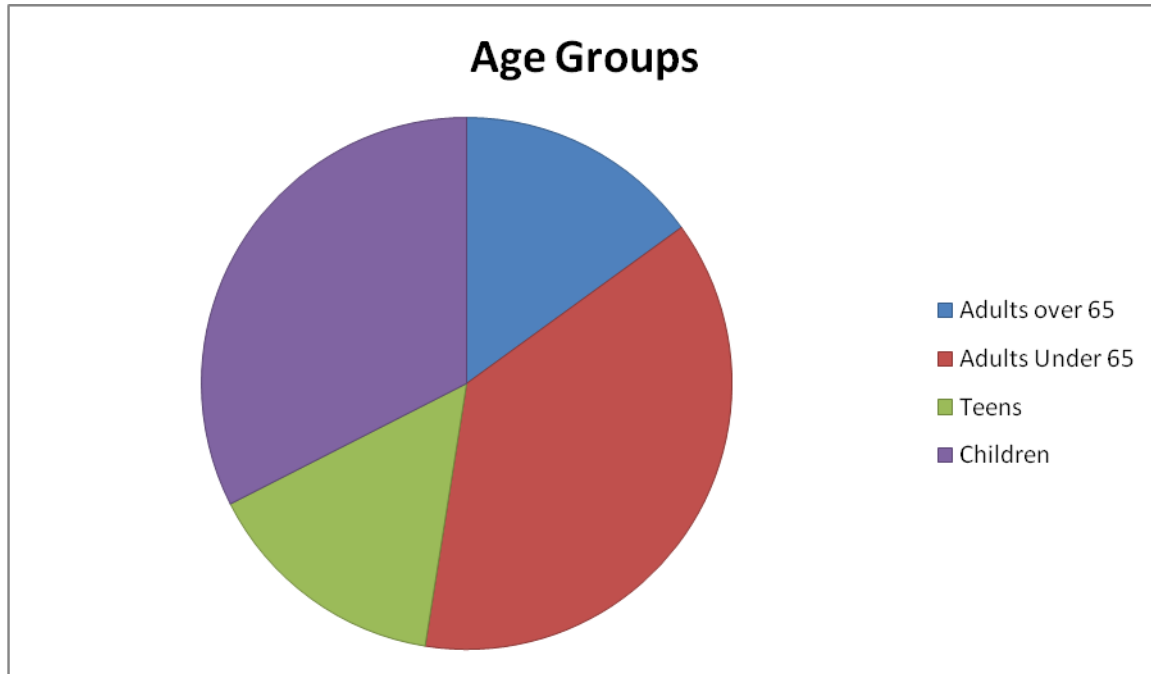
- Bangladesh Pastor and Evangelists
- Mark and Lou Berry – Peru
- Dan and Carol Iverson – Japan
- Keith and Debbie Kanavel [In transition to a new work in Canada]

- Chris and Julie Koiner – Mexico [Members of Heritage who are preparing for the mission field]
- Doug and Masha Shepherd – Ukraine
- Paul and Sarah Taylor – Asia/Pacific International Director
- Dave and Jan Veldhorst – Thailand
- Dan and Becky Young – U.S./Mexico Border

In addition, through its financial gifts and diligent prayers, the church actively supports the following agencies:

- Anna's House Foundation
- Hope Center of Edmond
- OU RUF
- RUF Intern
- Seminary Education
- North Texas Presbytery
- Mission to North America/Southwest Church Planting Network

# CHURCH DEMOGRAPHICS



The current average attendance for Sunday Morning corporate worship for 2010 is approximately 200 people. This is comprised roughly of 30 adults over 65, 75 adults under 65, 30 teens, and 65 children.

Historically, the church averaged approximately 200-250 people for much of the early 2000s. Attendance averaged 400+ during 2006-2008, and 275 for 2009.

We are predominantly a Caucasian congregation with a relatively small representation of Hispanic, African-American and Asian members.

