

## ABOUT OUR DENOMINATION

The First Reformed Church of Cary is a congregation of the Reformed Church in America, which traces its roots to the Protestant Reformation that spread across Europe in the 16th century. The primary leader of the Reformed branch of Protestantism was John Calvin of Geneva, Switzerland. Calvin's reform movement spread to Scotland where it became the Presbyterian Church, and to the Netherlands, where it became the Dutch Reformed Church. The first minister came to America from the Netherlands in 1628 to form the Marble Collegiate Protestant Dutch Reformed Church in what is now New York City. This church, still active today, was served for over 50 years by the late Norman Vincent Peale, founder of *Guideposts* magazine.

## ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The First Reformed Church of Cary was established in 1978. Our membership includes approximately 200 adults, youth, and children. We are a diverse group who were baptized in many different denominations and who now share a common bond at First Reformed. Visitors are always welcome. We would like to meet you and share our faith and fellowship. We hope that you will feel as others have before you, "I feel like I've come home."

## FROM THE PASTOR

I hope you can sense from the rest of this brochure some of the things that attracted me to this congregation - the caring, dedicated people, their joy in the Lord, and their dedication to service. The church feels like an extended family, a family people enjoy being a part of.

One of my passions is helping people to understand more about the Bible. The image I have for my task is creating a doorway to the Bible. People can enter through that doorway into the world of the Bible and understand more fully what the Old and New Testaments are all about. And, the Bible comes through the doorway into the 21st century, helping us to live our lives more fully as Christians.

Come join us for worship, study, fellowship, and service.

*Pastor Chuck*

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner

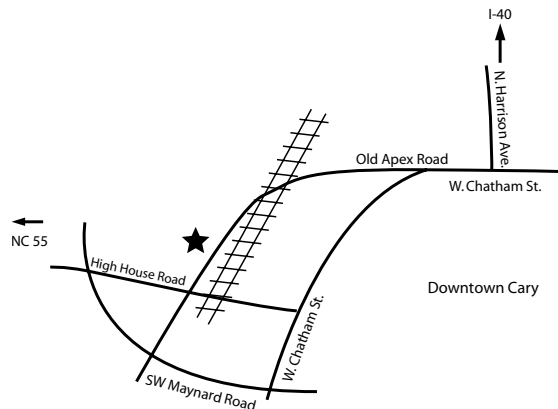
# WELCOME HOME!



**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF CARY**  
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Pastor  
Reverend Dr. Charles A. Wiessner

9:30am - Sunday School (September - May)  
9:30am until noon - Continuous Nursery  
11:00am - Worship Service



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# Looking for a Church home?



Then join us at the

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of Cary

For:

-  Christian Worship
-  Christian Education
-  Christian Fellowship
-  Christian Service

## JOIN US FOR CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

The First Reformed Church of Cary regards the Bible as God's Word for our time, the only reliable guide for our convictions and how we live our lives. We believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Savior of those who believe in Him. Our theology can be summed up by using three "G's" and three "S's":

***We are GUILTY of SIN against God.  
By GRACE, we have been SAVED by God.  
Therefore,  
In GRATITUDE, we SERVE God.***

Our worship services are a celebration of our gratitude for God's grace and our commitment to serve Him. We read Scriptures and study them through inspiring and relevant sermons. Our Bell Choir and Chancel Choir lead us in a musical expression of our faith. The weekly Children's Sermon speaks to all of us of God's Word and its lessons for our lives.

Following the Children's Sermon, children from age three through third grade celebrate the remainder of the worship service in their very own Children's Worship Center. This is a special place where the Word of God is shared using materials that the children can touch to experience and recreate each story. The format of the Children's Worship Service is similar to that of our main service: Adoration and Praise, Listening to God's Word, and Responding to God's Word.

At First Reformed Church of Cary, our Christian worship unites us in our faith. Everyone is welcome. We invite you to come and worship with us!

## JOIN US FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our congregation has adopted the following mission statement for our Christian Education programs:

***With God's help, we seek to be an inspired fellowship of believers who provide a welcoming place that is committed to lifelong spiritual growth for all. While valuing our Reformed heritage, we aspire to be a nurturing community of Saints who, through questioning, searching, sharing, and the power of the Holy Spirit, become a church which has no walls. We thereby strive to provide meaningful Christ-centered, Biblically based, and individually enriching opportunities to enable all of us - young and old alike - to deepen our faith in order for each of us to follow a lifelong faith journey.***

In this spirit we are continually working to develop opportunities for lifelong Christian growth. From the earliest moments of learning, we have a place for you and your family to be nurtured in Christ's teachings.

\* We offer Sunday School classes for three-year-olds through adults. Our children study age-appropriate curriculum, which teaches the stories of God and the concepts of living a Christian faith. Youth classes explore topics that help them strengthen their Christian faith. Adult classes are interest driven, with topics that focus on a variety of Christian ideas.

\* Special interest classes are offered periodically on a wide range of topics from Biblical Studies to Reformed Church History and Doctrine.

\* Nursery care is provided for newborns to three-year-olds.

We invite you to come and learn with us!

## JOIN US FOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

There are lots of opportunities for Christian fellowship at First Reformed Church of Cary. Each Sunday following the worship service, we gather for coffee, juice, and light snacks. This is a time for us to chat with our friends and get acquainted with our visitors. Other fellowship opportunities include:

**Monthly Luncheons  
Empty Nesters  
Women's Bible Study  
Men's Devotional Breakfast  
Youth Group  
Various Children's Activities**

Folks at First Reformed Church of Cary enjoy being together and we would love to have you join us in Christian fellowship.

## JOIN US FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

***"In Gratitude, we Serve...."***

We believe that a large component of our Christian faith is to be of service to those in need. With joy we reach out to our neighbors and across the oceans to help fill physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. As a congregation, we work to provide opportunities where all members can support Christ's Mission. Our service projects include:

**CROP Walk  
Meals on Wheels  
Volunteer Families for Children  
Adopt-A-Highway  
Christian Community in Action  
Christmas Angel Tree  
RCA Missions Abroad**

We invite you to come and serve Our Lord and His people with us!