

Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

LORD'S DAY
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Welcome

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

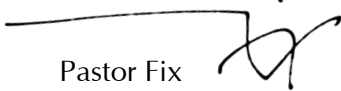
*We are so glad you
are here!*

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 Paul Lankford

We praise God
through song

* Hymn (p. 6) Across the Lands

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

Prayer of Adoration and Confession Paul Lankford

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 55:6–7

* 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-nig, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.

Reception of New Member Chipper Miller

* Congregation standing

Order of Worship (*cont.*)

RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

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

New Testament Reading 1 Timothy 1:14–2:7 (p. 991)

* Hymn #442 Arise, O God

Old Testament Reading Jonah 1:1–16 (p. 774)

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provided on page 8*

Sermon **Prophet on the Run**
Pastor Chris

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

* Hymn #469 How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

*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 Fix*

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*Scott Schollenberger*

*We give a portion back
as thanks to God*

Offering

* Doxology (#732)

Praise God from whom all bless-ings 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*

* BenedictionPastor Fix

* Amen (#739)

A - - men, a - - men.

ACROSS THE LANDS

Words and Music by
Stuart Townend and Keith Getty



1. You're the Word of God the Fa-ther, _ from be- fore the world be- gan; _ Ev-'ry
(2. Yet You) left the gaze of an-gels, _ came to seek and save the lost, _ and ex-
(3. With a) shout You rose vic- to-rious, _ wrest-ing vic-t'ry from the grave, _ and as-



star and ev - 'ry pla - net _ has been fash - ioned by Your hand. All cre -
-changed the joy of heav-en _ for the an - guish of a cross. With a
-cend - ed in - to heav-en _ lead-ing cap - tives in Your wake. Now You



-a - tion holds to - geth - er _ by the pow - er of Your voice: _ Let the
prayer You fed the hung-ry, _ with a word You stilled the sea. _ Yet how
stand be - fore the Fa - ther _ in - ter - ced - ing for Your own. _ From each



skies de - clare Your glo - ry, _ let the land and seas re - joice! _ You're the
si - lent - ly You suf-fered _ that the guilt - y may go free. _
tribe and tongue and na - tion _ You are lead - ing sin - ners home. _

CHORUS



au - thor of cre - a-tion, _ You're the Lord of ev - 'ry man; _ And Your cry of love rings



out a - cross the lands. _ 2. Yet You out a - cross the lands. _
3. With a

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 16:1–15

What does the Spirit convict people of? What do you think is the purpose of each?

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

Call to Worship *Tom Ramsey*

*We praise God
through song*

* Hymn #660 O God beyond All Praising

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

* Prayer of Invocation and Illumination..... *Pastor Fix*

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

Old Testament Reading..... Genesis 3:1–19 (p. 2)

* Hymn #334 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

New Testament Reading John 16:1–15 (p. 902)

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provided on page 8*

Sermon..... **Conviction: Holy Spirit as Prosecutor and Judge**
Pastor Fix

*We respond in
thanks and praise*

* Hymn #338 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

*God sends us out
with his blessing*

* Benediction *Pastor Fix*

Events at a Glance

THIS WEEK 10/19 – 10/25

SUNDAY 10/19	Morning Worship, 10:00 AM Discipleship, 11:45 AM Evening Worship, 6:00 PM
TUESDAY 10/21	Women's Study, 7:00 PM at the Saladas' Called Session Meeting, 7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY 10/22	Prayer Meeting Videoconference , 7:30 PM
THURSDAY 10/23	Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM
FRIDAY 10/24	Men's Study Videoconference , 7:00 AM Sandra McCracken Concert, 7:00 PM

NEXT WEEK 10/26 – 11/1

SUNDAY 10/26	Morning Worship, 10:00 AM Discipleship, 11:45 AM Evening Worship, 6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY 10/29	Prayer Meeting Videoconference , 7:30 PM
FRIDAY 10/31	Men's Study Videoconference , 7:00 AM
SATURDAY 11/1	Quarterly Men's Breakfast, 8:30 AM at the Styleses'

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

- Reformation Sunday Combined Worship Service, November 2
- Congregational Gathering, November 14
- Congregational Meeting & Christmas Party, December 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: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO THE LAW

SERMON TITLE: *"Honoring Vulnerable Human Life"*

SERMON TEXT: Deuteronomy 21

PREACHER: Pastor Fix

MONDAY

Deuteronomy 21

How do all of these laws show the value of human life? What are its limits and how are we to watch out for the vulnerable? Apply this.

TUESDAY

Exodus 22:21–27; Deuteronomy 24:17–22

What other ways do we see God's heart for vulnerable people here? How might we apply these laws in our own context?

WEDNESDAY

Luke 15:11–32

How do the laws in Deuteronomy 21:15–21 shed light on this famous parable and further highlight God's grace to us in redemption? Application?

THURSDAY

Psalms 72

What does this Psalm tell us about the kind of King our Lord is, and why he would command such care for vulnerable lives in his laws?

FRIDAY

Hebrews 13:1–3; James 1:26–2:9

How do we honor vulnerable human lives in the context of the church?

SATURDAY

Galatians 3:1–14

How did Jesus become the "cursed one" (Deuteronomy 21:23) in order to redeem us from the curse of sin? What does this teach us about how God honors vulnerable lives—even to the point of exchanging his own?

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