# PCA CHURCH PROFILE FORM

## *Presbyterian Church in America*

Office of the Stated Clerk  
1700 North Brown Road, Suite 105, Lawrenceville, GA 30043  
Phone 678-825-1000 Fax 678-825-1001 Email: [pastorsearch@pcanet.org](mailto:pastorsearch@pcanet.org)

### **CHURCH PROFILE FORM For Churches Seeking a Pastor**

#### **PART I -- BASIC DATA**

1. NAME OF CHURCH: Heritage Reformed Presbyterian Church  
ADDRESS: 14500 N. Western Ave.  
Edmond, OK 73013  
TELEPHONE: 405-752-2270 PRESBYTERY: North Texas
2. NAME OF PULPIT COMMITTEE CONTACT PERSON: Michael Dudleson  
MAILING ADDRESS FOR DATA FORMS: Same as above  
TELEPHONE: 405-752-2270 EMAIL: heritagepsc@gmail.com
3. TYPE OF COMMUNITY  
Inner City \_\_\_\_\_  
Urban (Downtown) \_\_\_\_\_  
Urban (Residential) \_\_\_\_\_  
Suburban X \_\_\_\_\_  
Small Town \_\_\_\_\_  
Rural \_\_\_\_\_  
College \_\_\_\_\_  
Retirement \_\_\_\_\_  
Resort/Recreational \_\_\_\_\_  
Agriculture \_\_\_\_\_
4. TYPE OF CHURCH  
Church with Multiple Staff X \_\_\_\_\_  
Church with Solo Pastor \_\_\_\_\_  
Mission Church \_\_\_\_\_  
Non-PCA Church \_\_\_\_\_  
Overseas Church \_\_\_\_\_
5. SIZE CHURCH  
Under 100 members \_\_\_\_\_  
101-250 members X \_\_\_\_\_  
251-500 members \_\_\_\_\_  
501-800 members \_\_\_\_\_  
801-1,000 members \_\_\_\_\_  
1,001-1,600 members \_\_\_\_\_  
Over 1,600 members \_\_\_\_\_

6. TYPE OF POSITION VACANT

Pastor (Solo) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Senior Pastor   X    
 Associate Pastor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Assistant Pastor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Interim or Supply \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lay Professional \_\_\_\_\_  
 (e.g. Educator, Musician) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pastoral Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

7. CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Average Attendance   200    
 # of Adults over 65   30    
 # of Adults under 65   75    
 # of Teens   30    
 Number of Children   65  

8. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total Income   \$560,000    
 Benevolent Disbursements   \$73,000    
 Church Expenses   \$487,000    
 Ministers Compensation Package   \$80,000    
 -   All 2009 Figures  

9. PROGRAMS AND OUTREACH

<u>  CARE GROUPS  </u>	<u>  Men's Saturday Prayer meeting  </u>
<u>  INTRO to HPC CLASS  </u>	<u>  Men's weekly Bible study  </u>
<u>  Adult Sunday School  </u>	<u>  Women's Bible study  </u>
<u>  Youth Sunday School  </u>	<u>  Capitol Bible Study  </u>
<u>  Women in the Church  </u>	<u>  Missionary Support  </u>

**PART II -- PASTOR CRITERIA DESIRED**  
 (Check all that apply)

A. Age:  
 Under 30 \_\_\_\_\_  
 30-39 \_\_\_\_\_  
 40-49 \_\_\_\_\_  
 50-59 \_\_\_\_\_  
 60 and over \_\_\_\_\_  
 No preference   X  

B. Marital Status:  
 Single \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married   X    
 No preference \_\_\_\_\_

C. Personal Lifestyle:  
 Task Oriented \_\_\_\_\_  
 People Oriented \_\_\_\_\_  
 Both   X

**PART III -- CONGREGATIONAL PRIORITIES**

THE CONGREGATION PLACES PRIORITIES FOR THEIR MINISTER ON THE FOLLOWING: [Circle 4 for highest priority on the activity; Circle 0 for lowest priority on the activity. Circle 2 or 3 for intermediate priorities. Choose not less than four (4) or more than six (6) of the activities on which you place highest priority.]

