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Welcome

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

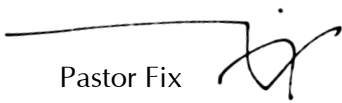
*We are so glad you
are here!*

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.

Introit..... Bethlehem Night

COMING BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD

God invites us to worship him in spirit and in truth

Call to Worship Tom Ramsey

We praise God through song

* Hymn #196..... Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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

Prayer of Adoration and Confession Tom Ramsey

***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 PardonIsaiah 53:5-6

* 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.

RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

God speaks to us through his Word read and preached

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 33 (p. 593)

* Hymn #213..... What Child Is This

New Testament Reading Luke 1:26-38 (p. 855)

*Congregation standing

Order of Worship (*cont.*)

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Sermon **QA26 – Christ’s Offices: Our King**
Pastor Fix

We prepare to receive the visible Gospel in the Supper

* Hymn #193 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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. 2

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord; Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, secured and delivered me even from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood, and with His innocent sufferings and death; in order that I might be His own, live under Him in His Kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, and lives and reigns forever. 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 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 #198 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

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..... Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor

*Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,
 all for love’s sake becamest poor;
 thrones for a manger didst surrender,
 sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
 Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,
 all for love’s sake becamest poor.*

Order of Worship (cont.)

*Thou who art God beyond all praising,
 all for love's sake becamest man;
 stooping so low, but sinners raising,
 heavenward by thine eternal plan.
 Thou who art God beyond all praising,
 all for love's sake becamest man.*

*Thou who art love beyond all telling,
 Saviour and King, we worship thee.
 Emmanuel, within us dwelling,
 Make us what thou wouldst have us be.
 Thou who art love beyond all telling,
 Saviour and King, we worship thee.*

*Lyrics: F. Houghton – based on Il Co. 8:9
 Trad. French Carol melody / arr. M. Ijames
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* 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

Next Two Weeks at a Glance

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK 12/15 – 12/21

SUNDAY 12/15	Morning Worship, 10:00 AM Discipleship, 11:45 AM Evening Worship, 6:00 PM
TUESDAY 12/17	Women's Study, 7:00 PM at the Langleys'
WEDNESDAY 12/18	Prayer Meeting Videoconference , 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM
THURSDAY 12/19	Women's Study, 9:45 AM at the Joneses' Third Thursday Fellowship, 6:00 PM at Ledo's in Bowie
FRIDAY 12/20	Men's Study Videoconference , 7:00 AM
SATURDAY 12/21	Men's Study, 8:30 AM at the Fixes'

Preparation for Next Lord's Day

MORNING WORSHIP

SERMON SERIES: WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHSIM
SERMON TITLE: "QA27 – Christ's Humiliation"
SERMON TEXT: Luke 2:1–40
PREACHER: Pastor Fix

MONDAY **Luke 2:1–40**
 What of WSC QA #27 is reflected in this passage? Apply this.

TUESDAY **Isaiah 53**
 How was Christ's humiliation prophesied? Application?

WEDNESDAY **Philippians 2:1–11**
 What lessons are there for us in Christ's humiliation?

THURSDAY **2 Corinthians 8:9; Galatians 4:1–7; Hebrews 12:1–14;**
 What was Christ's humiliation to the law and miseries of life like?

FRIDAY **Matthew 27:32–61; Luke 22:39–46; Galatians 3:10–14**
 How do we see the wrath of God on Jesus here? Apply this.

SATURDAY **Romans 5:12–21; Corinthians 15:1–28; Acts 2:22–34**
 Why was continuing under the power of death Christ's humiliation?

Westminster Shorter Catechism Question / Answers #27

Historic Version (1647)

Q: Wherein did Christs Humiliation consist?

A: Christs Humiliation consisted in his being borne, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the crosse, in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

Modern Version

Q: What did Christ's humiliation include?

A: Christ's humiliation included his being born as a man and into a poor family; being made subject to the law and suffering the miseries of this life, the just anger of God, and the curse of death on the cross; and being buried and remaining under the power of death for a time.

EVENING WORSHIP

SERMON TITLE & TEXT: "Who's Your Father?" (John 8:12–59)
PREACHER: Pastor Chris

Following up on the conversation in John chapter 7, what question becomes the central point of John 8? How does that question impact Jesus? How does the answer to that question impact the crowd of Jews to whom Jesus is speaking? How might it impact you?

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