# Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

LORD'S DAY NOVEMBER 30, 2025

## 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 ......Scott Schollenberger

We praise God through song \* Hymn #97...... We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator

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

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 \* Gloria Patri (#735)



## **RECEIVING GOD'S WORD**

God speaks to us through his Word read and preached

New Testament Reading ...... Luke 17:11–19 (p. 876)

<sup>\*</sup> Congregation standing

# Order of Worship (cont.)

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	* Hymn #714		
	Old Testament Reading Psalm 118 (p. 511)		
Space for notes is provided on page 5	Sermon		
We prepare to receive the visible Gospel in the Supper	* Hymn (p. 6)		
We confess our faith together with the broader church today and the church of ages past	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		
We respond in praise for the blessings received in the Gospel	* Hymn #98Now Thank We All Our God		
We give thanks and bring our needs to God	Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession		

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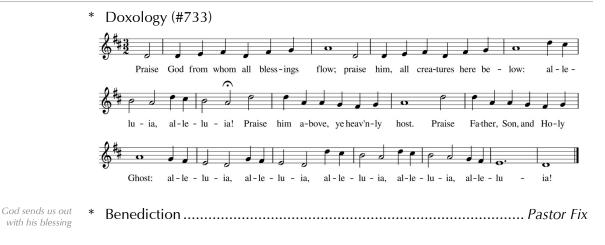
We give a portion back

as thanks to God

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# Order of Worship (cont.)

Amen (#740)

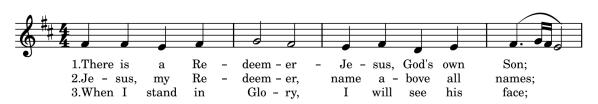


## Sermon Notes

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## THERE IS A REDEEMER

Melody Green









## Events at a Glance

THIS WEEK 11/30 - 12/6

**SUNDAY 11/30** Morning Worship, 10:00 AM

Discipleship, 11:45 AM Children's Choir, 12:30 PM

No Evening Activities

TUESDAY 12/2 Women's Study, 7:00 PM at the Saladas'

WEDNESDAY 12/3 Prayer Meeting Videoconference, 7:30 PM

**THURSDAY 12/4** Women's Study, 9:45 AM at the Cripes'

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM

FRIDAY 12/5 Men's Study Videoconference, 7:00 AM

**SATURDAY 12/6** Men's Study, 8:30 AM at the Fixes'

NEXT WEEK 12/7 - 12/13

**SUNDAY 12/7** Morning Worship, 10:00 AM

Discipleship, 11:45 AM Children's Choir, 12:30 PM

Hymn Sing, 6:00 PM

**TUESDAY 12/9** Women's Book Club, 6:30 PM at the Hacketts'

Session Meeting, 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY 12/10 Prayer Meeting Videoconference, 7:30 PM

**THURSDAY 12/11** Children's Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM

FRIDAY 12/12 Men's Study Videoconference, 7:00 AM

Congregational Meeting and Christmas Party, 7:00 PM

#### MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

• Next Women's Study, begins January 6, 2026

• Spring Conference, March 20–22, 2026

Visit our website calendar at <a href="www.rpcbowie.org/calendar">www.rpcbowie.org/calendar</a> to stay up-to-date on the latest schedule!

# Preparation for Next Lord's Day

SERMON SERIES: A SON IS BORN
SERMON TITLE: "The Son of God"
SERMON TEXT: Luke 3:21–4:12
PREACHER: Pastor Chris

MONDAY Luke 3:21–4:12

This section of Luke encompasses three different stories. And yet there is a title repeated in all three of them. What is it? In what way does each of these stories

tell us something about who Jesus is?

TUESDAY Genesis 3:1–19

In the Garden, what does the serpent use to tempt Adam and Eve? What does he lead them to believe about their Heavenly Father? In what ways are you tempted

to think negatively about God?

WEDNESDAY Luke 1:26–38

What is miraculous about Jesus' birth in this message from the angel? Who do

we know, from this story, very clearly, is not the father of Jesus?

THURSDAY Deuteronomy 8:1–20

This passage contains the quote which Jesus repeats to Satan in his own temptation. What does God promise His people He does for them in this passage? In what ways do you find yourself tempted to distrust those promises

from God?

FRIDAY Luke 9:28–36

What does God teach the disciples about Jesus in this experience? What does He instruct them to do? What are reasons you may find that instruction difficult

to follow?

# **Prayer Requests**

#### For the work of the church:

- Ilijah Denny, who has been nominated to office with RPCB, pray for him as he studies and prepares to take up this call
- Pray for the persecuted church around the world (see p. 9 for more information)

#### For those in service:

- O Pray for protection, safety, wisdom, and health for those serving in the medical field, our elected officials, police, and emergency personnel
- Pray for military service personnel: Chris Corbett, Guy Essman, Jenn Jordan, Jordan Mepe, Esther Thompson, and Jay Wallen

### For those mourning loss

#### For those with health concerns:

- Anthony Brady (Joyce Sheppard's extended family), who continues to have complications from his heart transplant, pray that it would not have signs of rejection, for his healing, and for his family as they continue to care for him
- O André Robles (Irma Cripe's 33-year-old nephew), who had a stroke and is now home, pray for test results to determine the cause and whether or not he needs heart surgery
- Elizabeth Robles (Irma Cripe's sister and André's mother), pray for relief from a painful case of shingles
- Pray for effectual treatment and healing for those diagnosed with cancer, including: Rick Booth (Gina Meier's brother-in-law), with throat and lung cancer; **Jerry Everhart** (father-in-law of Tim and Barbie Jones's daughter Lauren), with lung cancer: **Tim Ferrell** (John Fix's co-worker): **Sarah** Fisher (David and Karen Green's friend), with stage 4 cancer; **Troy Murray** (friend of the Fixes), with pancreatic cancer; **Sharon Neill** (Wendy Harrell's mom), pray for relief from pain; Carol Purvis (Ginger Schollenberger's mom), whose cancer has metastasized; **Jonathan Robie** (Wendy Langley's former co-worker), with pancreatic cancer; Laura Rosenkranz (Stephen Coleman's sister-in-law), with breast cancer; Jenny Simon (friend of Stephanie Rose Briggs), with cancer in

her liver and kidneys; **Lauren Spano** (friend of many at RPCB), with breast cancer; and **Betty Jo Zerfoss** (Pastor Fix's sister's mother-in-law)

#### For provision:

- O Tony Strines, praise that he has received a return to work notice following the reopening of the federal government, pray for his contract to be extended as it is coming to a close at the end of the year
- O Sinclair Nsi (Apollonia's son), praise that his exam went well, pray for him to get good results
- Pray for those looking to secure employment, including Chris McCrea (Pastor Fix's brother-inlaw), Brian Sutphin, William Thompson, and Emily Trusen
- O For those who are expecting, including Eshani Calvi, Jenn Jordan, Linda Ngomba and Dominique Nganso (Brigitte Smith's daughter and daughter-in-law), Rachel Oglesby (Ellen and Chip Wallen's daughter), Esther Thompson, and Favor (Julie Sutphin's niece), pray for safe and healthy pregnancies

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