	Low Priority				High Priority
	0	1	2	3	4
1. <b>WORSHIP LEADERSHIP</b> (Pastor and Session work to develop a rich worship life, educating the congregation for meaningful participation.)					4
2. <b>PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD</b> (The word of God is preached with urgency and conviction, bringing it to bear on the changing needs of individuals, the community, and the world. High priority of pastor's time placed on sermon preparation.)					4
3. <b>SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OF MEMBERS</b> (Pastor shares members' struggles regarding the Christian faith, with opportunity provided for individuals and groups to reflect on beliefs, concerns, doubts regarding Christian understanding of the spiritual dimensions of life.)					4
4. <b>CONGREGATIONAL VISITATION</b> (Church officers and pastor develop and carry out a systematic plan for visitation of the entire congregation with special attention to prospective members and those with special needs.)				3	4
5. <b>HOSPITAL OR EMERGENCY VISITATION</b> (Those in hospitals or emergency situations are regularly visited; network developed to keep pastor and others informed of crisis situations; needs of ill or bereaved are met.)				3	4
6. <b>CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP</b> (Emphasis placed in developing fellowship, helping members to know one another; groups encouraged which give members the opportunity to love and support one another.)				3	4
7. <b>COUNSELING SERVICES</b> (A counseling program initiated for assisting those in and outside the Church; appropriate referrals made when needed.)			2	3	4
8. <b>EVANGELISM</b> (Pastor and congregation share faith in Christ as personal Savior in total lifestyle; seek to lead others within and outside the Church to accept Jesus Christ: congregation is informed, trained, helped to establish effective evangelism programs for the church.)				3	4
9. <b>DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING</b>					4
10. <b>ENCOURAGING THE MINISTRY OF THE LAITY</b> (Creative ideas and directions developed together with the Session; many persons with appropriate skills stimulated to become involved in services.)			2	3	4
11. <b>MISSION BEYOND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY</b> (Awareness of the Church's worldwide mission and opportunities for corporate and individual involvement; specific projects identified; persons challenged to support, study and/or visit mission programs on six continents.)			2	3	4

12. DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM (Session and pastor identify the educational needs of persons of all ages and backgrounds, developing programs to meet needs; church education supported; educational goals are congruent with the total mission of the Church.)	0	1	2	3	4
13. TEACHING RESPONSIBILITY (Pastor accepts an active teaching role, interpreting and teaching the Scriptures, theological concepts, history of the Church and current events; provides instruction for Church Officers; educational leaders, confirmands and new members.)	0	1	2	3	4
14. INVOLVEMENT IN LOCAL COMMUNITY PROBLEMS AND ACTIVITIES (Concern for identifying social problems in the community; work done with groups seeking solutions. Time and skills committed to community groups. Information and encouragement provided which enable members to become informed and involved.)	0	1	2	3	4
15. ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH ACTIVITIES (Involvement with other congregations and the denominations in the community in presenting a united Christian witness in the community.)	0	1	2	3	4
16. CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNICATION (Two-way communication encouraged, information gathered and shared that will assist problem solving and decision making; varying opinions elicited and all encouraged to listen to opposing points of view.)	0	1	2	3	4
17. ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP (Pastor accepts appropriate administrative responsibilities, in climate of delegated tasks and shared leadership; volunteers and professional staff encouraged to use their ideas and skills. Work done on developing accountability.)	0	1	2	3	4
18. STEWARDSHIP AND COMMITMENT PROGRAMS (Session and pastor develop a planned stewardship education program to communicate the financial needs of the local church and mission beyond the local church; congregation challenged to commitment to Church's work.)	0	1	2	3	4
19. EVALUATION OF PROGRAM AND STAFF (Systematic procedures used to evaluate programs and staff performance in accord with goals and objectives. Others trained to use these skills. Regular assessment and evaluation.)	0	1	2	3	4
20. CONGREGATIONAL AND DENOMINATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (Value placed on balance between local church and Assembly responsibilities. Congregation and Session know and are involved in the work of the denomination.)	0	1	2	3	4
21. DIACONAL MINISTRIES (Ministering to the needs of those inside and outside of the Church.)	0	1	2	3	4

