

Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie

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LORD'S DAY
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Welcome

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

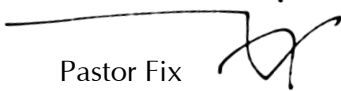
*We are so glad you
are here!*

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. 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.

COMING BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD

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

Call to Worship Ken Styles

*We praise God
through song*

* Hymn (p. 6)Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

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

Prayer of Adoration and Confession Ken Styles

***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 PardonTitus 3:5

* 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 9:1–7 (p. 573)

* Hymn #267The Day of Resurrection!

Order of Worship (*cont.*)

New Testament Reading John 20:1–18 (p. 906)

*Space for notes is
provided on pages 8–9*

Sermon **From Darkness to Light**
Pastor Chris

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

* Hymn #420 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

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

* Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. 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) In Christ Alone

*We give thanks and
bring our needs to God*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession *Mark Wallace*

*We give a portion back
as thanks to God*

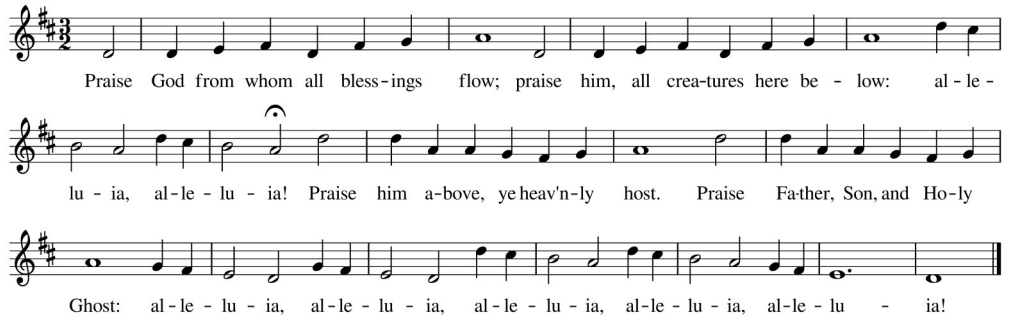
Offering

* Congregation standing

† The word "catholic" with a lower case "c" means "universal."

Order of Worship (*cont.*)

* Doxology (#733)



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low: al - le -

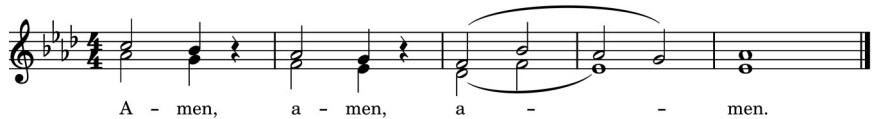
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host. Praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly

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 Chris*

* Amen (#740)



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

COME, BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, Michael Bleecker



1. Come, be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, in the dawn-ing of the King; he the
 2. Come, be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, he the per - fect Son of Man; in his
 3. Come, be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, Christ the Lord up - on the tree; in the
 4. Come, be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, slain by death the God of life; but no



theme of heav-en's prais - es, robed in frail hu - man-i - ty. In our
 liv - ing, in his suf - f'ring, nev - er trace nor stain of sin. See the
 stead of ru - ined sin - ners, hangs the Lamb in vic-to - ry. See the
 grave could e'er re - strain him, praise the Lord, he is a - live! What a



long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come; look to
 true and bet-ter Ad - am, come to save the hell - bound man; Christ, the
 price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold; bring-ing
 fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wa - ver - ing our hope; Christ in



Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
 great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law, in him we stand.
 man - y sons to glo - ry, grace un - meas - ured, love un - told.
 pow - er res - ur - rect - ed, as we will be when he comes.

IN CHRIST ALONE

Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, — my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ — in

4 D G D G A D/F# G D/F# Em⁷ G/A

song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought — and
babe! This gift of love and right-cous- ness, scorned by the ones He came — to
slain; Then, burst-ing forth in glo-rious Day, up from the grave He rose — a -
me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com- mands my des - ti -

8 D D/F# G D/F# A^{sus} A D/F# G Bm⁷

storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings
save. Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
-gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
-ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

12 A^{sus} A G D G A D/F# G D/F# Em⁷ G/A

cease. My Com-fort- er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ — I
-fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ — I
me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre-cious blood — of
hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ — I'll

16 D Am⁷ Em⁷ D D^{sus} D

stand.
live.
Christ.
stand!

Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes (*cont.*)

Events at a Glance

THIS WEEK 8/3 – 8/9

SUNDAY 8/3

Morning Worship, 10:00 AM
Discipleship, 11:45 AM
Hymn Sing, 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY 8/6

[Prayer Meeting Videoconference](#), 7:30 PM

FRIDAY 8/8

[Men's Study Videoconference](#), 7:00 AM

NEXT WEEK 8/10 – 8/16

SUNDAY 8/10

Morning Worship, 10:00 AM
Discipleship, 11:45 AM
Evening Worship, 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY 8/13

[Prayer Meeting Videoconference](#), 7:30 PM

FRIDAY 8/15

[Men's Study Videoconference](#), 7:00 AM

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 to stay up-to-date on the latest schedule!

Preparation for Next Lord's Day

SERMON SERIES: JOHN

SERMON TITLE: *"The Creation Breath"*

SERMON TEXT: *John 20:19–23*

PREACHER: *Pastor Chris*

MONDAY

John 16:16–28

Jesus foretold that he would leave the disciples for a time and return. What does Jesus promise his return will bring? In what ways do you look for Jesus' return?

TUESDAY

Genesis 2:1–17

In this Creation scene, how does God bring the man to life? What job does God give the man? What instructions does God give to him?

WEDNESDAY

John 3:22–36

For what reason did Christ come to the world? What does he testify and speak about? In what ways does he call us to both receive and proclaim that testimony?

THURSDAY

John 14:15–31

What reasons for assurance, comfort, and peace does Jesus give to his disciples? How do those same truths bring assurance, comfort, and hope to you?

FRIDAY

Ezekiel 37:1–14

By whose power does God bring Ezekiel to see this vision in the valley? What does God promise He will bring to the dead and the hopeless?

SATURDAY

John 20:1–23

What impact does resurrection have upon those who witnessed it? What kind of commission does Jesus give to those witnesses?

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