

Providence Church - 405 S. Bowie Dr.

A Mission Parish of the Reformed Episcopal Church

What does Episcopal mean? And What about Bishops?

Episcopal is an English word derived from the Greek word *ἐπίσκοπος* (*episcopos*), meaning Overseer. The Reformed Episcopal Church originated in England where it is known by the title Anglican. The Anglican Church historically derived its ministry from the successors of the Apostles. In the earliest centuries the Christian Church developed an Apostolic Creed, an Apostolic Canon (the Bible),

and an Apostolic Ministry (in the form of Bishops). All three of these Apostolic features were viewed as being important in the foundation of the early church, especially as the Church was assaulted by heresies, schism, and false prophets. The Reformed Episcopal Church considers Bishops as an ancient and desirable form of Church Government, for the *bene esse* (well being) of the Church; however, we do not teach that a church without bishops is an invalid church.



Services:

Sunday Morning Prayer – 9:00 AM

The Lord's Table – 10:30 AM

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