**PART IV -- PASTORAL STRENGTHS DESIRED**

On a scale of 1 to 7, evaluate your priorities for the ministry of your pastor. [Circle 7 for the areas of greatest priority and circle 1 for the least priority.]

	Very Strong	Strong	Slightly Strong	Slightly Average Weak	Weak	Very Weak	
Preaching	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Teaching	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Evangelism	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Discipleship	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Worship Leadership	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Church Administration	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Team Work	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Counseling	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Leadership Training	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Christian Education	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Pastoral Visitation	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Stewardship Ministry	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Diaconal Ministry	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Youth Work	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
College & Career Ministry	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Ministry to Senior Citizens	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Singles Ministry	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Recreational Activities	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Presbytery/General Assembly Involvement	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Community Service	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Other _____	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Small groups				4			
Women's ministry				4			
Personal missions				4			
Family ministry			5				
Conflict management		6					

## CHURCH BUDGETS

Expense	2004 Actual	2005 Actual	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	2008 Actual	2009 Actual	2010 Budget
Administration	210,845	282,819	296,876	349,083	335,415	310,566	303,642
Operations	101,847	81,772	91,984	79,978	150,890	154,699	143,050
Missions / Benevolences	50,494	61,831	65,647	56,619	59,825	72,527	55,890
Teaching / Social	11,049	7,497	12,281	16,663	18,757	22,320	9,750
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$374,235</b>	<b>\$433,919</b>	<b>\$466,788</b>	<b>\$502,343</b>	<b>\$564,887</b>	<b>\$560,112</b>	<b>\$512,332</b>

### Financial Notes:

- Administration mainly includes staff salary and benefits.
- Operations mainly includes building maintenance, church insurance, and utilities.
- Please note that "Operations" increased substantially beginning in 2008. The church completed a building expansion in late 2007. As part of the project, the church incurred debt in the original amount of approximately \$338,000. The required annual debt service is \$55,000 which is reflected in the "Operations" beginning in 2008. The note has a current balance of approximately \$250,000 and is scheduled to payoff in roughly 5 years.
- Missions / Benevolence mainly includes support to MTW missionaries, and the local RUF programs.
- Teaching/Social mainly includes music ministry, Sunday school materials, , and women's ministry.
- General Fund collections for the first 6 months of 2010 was approximately \$255,000.
- In addition to our regular "operating" account, the church has a surplus brokerage account with a current balance of approximately \$170,000.
- From 2004-2010, administration has averaged 61% of total budget, operations: 24%, missions: 12%, and teaching/social : 3%.

## PICTORIAL PROFILE OF HERITAGE FACILITIES



Front of building as viewed from Western Avenue.



Side view of sanctuary and original education wing.



Rear entrance of building to new education wing.



Inside view of sanctuary.



Fellowship Hall in new education wing.

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Heritage Reformed Presbyterian Church is located at 14500 North Western, Edmond, OK, 73013. The church is located just north of the Kilpatrick Turnpike which is the practical boundary between Oklahoma City and Edmond. The following links provide direct connections to relevant information about the North Oklahoma City area and the City of Edmond.

### **Area Chambers of Commerce**

<http://www.edmondchamber.com/>

<http://edmondok.usachamber.com/>

<http://okcchamber.com/>

### **Crime Statistics**

<http://oklahomacity.areaconnect.com/crime1.htm>

<http://www.newsok.com/news/crime/>