

# Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

**LORD'S DAY**  
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# Welcome

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## A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

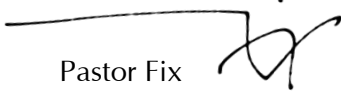
*We are so glad you  
are here!*

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 .....*Scott Schollenberger*

*We praise God  
through song*

\* Hymn #119 .....I Sing the Almighty Power of God

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

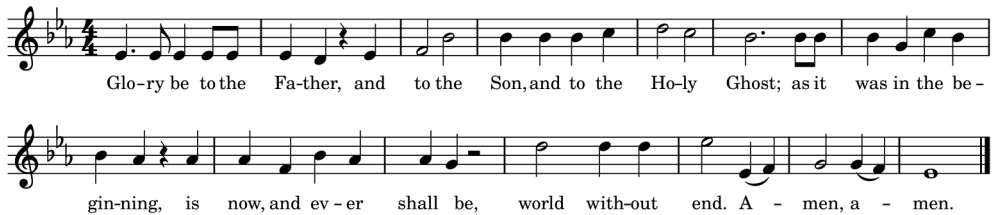
Prayer of Adoration and Confession .....*Scott Schollenberger*

***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 Pardon .....Hebrews 9:11–15

\* Gloria Patri (#735)



## RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

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

New Testament Reading .....Hebrews 12:18–29 (p. 1009)

\* Hymn #32 ..... Great Is Thy Faithfulness

# Order of Worship (*cont.*)

Old Testament Reading .....Deuteronomy 16:1–17 (p. 159)

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provided on page 8*

Sermon ..... **Sabbath of Sabbaths**  
Pastor Fix

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

\* Hymn (p. 6)..... Keep the Feast

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

\* Confession of Faith .....The Scots Confession, Ch. 1

***We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by His inscrutable providence for such end as His eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of His own glory. Amen.***

*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 (p. 7)..... We Will Feast in the House of Zion

*We give thanks and  
bring our needs to God*

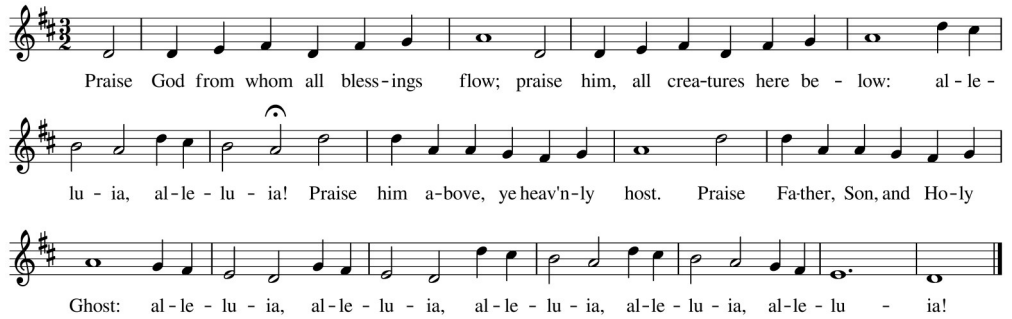
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession ..... Pastor Fix

*We give a portion back  
as thanks to God*

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# Order of Worship (*cont.*)

## \* Doxology (#733)

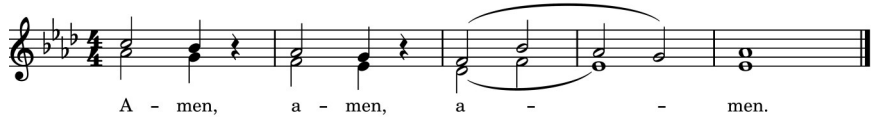


Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host. Praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*God sends us out  
with his blessing*

## \* Benediction ..... *Pastor Fix*


## \* Amen (#740)



A - men, a - men, a - men.

## KEEP THE FEAST

Skye Peterson, Ben Shive




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



**1.** (v.1.2) **2.** (v.3)  
 feast. feast. Re - mem - ber how he loved us; re - joice and keep the feast.

## WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re-stored He has

done great things, we will say to - ge - ther. We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord our  
In the dark of night be-fore the dawn, my soul be not a -  
Ev'-ry vow we've bro - ken and be - trayed, you are the faith - ful

God. We are not con - sumed by the flood; up -  
fraid, For the prom - ised morn - ing, oh how long? Oh  
one. And from the gar - den to the grave, bind

held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up.  
God of Ja - cob, be my strength.  
us to - geth - er, bring sha - lom.

# Sermon Notes

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# Evening Worship

## PREPARATION

**John 20:24–31**

What does Thomas demand of Jesus in order to believe? Do you ever demand things of God in exchange for your faith or trust? On what basis should Thomas have believed in the resurrection?

