

# Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

**LORD'S DAY**  
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# Welcome

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## A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

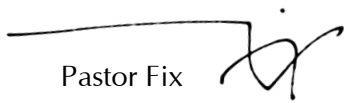
*We are so glad you  
are here!*

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

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## 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 5 months to 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](http://www.rpcbowie.org).

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

# Order of Worship

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## COMING BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD

Introit..... Jubilate Deo (*Rejoice in the Lord*)  
attr. to W. A. Mozart

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

Call to Worship ..... *Tim Jones*

*We praise God  
through song*

\* Hymn #165 ..... *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

*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*

***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 ..... 1 John 4:9–10

\* 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-  
gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.

Reception of New Member ..... *Anna Teresa Smith*

## RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

*God speaks to us  
through his Word read  
and preached*

Old Testament Reading ..... *Isaiah 54:1–8 (p. 614)*

\*Congregation standing

# Order of Worship (*cont.*)

\* Hymn #535 ..... O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

New Testament Reading ..... Ephesians 5:22–33 (p. 978)

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provided on page 6*

Sermon ..... **Submitting to Christ in Marriage**  
Pastor Fix

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

\* Hymn #247 ..... O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

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

\* Confession of Faith ..... The Scots Confession, Ch. 1

***We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by His inscrutable providence for such end as His eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of His own glory. 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 part ake together.*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

\* Hymn #355 ..... We Are God's People

*We give thanks and  
bring our needs to God*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession ..... Mark Wallace

# Order of Worship (cont.)

*We give a portion back  
as thanks to God*

Offering ..... Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God  
H. Willan

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence;  
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.*

*Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
Uphold me with Thy free spirit.*

*Psalm 51: 10 - 12  
Music by Healey Willan  
© 1959 Concordia Publishing House*

\* Doxology (#731)

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 (#738)

A - men, a - - - men.

\*Congregation standing

# Sermon Notes

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# Evening Worship

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

Call to Worship .....Ken Styles

*We praise God  
through song*

\* Hymn (p. 9) ..... Across the Lands

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

\* Prayer of Invocation .....Ken Styles

Hymn (p. 10) ..... Christ Our Wisdom  
*Hymn of the Month*

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

Old Testament Reading ..... Isaiah 53:10–54:8 (p. 614)

\* Hymn #66 ..... God Is Known among His People

New Testament Reading ..... John 3:22–36 (p. 888)

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provided on page 6*

Sermon ..... **He Must Increase**  
*Pastor Chris*

*We respond in  
thanks and praise*

\* Hymn #170 ..... Fairest Lord Jesus

*God sends us out  
with his blessing*

\* Benediction ..... *Pastor Chris*

## ACROSS THE LANDS

Words and Music by  
Stuart Townend and Keith Getty



1. You're the Word of God the Fa-ther, — from be- fore the world be- gan; — Ev-'ry  
 (2. Yet You) left the gaze of an-gels, — came to seek and save the lost, — and ex-  
 (3. With a) shout You rose vic- to-rious, — wrest-ing vic-t'ry from the grave, — and as-



star and ev - 'ry pla - net — has been fash - ioned by Your hand. All cre -  
 -changed the joy of heav - en — for the an - guish of a cross. With a  
 -cend - ed in - to heav - en — lead - ing cap - tives in Your wake. Now You



- a - tion holds to - geth - er — by the pow - er of Your voice: — Let the  
 prayer You fed the hung - ry, — with a word You stilled the sea. — Yet how  
 stand be - fore the Fa - ther — in - ter - ced - ing for Your own. — From each

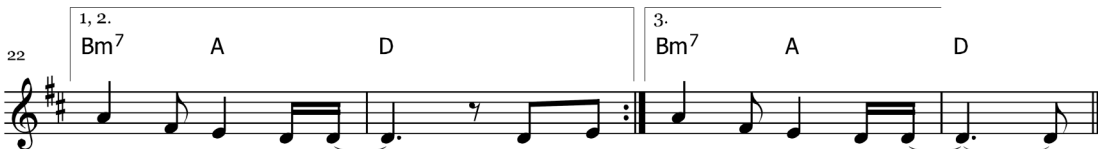


skies de - clare Your glo - ry, — let the land and seas re - joice! — You're the  
 si - lent - ly You suf - fered — that the guilt - y may go free. —  
 tribe and tongue and na - tion — You are lead - ing sin - ners home. —

