

***Shore Presbyterian Church Plant (Heritage Presbytery)***  
***Eastern Shore of Virginia***  
***Painter, VA 23420***

Shore Presbyterian Church Plant is located on the southern end of the Delmarva Peninsula in the Mid-Atlantic region, nestled between the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. The cities of Virginia Beach and Norfolk are 50 miles to the South and Salisbury Maryland is 60 miles to the North. This historic rural area is blessed with rich natural resources. Agriculture and commercial fishing have traditionally been and continue to be the primary economic drivers for the region. The natural beauty of the land and coastlines are havens for wildlife, making the region a favorite for outdoor activities. Wallops Island is home to the NASA Wallops Flight Facility where rocket launches, weather and space research activities have brought in hundreds of engineering and research professionals.

The target ministry of this plant is families. We desire to glorify God through sharing the Gospel, and together, with those we touch, rooting our collective joy in our Savior Jesus Christ. The area has two counties, Accomack to the North with an approximate population of 38,000 and Northampton to the South with 13,000. The Eastern Shore Community College is located 5 miles to the North of our current building and the local hospital is 10 miles to the South. Numerous small towns dot the Shore with many churches of traditional denominations, none of which are of the reformed faith.

The current group is comprised of 5 core families, with numerous other families represented. Our heart's desire is to be a part of a reformed community of believers ministering God's grace to broken and needy families. Our theme, "Covenant Families" begins with the core, recognizing our own brokenness and need of God's grace. The Covenant Family extends to all those touched by God's grace.

We have been blessed with a relationship with Providence Presbyterian Church in Salisbury, MD. Their prayer and financial support have helped sustain us, along with the faithful giving of the core. The core is meeting in a building with 5 acres and an apartment, centrally located on the main highway. The building lends itself to multiple family ministries and activities and attendance has been between 15 and 70. In the absence of a planting pastor, we have been growing through John Piper and Tim Keller video material.

In conclusion, Francis Makemie brought the reformed faith to America in 1684 first on the Eastern Shore. 326 years have passed and the time has come for the reformed faith to return. We are looking for a man who has the heart, the gifting and the calling to plant a reformed work in this area. Our hearts desire is to minister the grace of our Lord to families on the Shore. If you and your family have any interest please contact us.

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