

Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie

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Welcome

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

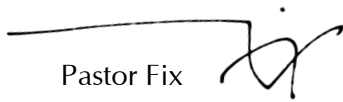
*We are so glad you
are here!*

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 WorshipMark Wallace

*We praise God
through song*

* Hymn (p. 6)Rejoice

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

Prayer of Adoration and ConfessionMark 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 PardonJohn 3:16

* 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.

*Congregation standing

Order of Worship (*cont.*)

RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

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

Old Testament Reading..... Isaiah 56 (p. 616)

* Hymn #377 Jesus, Where'er Your People Meet

New Testament Reading Mark 11:15–19 (p. 847)

*Space for notes is
provided on page 8*

Sermon..... **A House of Prayer for All Nations**
Pastor Fix

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

* Hymn #480..... Come, for the Feast Is Spread

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

* Confession of Faith..... Belgic Confession, Article 21 (adapted)

We believe that Jesus is a high priest forever for us, and that he presented himself in our name before his Father, to appease his wrath with full satisfaction by offering himself on the tree of the cross and pouring out his precious blood for the cleansing of our sins, as the prophets had predicted. He suffered—the “just for the unjust”—in both his body and his soul. He endured all this for the forgiveness of our sins.

Therefore, we rightly say with Paul that we “know nothing but Jesus and him crucified”; we consider all things as “loss for the surpassing worth of the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” We find all comforts in his wounds and have no need to seek or invent any other means to reconcile ourselves with God than this one and only sacrifice, once made, which renders believers perfect forever.

This is also why the angel of God called him Jesus—that is, “Savior”—because he would save his people from their sins.

*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 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.

Order of Worship (*cont.*)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

* Hymn (p. 7).....O Great God

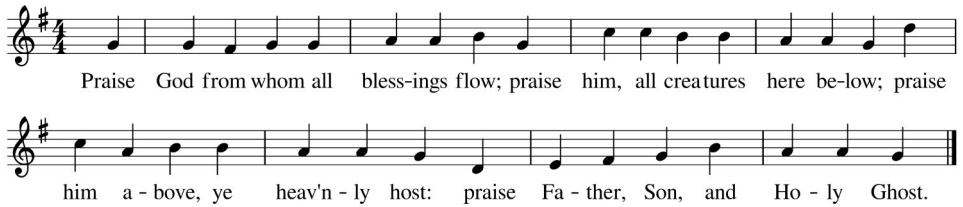
*We give thanks and
bring our needs to God*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession *Tim Jones*

*We give a portion back
as thanks to God*

Offering

* Doxology (#732)



*God sends us out
with his blessing*

* Benediction*Pastor Fix*

* Amen (#739)



REJOICE

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1.Re - joice in the Lord now and al - ways; sing it a - gain, we re -
 2.Re - joice and be an - xious for no - thing, pray - ing for all that you
 3.Re - joice in the Lord now and al - ways; tell of the good He has



joice. De - light in the love He has shown us,
 need. Come with a song of thanks - giv - ing;
 done. Wor - ship the Lord to re - mem - ber

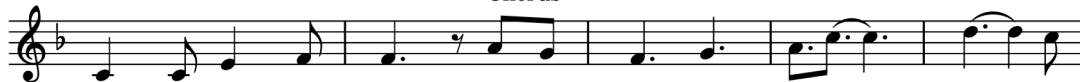


grate - ful - ly lift up your voice. His gen - tle - ness a - mong us will
 lay your re - quests at His feet. His peace will fall up - on us, to
 all of the joy yet to come. The hope that burns with - in us the



join our hearts with praise. We ga - ther in His good - ness; a
 guard our hearts and minds in Christ who reigns e - ter - nal, the
 dark can - not de - stroy. With praise that's ne - ver end - ing, we

Chorus



fa - mi - ly of grace. With each breath He's gi - ven, praise the
 Shep - herd of our lives.
 say a - gain, "Re - joice!"



Lord! In these times we live in, we will praise the Lord. Through-out ev - 'ry



sea - son, I am sure we have ev - 'ry rea - son to praise the Lord.

