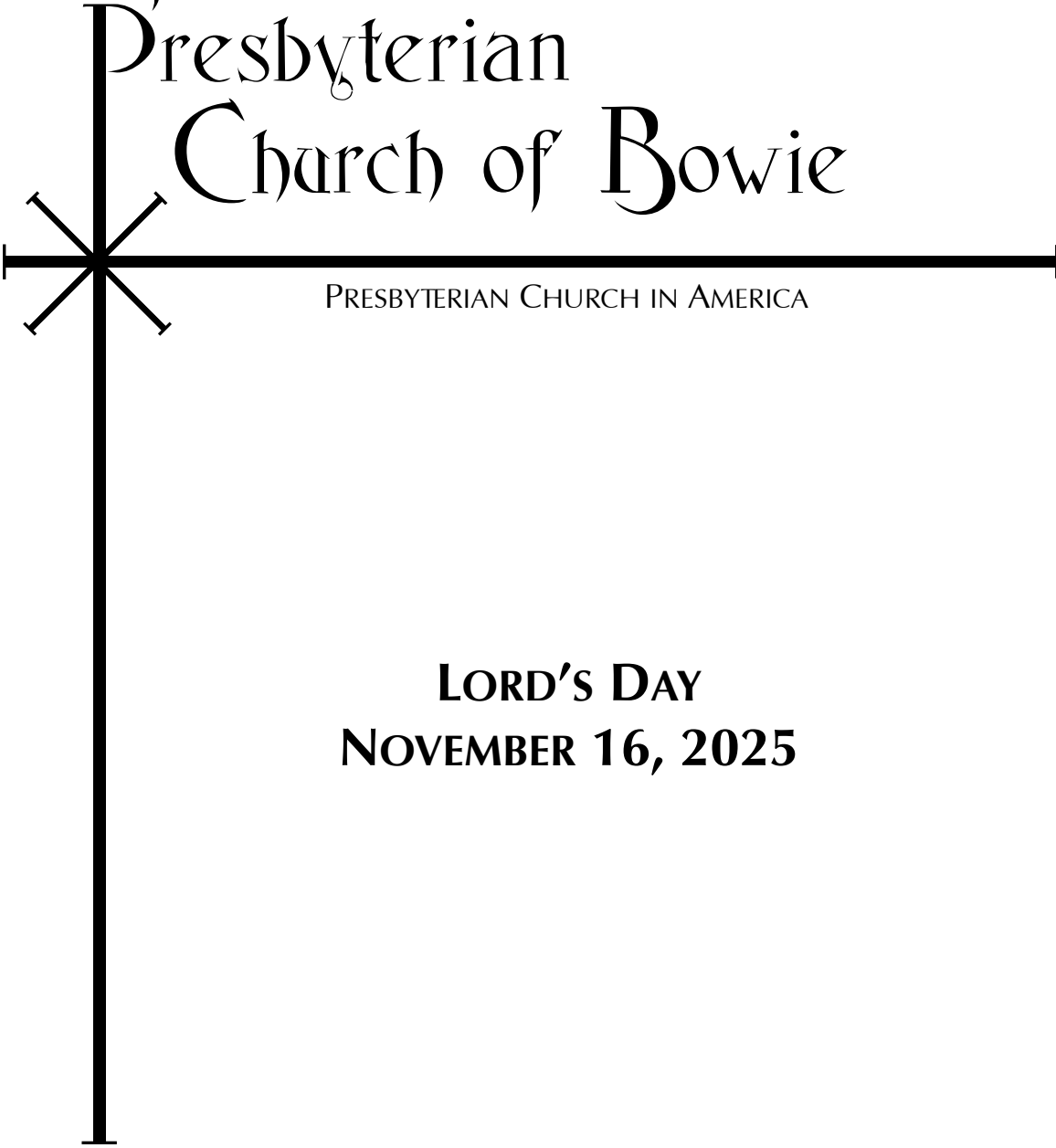


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# Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie

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 (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 .....Scott Schollenberger

***Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from  
Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and  
desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We  
have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have  
done those things which we ought not to have done.***

***O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Forgive those, O  
God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to  
Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant,  
O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may grow in grace to live a  
more godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of Your holy name.  
Amen.***

God reminds us of his  
promise of forgiveness  
in Christ

Assurance of Pardon ..... 2 Corinthians 5:14–15, 21

\* 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 ..... Hebrews 10:19–25 (p. 1007)

\* Hymn (p. 7) ..... Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

\* Congregation standing

# Order of Worship (*cont.*)

Old Testament Reading .....Deuteronomy 23:1–14 (p. 165)

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provided on page 5*

Sermon .....**Spiritual Fidelity and Boundaries**  
Pastor Fix

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

\* Hymn #247 ..... O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

*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*

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 #172 ..... Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

*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*

Offering..... Lift Up Your Heads!

