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Welcome

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

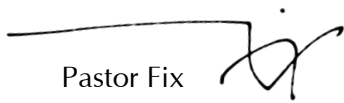
*We are so glad you
are here!*

Welcome to Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie! We're glad you are able to join our church family today as we do what we were made to do together, namely glorify and enjoy God.

Weekly worship is the center of our life together as the body of Christ, as we meet with God and are spiritually nourished and built up by his Word and Sacraments, which focus our attention on the Good News of Jesus Christ. We want to do this as he tells us he wants us to in the Bible, so our worship seeks to reflect that.

We would love to meet you and for you to get to know us, so please plan to stay after worship for some coffee and tea in the foyer and our discipleship classes for all ages that follow worship.

Warmly,


Pastor Fix

FOR YOUR FAMILY

We believe in families worshipping together so we welcome children of all ages to be with us during the whole worship service.

Nursery is offered for children ages 0–5 years during the morning worship service and morning discipleship.

Discipleship is offered for all ages immediately after the morning worship service. We have classes for children age 4 through 12th grade in the classrooms. For adults we have either a class or sermon discussion in the big meeting room.

Evening Worship meets every Sunday at 6:00 PM, except on the first Sunday, when we have Hymn Sing, which is also at 6:00 PM.

Audio recordings of morning and evening sermons are available on our website, www.rpcbowie.org.

Please remember to silence your **mobile devices** during the worship services.

Order of Worship

COMING BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD

God invites us to worship him in spirit and in truth

Call to Worship*Scott Schollenberger*

We praise God through song

* Hymn #295 Crown Him with Many Crowns

We praise God through prayer and acknowledge our need of forgiveness and renewal through the cleansing blood of Jesus

Prayer of Adoration and Confession*Scott Schollenberger*

***Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

God reminds us of his promise of forgiveness in Christ

Assurance of Pardon Titus 3:5-7

* Gloria Patri (#735)

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-
ginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men

RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

God speaks to us through his Word read and preached

New Testament Reading Mark 11:12-25 (p. 847)

* Hymn (p. 6) Speak, O Lord

Old Testament Reading..... Hosea 9 (p. 755)

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Sermon..... **To the Desert**
Pastor Chris

*Congregation standing

Order of Worship (cont.)

*We prepare to receive
the visible Gospel
in the Supper*

* Hymn (p. 7)The Power of the Cross

*We confess our faith
together with the
broader church today
and the church
of ages past*

* Confession of Faith Luther's Small Catechism, Part II, Art. 3

I believe that I cannot, by my own reason or strength, believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me by His gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith; just as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith; in which Christian Church He daily forgives richly all my sins, and the sins of all believers; and will raise up me and all the dead at the last day, and will grant everlasting life to me and all who believe in Christ. This is most certainly true.

*We receive the grace of
the Gospel in the visible
form of bread and wine*

Lord's Supper..... Pastor Fix

Gluten-free bread is served for the Lord's Supper. Wine is also served; however, the center ring of each tray contains grape juice for those who desire it for reasons of health or conscience. Please hold the elements until all have received them, so that we can partake together.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*We respond in praise
for the blessings
received in the Gospel*

* Hymn #524 Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

*We give thanks and
bring our needs to God*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession Pastor Fix

*We give a portion back
as thanks to God*

Offering..... Amazing Grace

*Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found; was blind, but now I see, I see.
T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, yhe hour I first believed, believed.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no more days to sing God's praise, than when we first begun.*

The hour I first believed. Was blind, was so blind. But now I see!

*Lyrics: John Newton
Music: S. Hatfield
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Order of Worship (cont.)

* Doxology (#732)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be-low; praise
 him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*God sends us out
with his blessing*

* Benediction *Pastor Fix*

* Amen (#739)

A - - - men, a - - - men.

*Congregation standing

SPEAK, O LORD

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re -
 2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us



ceive the food of your ho - ly word. Take your truth, plant it
 rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our
 grasp the heights of your plans for us. Truths un - changed from the



deep in us, shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness, that the
 at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty. Cause our
 dawn of time, that will e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of love and our
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your ma - jes - tic love and au -
 grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by faith we'll walk as you



deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all your
 thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can ne - ver fail; let your
 walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the



pur - pos - es, for your glo - ry.
 truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
 earth is filled with your glo - ry.

THE POWER OF THE CROSS

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day,
 2. Oh to see the pain writ - ten on your face,
 3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath
 4. Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,



Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,
 bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,
 quakes as its Mak - er bows his head. Cur - tain torn in two,
 for through your suf - f'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death,



torn and beat - en then nailed to a cross of wood. This the
 ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing your blood - stained brow. This the
 dead are raised to life, "fin - ished" the vic - t'ry cry. This the
 life is mine to live, won through your self - less love! This the



pow'r of the cross, Christ be - came sin for us. Took the blame, bore the
 pow'r of the cross, Christ be - came sin for us. Took the blame, bore the
 pow'r of the cross, Christ be - came sin for us. Took the blame, bore the
 pow'r of the cross, Son of God slain for us. What a love, what a



wrath, we stand for - giv - en at the cross.
 wrath, we stand for - giv - en at the cross.
 wrath, we stand for - giv - en at the cross.
 cost, we stand for - giv - en at the cross. [Repeat verse 4 refrain]

