

# Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

**LORD'S DAY**  
**JULY 27, 2025**

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# Welcome

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## A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

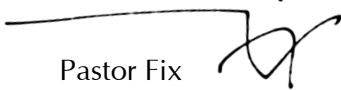
*We are so glad you  
are here!*

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. 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

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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.

**Recordings** of morning and evening sermons are available on our website, [www.rpcbowie.org](http://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 #53 .....Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*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 .....Colossians 2:13–14

\* 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*

New Testament Reading ..... Luke 4:16–22 (p. 859)

\* Congregation standing

# Order of Worship (*cont.*)

\* Hymn #494..... Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

Old Testament Reading ..... Deuteronomy 15 (p. 158)

*Space for notes is  
provided on pages 6–7*

Sermon ..... **The Sabbath Spirit in Giving Rest**  
Pastor Fix

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

\* Hymn #500..... Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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

\* Confession of Faith ..... 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 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.*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

\* Hymn #457 ..... Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*We give thanks and  
bring our needs to God*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession ..... Bruce Buchanan

*We give a portion back  
as thanks to God*

Offering

# Order of Worship (*cont.*)

## \* Doxology (#732)

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 (#739)

A - - men, a - - men.

# Sermon Notes

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# Sermon Notes (*cont.*)

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# Events at a Glance

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## THIS WEEK 7/27 – 8/2

<b>SUNDAY 7/27</b>	Morning Worship, 10:00 AM Discipleship, 11:45 AM <i>No Evening Activities</i>
<b>TUESDAY 7/29</b>	Wallace Junior Camp Begins
<b>WEDNESDAY 7/30</b>	<a href="#">Prayer Meeting Videoconference</a> , 7:30 PM
<b>FRIDAY 8/1</b>	<a href="#">Men's Study Videoconference</a> , 7:00 AM Women's Summer Social, 6:00 PM
<b>SATURDAY 8/2</b>	Men's Study, 8:30 AM at the Einfelds'

## NEXT WEEK 8/3 – 8/9

<b>SUNDAY 8/3</b>	Morning Worship, 10:00 AM Discipleship, 11:45 AM Hymn Sing
<b>WEDNESDAY 8/6</b>	<a href="#">Prayer Meeting Videoconference</a> , 7:30 PM
<b>FRIDAY 8/8</b>	<a href="#">Men's Study Videoconference</a> , 7:00 AM

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## MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

- Quarterly Men's Breakfast, August 23
- Labor Day Youth Camp, Aug 28–Sept 1
- Autumn Blaze, October 4
- 40th Anniversary Weekend Celebration, October 11–12

Visit our website calendar at [www.rpcbowie.org/calendar](http://www.rpcbowie.org/calendar) to stay up-to-date on the latest schedule!



# Preparation for Next Lord's Day

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**SERMON SERIES:** JOHN

**SERMON TITLE:** *"From Darkness to Light"*

**SERMON TEXT:** *John 20:1–18*

**PREACHER:** *Pastor Chris*

**MONDAY**

**Isaiah 9:1–7; John 1:1–18**

What does this passage tell us about those who dwell in a world without the promised Son? What is true for those who do dwell with the Son? In light of this, how did John explain that the Son would come? What did he come and do?

**TUESDAY**

**John 10:1–30**

What mission does Jesus say he was sent to complete? What does he say concerning his sheep? How does he know his sheep? How do his sheep know him?

**WEDNESDAY**

**Hosea 5:1–6:3**

This prophecy from Hosea reminds us of the guilt and darkness which comes from sin. What kind of judgment does sin receive? Ultimately, what is God's purpose? What does He desire for His people?

**THURSDAY**

**1 Corinthians 15:1–34**

What does Paul say the truth of resurrection means for us? What does Paul say we should think if there were no resurrection? Is the resurrection something that you hope for?

**FRIDAY**

**John 11:17–44**

What does Jesus say about himself in this passage? What does Jesus say faith and the resurrection lead to?

**SATURDAY**

**Luke 8:1–3; John 20:1–18**

What was Mary Magdalene's life like before she met Jesus? What condition is she in following the crucifixion? What finally brings her comfort?

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