*Lift up your heads, you everlasting doors;  
Open up and let the King of glory come in.  
Who is the King of glory?  
The Lord of Hosts! He is the King of Glory.*

\* Congregation standing

# Order of Worship (*cont.*)

*Alleluia let us sing to the one eternal King.  
Alleluia evermore, to the King and Lord of lords!*

*Words: Based on Psalm 24, Music: by Joseph Martin  
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\* 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 Fa - ther, 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)

## Sermon Notes

## 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.

## COME, YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY

1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound - ed, sick and sore;  
 2. Come, ye thirst - y, come and wel - come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;  
 3. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;  
 4. Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined by the fall;  
 5. I will rise and go to Je - sus! He will save me from my sin.

Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of pit - y, love, and power.  
 true be - lief and true re - pen - tance, ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh.  
 • all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth is to feel your need of him.  
 if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.  
 By the rich - es of his mer - it, there is joy and life in him.

Joseph Hart, 1759; alt.

ARISE 8.7.8.7.  
William Walker, *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

# Evening Worship

## PREPARATION

### Jonah 3:1–10

Consider God's message to Nineveh at the beginning of the chapter and then what God does at the end? Are these consistent with one another? What changes along the way through the chapter?

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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 #457..... Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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

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

Hymn (p. 9)..... O Rejoice in the Lord  
*Hymn of the Month*

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

New Testament Reading..... Matthew 21:33–46 (p. 827)

\* Hymn #128..... God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Old Testament Reading ..... Jonah 3:1–10 (p. 775)

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provided on page 5*

Sermon ..... **Turning Unto Life**  
*Pastor Chris*

*We respond in  
thanks and praise*

\* Hymn #486..... God, Be Merciful to Me

*God sends us out  
with his blessing*

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

## O REJOICE IN THE LORD

Words and Music by Ron Hamilton



1. God nev - er moves with - out pur - pose or plan; when  
 2. I could not see through the shad - ows a - head; so I  
 3. Now I can see test - ing comes from a - bove; God



try - ing his ser - vant and mold - ing a man. Give thanks to the  
 looked at the cross of my Sav - ior in - stead. I bowed to the  
 strength - ens his chil - dren and purg - es in love. My Fa - ther knows



Lord though your test - ing seems long; In dark - ness he  
 will of the Mas - ter that day; the peace came and  
 best, and I trust in his care. Through purg - ing more

## Chorus



giv - eth a song. O re - joice in the Lord. He makes no mis -  
 tears fled a - way.  
 fruit I will bear.



take. He know - eth the end of each path that I take. For when I am



tried and pur - i - fied, I shall come forth as gold.

# Events at a Glance

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## THIS WEEK 11/16 – 11/22

|                        |                                                                                                                            |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SUNDAY 11/16</b>    | Morning Worship, 10:00 AM<br>Discipleship, 11:45 AM<br>Children's Choir, 12:30 PM<br>Evening Worship, 6:00 PM              |
| <b>TUESDAY 11/18</b>   | Women's Study, 7:00 PM at the Saladas'                                                                                     |
| <b>WEDNESDAY 11/19</b> | <a href="#">Prayer Meeting Videoconference</a> , 7:30 PM                                                                   |
| <b>THURSDAY 11/20</b>  | Women's Study, 9:45 AM at the Cripes'<br>Third Thursday Fellowship, 6:00 PM at Ledo's in Bowie<br>Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM |
| <b>FRIDAY 11/21</b>    | <a href="#">Men's Study Videoconference</a> , 7:00 AM                                                                      |

## NEXT WEEK 11/23 – 11/29

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| <b>SUNDAY 11/23</b>   | Morning Worship, 10:00 AM<br>Discipleship, 11:45 AM<br>Children's Choir, 12:30 PM<br>Evening Worship, 6:00 PM |
| <b>THURSDAY 11/27</b> | Thanksgiving Day                                                                                              |

*No activities this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.*

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## MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

- Congregational Meeting and Christmas Party, December 12
- Spring Conference, March 20–22, 2026

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 TITLE:** *"The Fruitful Life"*

**SERMON TEXT:** *John 15:1–11*

**PREACHER:** *Pastor Ryan Bratt*

**MONDAY**

**John 15:1–11**

What does the fruitful life look like according to Jesus? How can we pursue fruitfulness in our lives? Apply this.

**TUESDAY**

**Psalms 1**

How does this Psalm's vision of the fruitful life echo Christ's words in John 15? Application?

**WEDNESDAY**

**Galatians 5**

What does the fruit of the Spirit of Christ look like in us? Apply this.

**THURSDAY**

**Colossians 1:1–14**

What fruit does Paul pray for the Colossians and how might you work for this in our church context?

**FRIDAY**

**Hebrews 12:1–17; 1 John 2:1–11**

How does spiritual pruning help cultivate the fruit of faith? What does bearing good fruit look like in the context of Christ's body?

**SATURDAY**

**Revelation 22:1–5**

Who produces the eternal fruit of resurrection life? How is this good news?

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