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

Call to Worship ..... *Bruce Buchanan*

*We praise God  
through song*

\* Hymn #165 ..... Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

*We invite God's  
presence as we  
worship him*

\* Prayer of Invocation ..... *Bruce Buchanan*

Hymn (p. 10) ..... All Praise to Him  
*Hymn of the Month*

*God speaks to us  
through the reading and  
preaching of his Word*

Old Testament Reading ..... Proverbs 3:1–12 (p. 528)

\* Hymn #363 ..... We Gather Together

New Testament Reading ..... John 20:24–31 (p. 907)

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provided on page 8*

Sermon ..... **A Fellowship in Faith**  
*Pastor Chris*

*We respond in  
thanks and praise*

\* Hymn #526 ..... Blessed Are the Sons of God

*God sends us out  
with his blessing*

\* Benediction ..... *Pastor Chris*

## ALL PRAISE TO HIM

Based on a hymn by Horatius Bonar

Matt Merker, Bob Kauflin

1. All praise to him, the God of light, who formed the moun-tains by his  
 2. All praise to him whose love is seen in Christ the Son, the ser-vant  
 3. All praise to him whose pow'r im - parts the love of God with-in our

might. All praise to him who names the stars, that sing his  
 King, who left be - hind his glo - rious throne to pay the  
 hearts, the Spir - it of all truth and peace, the fount of

fame in skies a - far. All praise to him who reigns in  
 ran - som for his own. All praise to him who hum - bly  
 joy and ho - li - ness. To Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it

love, who guides the gal - ax - ies a - bove, yet bends to  
 came to bear our sor - row, sin, and shame, who lived to  
 now our souls we lift, our wills we bow, to you, the

1.  
 hear our ev - ery prayer with sov - erign pow'r and ten - der care.  
 die, who died to rise, the all - suf - fi - cient sac - ri - fice.  
 Tri - une God, we raise with lov - ing hearts our song of

2.  
 praise. To Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it now our souls we  
 lift, our wills we bow, to you, the Tri - une God, we  
 raise with lov - ing hearts our song of praise.

# Events at a Glance

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## THIS WEEK 8/17 – 8/23

<b>SUNDAY 8/17</b>	Morning Worship, 10:00 AM Discipleship, 11:45 AM Evening Worship, 6:00 PM
<b>WEDNESDAY 8/20</b>	<a href="#">Prayer Meeting Videoconference</a> , 7:30 PM
<b>THURSDAY 8/21</b>	Third Thursday Fellowship, 6:00 PM at Ledo's in Bowie
<b>FRIDAY 8/22</b>	<a href="#">Men's Study Videoconference</a> , 7:00 AM
<b>SATURDAY 8/23</b>	Quarterly Men's Breakfast, 8:30 AM at the Styleses'

## NEXT WEEK 8/24 – 8/30

<b>SUNDAY 8/24</b>	Morning Worship, 10:00 AM Discipleship, 11:45 AM Evening Worship, 6:00 PM
<b>WEDNESDAY 8/27</b>	<a href="#">Prayer Meeting Videoconference</a> , 7:30 PM
<b>FRIDAY 8/29</b>	<a href="#">Men's Study Videoconference</a> , 7:00 AM Labor Day Youth Camp Begins

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## MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fall Women's Bible Study, September 2 & 4
- Women's Book Club, September 9
- Autumn Blaze, October 4
- 40th Anniversary Weekend Celebration, October 11–12
- Sandra McCracken Concert, October 24

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:** THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO THE LAW

**SERMON TITLE:** *"Honoring Authorities of Justice"*

**SERMON TEXT:** *Deuteronomy 16:18–17:13*

**PREACHER:** *Pastor Fix*

**MONDAY**            **Deuteronomy 16:18–17:13**

How do we see the fifth commandment reflected in these commands? How might they apply to us as the church today?

**TUESDAY**           **Exodus 18**

How does God's provision of wise leadership in Israel show his concern for justice and shared responsibility? Apply this.

**WEDNESDAY**       **Romans 13–14**

How does our relationship with governing authorities and judging others reflect our view of God? How may it need correcting?

**THURSDAY**         **2 Chronicles 19**

How do Jehoshaphat's reforms here reflect the laws of Deuteronomy? How do they further reveal God's provisions for justice? Application?

**FRIDAY**            **Psalms 82, 94**

How does the justice God commands reflect his character? How does our submission to earthly means of justice show our faith in him?

**SATURDAY**         **Matthew 18; 23:1–12**

How does Jesus establish the kind of justice in his kingdom that Deuteronomy 17 envisions? How does this show the ultimate authority of Jesus?

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