## CHORUS



au - thor of cre - a - tion, — You're the Lord of ev - 'ry man; — And Your cry of love rings



out a - cross the lands. — 2. Yet You out a - cross the lands. —  
 3. With a



# CHRIST OUR WISDOM

Jon Althoff, Bob Kauflin, Nathan Stiff



1.Christ,our wis - dom, we are hum - bled when you hide your ways from  
 2.Christ,our wis - dom, be our glad - ness when we fail to un - der -  
 3.Christ,our wis - dom, we will fol - low though the way a - head is  
 4.Christ,our wis - dom, we a - dore you for the beau - ty of the



us; you have pur - pos - es un - num - bered, each one good and glo - ri -  
 stand; you or - dain all joy and sad - ness to ful - fill your per - fect  
 veiled; as we jour - ney through the shad - ows, grant us faith where sight has  
 cross; once in fool - ish - ness we scorned you, but your blood has ran - somed



ous. Help us trust when we grow wea - ry, free us from our anx - ious  
 plan. Help us know you rule with pow - er o - ver ev - ery rag - ing  
 failed. Help us cling to your com - mand - ments, strength - ened by your faith - ful  
 us. Help us sing the end - less mer - cies of your hum - ble heart to



thoughts; give us grace to see more clear - ly: you are God, and we are  
 flood; in our most un - cer - tain hour, you are God, and we are  
 word; we will nev - er be a - ban - doned; you are God, and we are  
 save; Christ,our wis - dom, Christ,our glo - ry, you are God for - ev - er



1. 2. 3. Christ,our praised. Help us sing the end - less mer - cies of your  
 loved. Christ,our  
 yours. Christ,our



hum - ble heart to save; Christ,our wis - dom, Christ,our glo - ry, you are God, for - ev - er praised.

# Next Two Weeks at a Glance

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## THIS WEEK 9/15 – 9/21

- SUNDAY 9/15** Morning Worship, 10:00 AM  
Congregational Meeting, 11:30 AM  
Evening Worship, 6:00 PM
- TUESDAY 9/17** Women's Study, 7:00 PM at the Langleys'
- WEDNESDAY 9/18** [Prayer Meeting Videoconference](#), 7:30 PM
- THURSDAY 9/19** Women's Study, 9:45 AM at the Cripes'  
Third Thursday Fellowship, 6:00 PM at Ledo's in Bowie  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM
- FRIDAY 9/20** [Men's Study Videoconference](#), 7:00 AM
- SATURDAY 9/21** Men's Study, 8:30 AM at the Fixes'

## NEXT WEEK 9/22 – 9/28

- SUNDAY 9/22** Morning Worship, 10:00 AM  
Discipleship, 11:45 AM  
Evening Worship, 6:00 PM
- WEDNESDAY 9/25** [Prayer Meeting Videoconference](#), 7:30 PM
- FRIDAY 9/27** [Men's Study Videoconference](#), 7:00 AM  
PG Conference on Reformed Theology, 7:00 PM at  
Greenbelt Baptist Church
- SATURDAY 9/28** PG Conference on Reformed Theology, 8:00 AM at  
Greenbelt Baptist Church

# Preparation for Next Lord's Day

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## MORNING WORSHIP

**SERMON SERIES:**       **EPHESIANS: GRACE THAT GUIDES**  
**SERMON TITLE:**       *“Submitting to Christ as Children and Coworkers”*  
**SERMON TEXT:**       *Ephesians 6:1–9*  
**PREACHER:**           *Pastor Fix*

**MONDAY**               **Ephesians 6:1–9**  
 How are our relationships in the family and workplace to be informed and guided by the Gospel grace of Jesus Christ? Apply this.

**TUESDAY**             **Proverbs 1:8; 6:20; 23:22, 24–25; Colossians 3:20–21;**  
 In what ways do the instructions for children and parents elsewhere help us understand the instructions in Ephesians 5? Application?

**WEDNESDAY**       **Colossians 3:22–4:1; 1 Timothy 6:1–2; 1 Peter 2:13–25**  
 In what ways do the instructions for servants and masters elsewhere help us understand the instructions in Ephesians 5? Application?

**THURSDAY**         **Psalm 78:1–8; Deuteronomy 5:16; 6:1–25**  
 In what way are believing parents and the church to serve our children? What do these look like in our context?

**FRIDAY**             **Philemon 1–25; Romans 13**  
 What are some ways that God's instructions for servants and masters may apply to us in our context? What limits are there on this?

**SATURDAY**         **Romans 12:9–13; Philippians 2:1–11; Hebrews 13:17**  
 How is Christ the model for us in our relationships in the body, and how does Paul's teaching in Ephesians 6:1–9 apply in the church?

## EVENING WORSHIP

**SERMON SERIES:**       **JOHN**  
**SERMON TITLE:**       *“Thirsty, No More”*  
**SERMON TEXT:**       *John 4:1–42*  
**PREACHER:**           *Pastor Chris*

In his encounter with the woman at the well, what does Jesus teach the woman about herself? What does she believe will satisfy her? What does Jesus offer instead?

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