
Palos Heights Christian Reformed Church



Welcome!

Thank you for your interest in the position of Pastor of Preaching and Faith Formation at Palos Heights Christian Reformed Church. We hope that this profile helps you get to know our church, our commitments, and our community.

If you have any questions, or would like to apply for this position, please contact us at pastorsearch@paloschurch.org.

Our Vision.

Palos Heights Christian Reformed Church exists to make and equip passionate followers of Jesus who love all people and transform their communities for the glory of God.

In response to Jesus' commission in Matthew 28 and trusting in Jesus' power and authority, we seek, first of all, to be a community of people who are passionately following Jesus in all areas of life. As we follow Jesus at work, at school, in our community, we do so in such a way that others come to know Jesus and become followers of him as well.

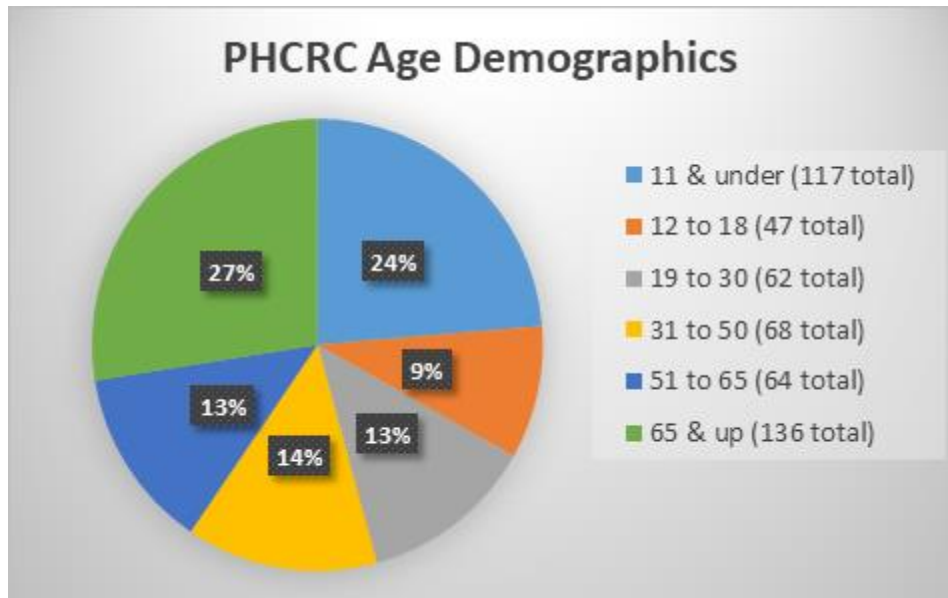
It is Jesus' "new command" (John 13:34) that animates the second part of our vision. As passionate followers of Jesus we want to be a community that demonstrates the love of Jesus. We do this in a variety of ways: through service work in our community, through supporting organizations and ministries around us that help our neighbors, but most of all by living out the sacrificial love of Jesus in our lives.

We want to be a transforming influence wherever we are in such a way that the communities of which we are a part are better for our being in them. We believe that God is "making all things new" (Rev. 21:5) and this includes our neighborhoods, schools, playgrounds, ball fields, and places of work. Wherever we are we want to be servants of Jesus who make a difference.

Our ultimate goal in all things is to bring glory to God. Our purpose as a church and as individuals is to see God glorified in all things. So in our life together in worship, and in day-to-day living we seek to see God raised up and glorified.

Who we are.

PHCRC is a multi-generational community of people who are seeking to be passionate followers of Jesus within our community. Our congregation currently consists of almost 500 members.



We gather together each Sunday for worship which is planned and led by a group from within the congregation in consultation with the Pastor. You can view recent worship services on our website at <https://www.paloschurch.org/resources/sermons/live-stream-of-worship-services-at-palos-heights-christian-reformed-church>.

Currently our weekly worshipping community numbers around 250 in person, as well as a regular number of online viewers.

Our discipleship ministries.

