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Welcome

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

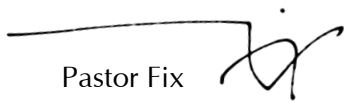
*We are so glad you
are here!*

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 *Tim Jones*

We praise God through song

* Hymn #302 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

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

Prayer of Adoration and Confession *Tim Jones*

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us, that is in our flesh.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

God reminds us of his promise of forgiveness in Christ

Assurance of Pardon *Jeremiah 24:6–7*

* 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

Old Testament Reading..... *Psalm 66, responsive (Hymnal p. 807)*

* Hymn #442 *Arise, O God*

New Testament Reading *Ephesians 1:1–2 (p. 976)*

*Congregation standing

Order of Worship (cont.)

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Sermon.....**Why Ephesians and Why Now?**

Pastor Fix

We prepare to receive the visible Gospel in the Supper

* Hymn (p. 6) My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

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

* Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.†

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

Lord's Supper.....*Pastor Chris*

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 (p. 7) In Christ Alone

We give thanks and bring our needs to God

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession*Scott Schollenberger*

We give a portion back as thanks to God

Offering..... We Sing the Mighty Power of God

*We sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.*

*We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines bright at His command, and all the stars obey.*

*We sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word, and then pronounced them good.*

*Congregation standing

†The word "catholic" with a lower case "c" means "universal."

Order of Worship (cont.)

*Lord, how thy wonders are displayed wherever we turn our eyes,
If we survey the ground we tread or gaze upon the skies.*

*There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known;
And clouds arise and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;*

*While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
And everywhere that man can be, thou, God, art present there.*

Sing hallelujah, praise the Lord!

*Words by Isaac Watts
KINGSFOLD / arr. H. Hopson*

* Doxology (#733)

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*God sends us out
with his blessing*

* Benediction *Pastor Fix*

* Amen (#740)

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

*Congregation standing

MY HEART IS FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS

Words and Music by
Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

1. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who bore my pain; Who
 2. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who walks be-side; Who
 3. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who reigns a-bove; Whose

5 C G/B Am F C/E F G C

plumbed the depths of my dis-grace and gave me life a-gain; Who
 floods my weak-ness with strength and caus-es fears to fly. Whose
 wis-dom is my per-fect peace, whose ev-'ry thought is love. For

9 Am C/G F G Am F C/E F G^{sus} G

crushed my curse of sin-ful-ness and clothed me with His light and
 ev-'ry prom-ise is e-nough for ev-'ry step I take. Sus-
 ev-'ry day I have on earth is giv-en by the King. So

13 C G/B Am F C/E F G C

wrote His law of right-eous-ness with pow'r up-on my heart.
 -tain-ing me with arms of love and crown-ing me with grace.
 I will give my life, my all, to love and fol-low Him.

IN CHRIST ALONE

Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



1. In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my
 2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help-less
 3. There in the ground His bod-y lay, Light of the world by dark-ness
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in

4 D G D G A D/F# G D/F# Em⁷ G/A

8 D D/F# G D/F# A^{SUS} A D/F# G Bm⁷

12 A^{SUS} A G D G A D/F# G D/F# Em⁷ G/A

16 D Am⁷ Em⁷ D D^{SUS} D

stand.
 live.
 Christ.
 stand!

Sermon Notes

Next Two Weeks at a Glance

THIS WEEK 5/5 – 5/11

SUNDAY 5/5	Morning Worship, 10:00 AM Discipleship, 11:45 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM 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

NEXT WEEK 5/12 – 5/18

SUNDAY 5/12	Morning Worship, 10:00 AM Discipleship, 11:45 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM Evening Worship, 6:00 PM
TUESDAY 5/14	Women's Book Club, 6:30 PM at the Schollenbrgers' Officers' Meeting, 7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY 5/15	Prayer Meeting Videoconference , 7:30 PM
THURSDAY 5/16	Women's Study, 9:45 AM at Tricia Bloomberg's Third Thursday Fellowship, 6:00 PM at Ledo's in Bowie Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM
FRIDAY 5/17	Men's Study Videoconference , 7:00 AM
SATURDAY 5/18	Men's Study, 8:30 AM at the Fixes'

Preparation for Next Lord's Day

SERMON SERIES: EPHESIANS: GRACE THAT GUIDES
SERMON TITLE: *"Every Spiritual Blessing In Christ"*
SERMON TEXT: Ephesians 1:3–14
PREACHER: Pastor Fix

MONDAY **Ephesians 1:3–14**
 If you were to make a list of all the blessings we have in Jesus Christ outlined by Paul here, how many can you count? Apply this.

TUESDAY **Romans 8:18–39**
 What of the spiritual blessings Paul talks of in Ephesians 1:3–14 are repeated here? What additional ones are listed here? Application.

WEDNESDAY **Psalms 103**
 How are God's blessings a reason to bless him? What are some of the ways we might do that?

THURSDAY **Deuteronomy 7**
 How were the blessings Israel enjoyed as God's predestined, chosen people in the OT types and shadows of ours in Jesus Christ?

FRIDAY **2 Corinthians 5:16–21; Colossians 1**
 How might the blessings of God be summarized as New Creation? How ought this shape the way we think about our lives?

SATURDAY **Isaiah 49**
 How is it that our salvation can serve God's ultimate purpose of bringing himself glory? Apply this.

EVENING WORSHIP

SERMON TITLE: *"The Vines of Bethel"*
SERMON TEXT: Hosea 10
PREACHER: Pastor Chris

Hosea 10
 In the midst of success, what does Hosea show the people they have been drawn towards? Upon what do they depend? What tends to capture your own attention when you feel successful in life?

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