Sermon Notes

Evening Worship

*God invites us to
worship him in spirit
and in truth*

Call to Worship.....*Tom Ramsey*

*We praise God
through song*

* Hymn #660 O God beyond All Praising

*We invite God's
presence as we
worship him*

* Prayer of Invocation *Tom Ramsey*

Hymn (p. 10) Our God Will Go Before Us
Hymn of the Month

*God speaks to us
through the reading and
preaching of his Word*

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 10:1–10 (p. 638)

* Hymn (p. 11) O Great God

New Testament Reading..... Philippians 3:17–4:1 (p. 981)

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provided on page 8*

Sermon **Where Is Your Mind Set?**
Pastor Fix

*We respond in
thanks and praise*

* Hymn #644 May the Mind of Christ My Savior


*God sends us out
with his blessing*

* Benediction *Pastor Fix*


*Congregation standing

OUR GOD WILL GO BEFORE US

Matt Boswell, Keith Getty, and Matt Papa



1. Our God will go be - fore us and guide us by his pre - sence. What
 2. Through un - known paths, through sha - dows, our hearts fear not to - mor - row. For
 3. Though e - vil forms a - gainst us, all hea - ven shall de - fend us. The
 4. Now send us with your pre - sence and lead us on to hea - ven, where



1.
 con - fi - dence this pro - mise is: we will ne - ver walk a - lone. Through
 ev - 'ry step, his faith - ful - ness is the truth that lights our
 gates of hell shall not pre - vail, for the bat - tle is the
 songs of sor - row strain no more and our ev - 'ry breath is



2.
 way. Our God will go be - fore us; the Lord of Hosts is with us. O
 Lord's.
 praise.



1. 2.
 praise the One who leads us on, for his grace will bring us home. 3. Though
 4. Now

O GREAT GOD

Words and Music by Bob Kauflin



1. O great God of high - est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly heart; own it
 2. I was blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice; did not
 3. Help me now to live a life that's de - pen - dent on your grace; keep my



all and reign su - preme, con - quer ev - 'ry reb - el pow'r. Let no
 know your love with - in, had no taste for heav - ens joys. Then your
 heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face. You are



vice or sin re - main that re - sists your ho - ly war. You have
 Spir - it gave me life, o - pened up your word to me; through the
 wor - thy to be praised with my ev - 'ry thought and deed. O great



loved and pur - chased me; make me yours for - ev - er - more.
 gos - pel of your Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.
 God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy your name through me.

Next Two Weeks at a Glance

THIS WEEK 4/28 – 5/4

- SUNDAY 4/28** Morning Worship, 10:00 AM
Discipleship, 11:45 AM
Evening Worship, 6:00 PM
- WEDNESDAY 5/1** [Prayer Meeting Videoconference](#), 7:30 PM
- THURSDAY 5/2** Women's Study, 9:45 AM at Tricia Bloomberg's
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM
- FRIDAY 5/3** [Men's Study Videoconference](#), 7:00 AM
Sandra McCracken Concert, 7:00 PM
- SATURDAY 5/4** Men's Quarterly Breakfast, 8:30 AM at the Styles'

NEXT WEEK 5/5 – 5/11

- SUNDAY 5/5** Morning Worship, 10:00 AM
Discipleship, 11:45 AM
Hymn Sing, 6:00 PM
- TUESDAY 5/7** Women's Study, 7:00 PM at the Langleys'
- WEDNESDAY 5/8** [Prayer Meeting Videoconference](#), 7:30 PM
- FRIDAY 5/10** [Men's Study Videoconference](#), 7:00 AM
- SATURDAY 5/11** Family Fun Day, 2:00 PM

Preparation for Next Lord's Day

SERMON SERIES: **EPHESIANS: GRACE THAT GUIDES**
SERMON TITLE: *"Why Ephesians and Why Now?"*
SERMON TEXT: Ephesians 1:1–2
PREACHER: *Pastor Fix*

- MONDAY** **Ephesians 1:1–2; Acts 19**
What about Paul's relationship to the Ephesians do we see in these first verses and how might that help us understand Paul's message?
- TUESDAY** **Ephesians 1; Malachi 1**
What important points does Paul make about God's grace here, and how might it affect how we live our lives today?
- WEDNESDAY** **Ephesians 2; Psalm 66**
How is the ingathering of Gentiles into the church a fulfillment of the Old Testament vision of God's grace revealed to Israel? How can we apply this?
- THURSDAY** **Ephesians 3**
If Ephesus was a cosmopolitan city with both Jews and Gentiles who together made up the church, how might Paul's words here help us think about how we navigate being a diverse body of Christ?
- FRIDAY** **Ephesians 4–5**
How does the gospel grace guide and motivate our life and relationships together as the body of Christ? Application?
- SATURDAY** **Ephesians 6; Exodus 15**
What hope do we have facing "this present darkness" and a dangerous world under the sway of the "the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places"? Apply this.

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