# Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

LORD'S **D**AY **JUNE 1, 2025** 

## 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. This year 2025 marks our 40th anniversary as a congregation!

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 ...... A Psalm

## COMING BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD

God invites us to worship him in spirit and in truth

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 Almighty God, left to ourselves we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you.

And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so, we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth and the sins of our older age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that not only the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths and the thoughts of our minds, may be guided and governed by you.

All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

God reminds us of his promise of forgiveness in Christ

Assurance of Pardon ......Isaiah 1:18

\* Gloria Patri (#735)



<sup>\*</sup> Congregation standing

# Order of Worship (cont.)

#### **RECEIVING GOD'S WORD**

God speaks to us through his Word read and preached Scripture Reading......Deuteronomy 12 (p. 156)

\* Hymn #660......O God beyond All Praising

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Sermon......The Way of Worship

Pastor Fix

We prepare to receive the visible Gospel in the Supper \* Hymn (p. 6).....Be Unto Your 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

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 #44...... How Great Thou Art

We give thanks and bring our needs to God

<sup>\*</sup> Congregation standing

# Order of Worship (cont.)

We give a portion back as thanks to God

Offering ...... The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The King of love my shepherd is whose goodness faileth never.

I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth: And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

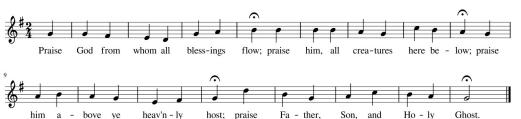
In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

The King of love is mine forever.

Lyrics: H. W. Baker Music: ST. COLUMBA / Irish melody arr. V. H. Wright / adapted I. Cripe ©2001 Choristers Guild

\* Doxology (#731)



God sends us out with his blessing

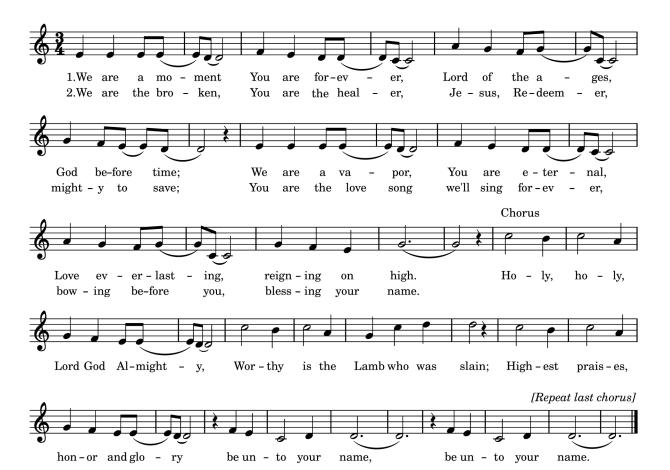
- \* Amen (#738)



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## **BE UNTO YOUR NAME**

Lynn DeShazo and Gary Sadler



## Sermon Notes

## Next Two Weeks at a Glance

THIS WEEK 6/1 - 6/7

**SUNDAY 6/1** Morning Worship, 10:00 AM

Discipleship, 11:45 AM Hymn Sing, 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY 6/4 Prayer Meeting Videoconference, 7:30 PM

**THURSDAY 6/5** Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM

FRIDAY 6/6 Men's Study Videoconference, 7:00 AM

NEXT WEEK 6/8 - 6/14

**SUNDAY 6/8** Morning Worship, 10:00 AM

Discipleship, 11:45 AM

Organizational VBS Meeting, 12:30 PM

Evening Worship, 6:00 PM

**TUESDAY 6/10** Summer Study for Women Ages 13+, 7:00 PM at the Saladas'

Session Meeting, 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY 6/11 Prayer Meeting Videoconference, 7:30 PM

**THURSDAY 6/12** Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM

FRIDAY 6/13 Men's Study Videoconference, 7:00 AM

SATURDAY 6/14 Men's Study, 8:30 AM at the Fixes'

#### **SAVE THE DATES!**

• Graduates' Dinner, June 22

Promotion Sunday, July 6

• VBS, July 21–25

• 40th Anniversary Dinner, October 12

Our website calendar is the place to go to find out when events are happening. Visit <a href="www.rpcbowie.org/calendar">www.rpcbowie.org/calendar</a> to stay up-to-date on the latest schedule!

# Preparation for Next Lord's Day

**SERMON SERIES: JOHN** 

SERMON TITLE: "The Prayer of the Son"

**SERMON TEXT:** John 17:1–26 **PREACHER:** Pastor Chris

MONDAY John 10:27–30; 12:44–50; 14:8–11

What has John made clear repeatedly through this Gospel concerning Jesus' relationship with the Father? If one knows the Son, what does that mean about

their own relationship with the Father?

TUESDAY Deuteronomy 32:1–43

Moses, sings this song to the people as he prepares to depart this world. What does Moses say is true of his God, in contrast to the false gods of this world? Who is being glorified in this song? Why do you think Moses wishes to express

this here at his end?

WEDNESDAY Luke 22:31–34, 1 Peter 5:6–10

In both these texts we see that Satan wants to attack God's chosen people. As you think of these cases together, what has Jesus done and what does he

promise he will do?

THURSDAY John 6:35–40; 10:22–30

What has Jesus claimed the Father has given to him? What does Jesus, in turn, from his love and affection give? What do these eternal promises mean for

Christians?

FRIDAY Jeremiah 31:31–37

What does Jeremiah write is new and different about this covenant from God,

in comparison to the past? Why is it important to "know the Lord?"

SATURDAY John 17:1–26

Jesus concludes his farewell discourse with this prayer before taking his final steps into his betrayal and then the cross. As you read through this text, who all do you see Jesus choose to pray for? Who does Jesus pray for now?

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