For Students

- **Kid's Club** – The purpose of Kid's Club is to lead children to significant, lasting relationships with Christ and is for children between K - 8th grade. They meet on Sunday from 10:45AM to 11:30AM (September through May).
- **Catechism:** Catechism for students in 9th-12th grade meets weekly on Sunday mornings after the worship service (September through May). The Freshman/Sophomore small group studies the Heidelberg Catechism, and the Junior/Senior small group participates in topical Bible studies related to Christian living.
- **WOW (Walk-Out-Worship)** – Is for preschool-aged children (3 – 5 years old) during the morning worship service and meets year round. The children start with their parents in the sanctuary for the first part of the service, and then are excused before the sermon begins. During WOW children sing, make crafts, have snacks, and do Bible lessons.
- **Middle School Youth Group** – Middle School Youth Group is for students in 7th/8th grades. They meet on Wednesday Evenings from 7:00PM to 9:00PM (September through May).
- **High School Youth Group** – High School Youth Group is for high school aged young adults. They meet on Sunday Evenings from 6:00PM-8:00PM (September through May).
- **Cadets** – This is a fun, fast paced club for boys in 2nd - 6th grades. They meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday (September through May) from 7:00PM - 8:30PM.
- **GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior)** – GEMS is for girls between 2nd and 6th grade. They meet on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month (September through May) from 6:30PM – 8:30PM.
- **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** – For one week during the summer PHCRC offers VBS for children preschool to 5th grade.

For Adults

- **Fun & Fellowship** - Fun and Fellowship is for women who do exactly what the group's name says. They meet year round on every other Wednesday from 9:30AM-11:30AM to enjoy conversation and playing some games together.
- **Coffee Break** - Coffee Break is a community Bible study open to women of all ages and religious backgrounds. Women have the opportunity to ask questions about God's Word and how it can be applied to challenging life situations and relationships. A time of sharing and prayer offers mutual support and encouragement. This group meets on Tuesday mornings from 9:30AM-11:00AM (September through April).

- **Ladies Afternoon Bible Hour** - If you are looking for good conversation, fellowship, time of prayer and Bible study, this may be the place for you. We are a small group of interesting senior women who meet every other Tuesday, at 1:00PM (September through April) for an hour of study followed with refreshments.
- **Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study**- This Bible Study meets 2x a month on Wednesday evenings from 7:00PM to 8:45PM. This group is open to women of all ages.
- **Men's Life** - This discussion group seeks to understand a text of Scripture, frequently looking for the light it sheds on a man's walk with Christ. The group meets in The LINK from 8:30AM-9:30AM every Tuesday (September through April).
- **Men's Wednesday Night Bible Study** – This group meets 2x a month on Wednesday Evenings from 7:00PM to 8:45PM to study God's Word and pray together. Men of all ages are welcome.
- **Friendship Club** - Friendship Club is for people with cognitive and/or physical disabilities. The group meets on two Thursdays a month from 7:00PM to 9:00PM (October through May) in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Adult Discipleship:** offers classes on a variety of topics throughout the year focusing on connecting faith to daily life.
- **Celebration Choir:** All ages who love to sing are welcomed! Practices are held on Sunday mornings at 10:45AM. Celebration Choir sings during the year as part of our Worship Services.

Our History.

PHCRC began in 1954 with a group of people meeting at Elim Christian School. One year later the group purchased some property two miles west of Elim and built its first building. The congregation experienced steady growth as people moved out of the City and into Palos, and Christian organizations like The Back to God Hour, Chicago Christian High School moved into the Palos community. Trinity Christian College was founded in Palos Heights in 1959 bringing both faculty and students to the area. Our recent history has been impacted by families and students coming and going. In 2017 we completed a renewal process that resulted in a renewed vision to "make and equip passionate followers of Jesus who love all people and transform their communities for the glory of God." We continue to pursue this vision within our community and are looking forward to what God has in store for the next decade.

Our Community



Palos Heights is a suburb of Chicago with a population of 12,480. Palos Heights is in Cook County and is one of the best places to live in Illinois. Living in Palos Heights offers residents a sparse suburban feel and most residents own their homes. In Palos Heights there are a lot of restaurants, coffee shops, and parks including Lake Katherine. Public and private schools in Palos Heights are highly rated. (from Niche.com)

