

SECOND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, from 8 am until noon

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Our offering this evening for Benevolence can be placed in the offering box in the lobby or by giving online at secondlyndencrc.com & clicking on GIVE NOW at the bottom of the page or by using the QR Code.



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September 13, 2026 • 6 pm • Pastor Ben deRegt

Call to Worship: Psalm 29:1-2

Come, All You People

God's Greeting

We Will Glorify (Brown Hymnal 72)

Profession of Faith in God's Word

How Firm a Foundation (Blue Hymnal 411:1,2,3,4,5)

Evening Prayers

Scripture: Selections from Genesis 1, 3 (page 1, 5)

Sermon: Answering the Problem of Evil (Part 1)

Call to Confession: Psalm 29:10

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 29:11

Romans 5:1-5 in UNISON

Rejoice the Lord is King (Brown Hymnal 228:1,2,3,4)

Benediction: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name (Brown Hymnal 604:1,2)

The Problem of Evil (Part 1)

Genesis 1, 3

Answering The Problem of Evil: The Epicurus Dilemma

“Is God willing to prevent evil, but not able? Then he is not omnipotent. Is he able, but not willing? Then he is malevolent. Is he both able and willing? Then whence cometh evil? Is he neither able nor willing? Then why call him God?”

1. **Evil did not originate**_____
(Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31)

2. **Our acknowledgment of evil points**_____.
(Romans 2:14-15)

3. **God is neither** _____ **from nor** _____ **to**
but_____ **over evil. Notice...**
 - His **PROMISE** to _____ evil (Genesis 3:15).

 - His **PROVISION** for those _____ by evil (Genesis 3:21).

 - His **PROTECTION** from the _____ of evil
(Genesis 3:22-24).

Share What You’ve Learned with Someone Else

1. Why does the existence of evil seem to present a problem for belief in an all-powerful and loving God?

2. Why is it important to begin with the biblical truth that God created everything good and did not create evil?

3. How might our ability to recognize something as truly “evil” actually point toward the existence of a Good God?

4. What do God’s actions in Genesis 3:15, 21, and 22 reveal about His response to human sin and suffering? How

5. When you encounter suffering personally, what is harder for you to believe—that God is powerful enough to help, that He cares enough to help, or that His purposes are good? Why?