

## **Hill Country Presbyterian Church (20 Year Mission Church)**

A Reformed and Confessional (mission) church which endeavors, by the grace and mercy of God, to proclaim and extol the name of Jesus Christ, our King and Savior, as we nurture and grow faithful disciples and ambassadors of the kingdom of God, in order to expand His rule and reign through the gathering and perfecting of the saints.

We are group of families in Killeen, Texas, who desire the establishment of a PCA Church. The PCA's Southwest Church Planting Network has been working with us to provide financial and administrative support for this plant. We are in close proximity to Fort Hood, which is the largest military base in the United States. Based upon that, we have visitors/members rotate through based on military reassignments. We are in close proximity to UHMB, Texas A&M Satellite Campus, and Central Texas/ Temple College, and Lake Belton. Near by cities include Waco and Austin (1 hour drive) for ease of continental/overseas travel.

We have all concurred that we desire such a church in Killeen for the following reasons:

To establish biblical authority over all teaching and preaching, and our lives.

To be salt and light in a diverse community, proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins, repentance of sin/ denial of self by hating even the garment stained by the flesh/adorning ourselves with the wedding garments until we all be called into glory. And to bring revival upon this area, which is under the famine of God's word. Amos 8vv11-13.

To establish a structure of the body allowing for transparency and accountability in leadership and the body.

To strive for weekly worship that honors The LORD and preserves the historical liturgy of the church.

It is important each week to gather with brothers and sisters to "live as united members of the church/Christ's bride" through:

—Adoration and praise of the triune God

—Confession of who we are as broken and sinful humans

—Assurance of forgiveness through Christ's atoning sacrifice

—Intercessory Prayer

—Offering our talents and resources to God through His church

—Hearing the Word of God Preached

—Communion as ordained by our Lord Jesus Christ, as a remembrance of what he has done, and who we are In Him.

Provisions for Reformed biblical teaching and deep study of the Word. We trust The LORD's path for us. (Unless The LORD builds the house, the builders build it in vain).

### **We are Reformed**

We are Reformed. Historically, the doctrines of the Reformed Faith have been summarized in five sola (“alone” or “only”) statements: (1) Scripture Alone: the Old and New Testaments are the written Word of God, given by His inspiration, and are the only rule of faith and life (WCF 1:2); (2) Christ Alone: the Lord Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God and the only Mediator between God and Man, and through whom His people are redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified (WCF 8:1-2); (3) Faith Alone: receiving and resting on Christ and His righteousness is the alone instrument of justification, Christ's righteousness being imputed to those who believe (WCF 11:1-2); (4) Grace Alone: God effectually calls and regenerates those whom He has chosen, not by anything foreseen in them, but by His free and special grace alone (WCF 10:2); (5) God's Glory Alone: As Creator of all things and Redeemer of the elect, God works all things to the praise and glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy (WCF 5:1).

### **We are Confessional.**

Often, believers will declare their submission to God's Word in saying, “I have no creed, but the Bible.” However, in practice this usually means, “I have no creed, but the Bible as I interpret it” which makes doctrine both subjective and malleable. As a church and denomination, we believe that the Westminster Standards contain the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures. [The Westminster Standards](#) are comprised of the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Westminster Larger Catechism, and the Westminster Shorter Catechism, all of which were written in the 1640s by the Westminster Assembly in England. These three documents, along with the Presbyterian Church in America's Book of Church Order, comprise the constitution of our church.

### **We are Presbyterian**

Our church is not independent, but connectional and hierarchical. This means that while our local church, by itself, functions as the body of Christ, we maintain reciprocal accountability (are accountable to and for) the larger Church of our denomination, [the Presbyterian Church in America \(PCA\)](#). “The Church is governed by various courts, in regular gradation, which are all, nevertheless, Presbyteries, as being composed exclusively of presbyters. These courts are church Sessions, Presbyteries, and the General Assembly” (BCO 10:1-2). The church session consists of the pastor and ruling elders of the church (BCO 12:1); in our case, Hill Country Church (PCA) is a “mission” church, and is therefore governed by a provisional session comprised of pastors and elders from the [North Texas Presbytery](#). The presbytery consists of all the teaching elders and churches within its geographical bounds that have been accepted by the presbytery; all teaching elders and representative ruling elders comprise the court of the presbytery (BCO 13:1-2). The General Assembly is the highest court of the church and represents in one body all the churches of the denomination; all teaching elders and representative ruling elders comprise the court of the General Assembly (BCO 14:1).

### **Our Worship**

In the public and corporate worship of our church we hold to the regulative principle of worship and emphasize the ordinary means of grace. The regulative principle of worship refers to the distinctive of the Reformed tradition wherein the corporate worship of God is conducted according to the Word of God. Specifically, this means that we seek to worship God only in the ways that He has prescribed or commanded us to worship Him in the Scripture ([Deut 12:32](#), [Exo 20: 4-6](#), [Matt 15:7-9](#), [Col 2:20-23](#), WCF 21:1). The ordinary means of grace refers to those things which Christ ordinarily uses to communicate the benefits of redemption to His people: the reading and preaching of God’s word, the administration of the sacraments of baptism and the Lord’s supper, and prayer (WSC 88).

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