O GREAT GOD

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.

Sermon Notes

Evening Worship

PREPARATION

John 9:1–41

What assumptions do the Jewish leaders have in this story? What do they presume about the man born blind? What do they assume about Jesus?

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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 #12.....	Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim
We invite God’s presence as we worship him	* Prayer of Invocation	Ken Styles
	Hymn (p. 10).....	Keep the Feast Hymn of the Month
God speaks to us through the reading and preaching of his Word	Old Testament Reading.....	Isaiah 42:1–17 (p. 602)
	* Hymn #644.....	May the Mind of Christ My Savior
	New Testament Reading	John 9:1–41 (p. 895)
Space for notes is provided on page 8	Sermon.....	Who Is Blind? Pastor Chris
We respond in thanks and praise	* Hymn #460.....	Amazing Grace
God sends us out with his blessing	* Benediction	Pastor Chris

KEEP THE FEAST

Skye Peterson, Ben Shive

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1. Joy - ful - ly we join you at your ta - ble, plead - ing not our
2. Who is fit to feast with such a Sav - ior? Who his san - dals
3. Hap - py sign of friend - ship and re - un - ion with the bless - ed

right - eous - ness. By your wealth of mer - cy, we are a - ble
could un - tie? Who are we that he should show us fa - vor,
Three in One. Fore - taste of that glo - ri - ous com-mun - ion,

Chorus

now to feast in con - fi - dence. Take this bread and eat.
grant - ing us this gift of life?
vi - sion of the world to come.

Take this cup and drink. Re - mem - ber how he loved us; re - joice and keep the

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feast. feast. Re - mem - ber how he loved us; re - joice and keep the feast.

Next Two Weeks at a Glance

THIS WEEK 1/12 – 1/18

SUNDAY 1/12	Morning Worship, 10:00 AM Discipleship, 11:45 AM Evening Worship, 6:00 PM
TUESDAY 1/14	Women's Book Club, 6:30 PM at the Evanses' Officers' Meeting, 7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY 1/15	Prayer Meeting Videoconference , 7:30 PM
THURSDAY 1/16	Third Thursday Fellowship, 6:00 PM at Ledo's in Bowie Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM
FRIDAY 1/17	Men's Study Videoconference , 7:00 AM
SATURDAY 1/18	Men's Study, 8:30 AM at the Fixes'

NEXT WEEK 1/19 – 1/25

SUNDAY 1/19	Morning Worship, 10:00 AM Discipleship, 11:45 AM Evening Worship, 6:00 PM
TUESDAY 1/21	Women's Study, 7:00 PM at the Langleys'
WEDNESDAY 1/22	Prayer Meeting Videoconference , 7:30 PM
THURSDAY 1/23	Women's Study, 9:45 AM at the Joneses' Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM
FRIDAY 1/24	Men's Study Videoconference , 7:00 AM

Preparation for Next Lord's Day

SERMON SERIES: JOHN

SERMON TITLE: *"The True Shepherd"*

SERMON TEXT: *John 10:1–21*

PREACHER: *Pastor Chris*

MONDAY

John 10:1–21

Who does Jesus identify himself as in this text? What are his feelings and actions towards wolves? What are his feelings and actions towards his sheep?

TUESDAY

Ezekiel 34:1–31

What does God say about those shepherds who have not cared for the sheep? What does God promise for His sheep?

WEDNESDAY

John 14:1–26

Considering how Jesus identifies himself in John 10, in John 14 how does Jesus want his sheep to act? What does he expect from them? How does he lead them even when he is away?

THURSDAY

Psalms 23:1–6

In this well-known Psalm of David, the shepherd king of Israel, who does David identify God to be? What does David acknowledge about the conditions of his own life? What does David know about the character and actions of God?

FRIDAY

Acts 20:17–31

Who has God gifted to the church to act as a kind of shepherd? What responsibilities and expectations are there in the church for these people?

SATURDAY

Philippians 2:1–11

Consider the lowly societal position of a shepherd. What mission was Jesus sent to this earth to fulfill? What are the results of that mission?

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