

Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie

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LORD'S DAY
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Welcome

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

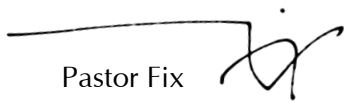
*We are so glad you
are here!*

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 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.

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

ACCESSIBILITY OPTIONS FOR WORSHIP

Large-print bulletins are available in the foyer as well as **personal lights** to aid any who may have added visual needs. Please see the greeters for help with this.

Order of Worship

Please remember to silence your mobile devices during the worship service.

COMING BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD

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

Call to Worship *Mark Wallace*

*We praise God
through song*

* Hymn #159 *O Savior, Precious Savior*

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

Prayer of Adoration and Confession *Mark Wallace*

Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, I have sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified when You speak and blameless when You judge. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me...

Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow...Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit...The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

*God reminds us of his
promise of forgiveness
in Christ*

Assurance of Pardon *1 Peter 2:24–25*

* 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 *Judy Bell*

*Congregation standing

Order of Worship (*cont.*)

RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

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

Old Testament Reading Micah 5:1–15 (p. 778)

* Hymn #164 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

New Testament Reading John 7:1–52 (p. 892)

*Space for notes is
provided on page 7*

Sermon **Can This Be the Christ?**
Pastor Chris

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

* Hymn #246 Man of Sorrows! What a Name

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

* Confession of Faith The Heidelberg Catechism, QA 26

*Q. What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God, the Father
almighty, creator of heaven and earth"?*

***A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who out of nothing
created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and
rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father
because of Christ his Son. I trust him so much that I do not doubt he will
provide whatever I need for body and soul, and he will turn to my good
whatever adversity he sends me in this sad world. He is able to do this
because he is almighty God; he desires to do this because he is a faithful
Father.***

*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 outer 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. 6) Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

*We give thanks and
bring our needs to God*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession *Pastor Chris*

*Congregation standing

Order of Worship (cont.)

*We give a portion back
as thanks to God*

Offering

* Doxology (#731)

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise
 9 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

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

Words and music by
Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, and Michael Farren



1. What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - deem - er. There is no
2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sa - ken, for by my
3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture
4. With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has



more for heav - en now to give. He is my joy, my right - eous - ness and
side the Sa - viour, he will stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re -
sure, the price it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my
said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -



free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I
joic - ing, for in my need his pow - er is dis - played. To this I
par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I
new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I



hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my life is whol - ly bound to
hold: my Shep - herd will de - fend me. Through the deep - est val - ley he will
hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus now and ev - er is my
hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the glo - ry ev - er - more to



his. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not
lead. Oh the night has been won, and I shall o - ver - come! Yet not
plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not
him. When the race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not



1. I, but through Christ in me.
I, but through Christ in me.
I, but through Christ in me.
I, but through Christ in me. When the race is com - plete still my



lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Sermon Notes

Next Two Weeks at a Glance

THIS WEEK 12/1 – 12/7

- SUNDAY 12/1** Morning Worship, 10:00 AM
Discipleship, 11:45 AM
Covenant Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM
No Evening Activities
- TUESDAY 12/3** Women's Study, 7:00 PM at the Langleys'
- WEDNESDAY 12/4** [Prayer Meeting Videoconference](#), 7:30 PM
- THURSDAY 12/5** Women's Study, 9:45 AM at the Joneses'
Covenant Choir Dress Rehearsal, 6:30 PM
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM
- FRIDAY 12/6** [Men's Study Videoconference](#), 7:00 AM
- SATURDAY 12/7** Men's Study, 8:30 AM at the Fixes'

NEXT WEEK 12/8 – 12/14

- SUNDAY 12/8** Morning Worship, 10:00 AM
Discipleship, 11:45 AM
Hymn Sing, 6:00 PM
- TUESDAY 12/10** Women's Book Club, 6:30 PM at the Hacketts'
Session Meeting, 7:30 PM
- WEDNESDAY 12/11** [Prayer Meeting Videoconference](#), 7:30 PM
- THURSDAY 12/12** Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM
- FRIDAY 12/13** [Men's Study Videoconference](#), 7:00 AM
- SATURDAY 12/14** Congregational Meeting and Christmas Party, 5:00 PM

Preparation for Next Lord's Day

SERMON SERIES: WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHSIM

SERMON TITLE: "QA26 – *Christ's Offices: Our King*"

SERMON TEXT: *Luke 1:26–38*

PREACHER: *Pastor Fix*

MONDAY

Luke 1:26–38

How is Jesus described as King here? Apply this.

TUESDAY

John 18:28–19:37

How is Jesus' kingship different than that of kings of this world?

WEDNESDAY

Psalm 2

Who is it who anoints Jesus as our king, and why is that significant?

THURSDAY

1 Chronicles 17:1–15; Psalm 110; Revelation 19:11–21

What was promised about Jesus' kingship? How is it fulfilled?

FRIDAY

Isaiah 33

Why do God's people need a king, and why is the Lord the king we need?
How is this fulfilled in Jesus Christ? Application?

SATURDAY

1 Corinthians 15

How is Christ reigning now, and how will he do so forever?

Westminster Shorter Catechism Question / Answers #26

Historic Version (1647)

Q: How doth Christ execute the Office of a King?

A: Christ executeth the Office of a King, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

Modern Version

Q: How is Christ a king?

A: As a king, Christ brings us into submission to him and his authority, rules and defends us, and restrains and conquers all his and all our enemies.

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