

# 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

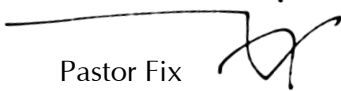
*We are so glad you  
are here!*

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.*

Introit ..... Oh, Come, Little Children

*Oh, come, little children, oh, come, one and all! Oh, come to the manger in Bethlehem's stall.  
The bright star will guide us and show us the way to Jesus, our Savior, asleep on the hay.*

*Come, little children, come, come to Bethlehem. Come, see the Savior lying in a manger.  
Come, little children, come, come to Bethlehem, come see the newborn King!*

*Come, see the shining star guiding us from afar, helping to show us the way.  
Come, little children, come, come to Bethlehem, come, see the newborn King!*

*Oh, come! Oh, come! Oh, come, one and all!*

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## 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 #208 ..... O Come, All Ye Faithful

*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

***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 ..... Romans 5:1

# Order of Worship (*cont.*)

## \* Gloria Patri (#735)



## RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

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

Old Testament Reading ..... Genesis 22:1–14 (p. 16)

\* Hymn #229 ..... Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

New Testament Reading ..... Matthew 1 (p. 807)

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provided on page 7*

Sermon ..... **The Son of Abraham**  
Pastor Fix

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

\* Hymn #213 ..... What Child Is This

*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.***

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\* Congregation standing

# Order of Worship (cont.)

*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.*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*We respond in praise  
for the blessings  
received in the Gospel*

\* Hymn #203 ..... *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*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..... *Christmas Wonder*

*See the baby's tiny hand.  
Who could know that, as a man,  
The blind and lame would seek his touch  
And see and walk without a crutch.  
But who could know that winter night?  
Who could know?*

*Hold the baby's little foot.  
Who would know that he would put  
His footprint on the sands of time  
With dusty trek through Palestine.  
But who could know that winter night?  
Who could know?*

*Hear the baby's fitful cry.  
Who could know that he would die  
And then return to set us free  
From death's unending misery.  
But who could know that winter night?  
Who could know?*

*See the baby's eyes so bright.  
Who could know that winter night  
That he would look into my soul  
And, loving me, would make me whole.  
My life was changed that ancient night.  
Now I know!*

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\* Congregation standing

# Order of Worship (*cont.*)

## \* Doxology (#731)

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

9 him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*God sends us out  
with his blessing*

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

## \* Amen (#738)

A - men, a - - - - men.

# Sermon Notes

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# Evening Worship

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

Call to Worship ..... *Mark Wallace*

*We praise God  
through song*

\* Hymn #194..... O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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

\* Prayer of Invocation ..... *Mark Wallace*

Hymn (p. 9)..... Who Is He in Yonder Stall?  
*Hymn of the Month*

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

Old Testament Reading ..... Isaiah 57:14–21 (p. 617)

\* Hymn #200..... It Came upon the Midnight Clear

New Testament Reading..... John 14:25–31 (p. 901)

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provided on page 7*

Sermon ..... **A Perfect Provision**  
*Pastor Chris Jameson*

*We respond in  
thanks and praise*

\* Hymn #218..... Angels, from the Realms of Glory

*God sends us out  
with his blessing*

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



## WHO IS HE IN YONDER STALL?

Benjamin R. Hanby

1. Who is he in yon - der stall, at whose feet the shep - herds fall?  
 2. Who is he the peo - ple bless for his words of gen - tle - ness?  
 3. Who is he that stands and weeps at the grave where Laz' - rus sleeps?  
 4. Lo! at mid - night, who is he prays in dark Geth - sem - a - ne?  
 5. Who is he that from the grave comes to heal and help and save?

Who is he in deep dis - tress, fast - ing in the wil - der - ness?  
 Who is he to whom they bring all the sick and sor - row - ing?  
 Who is he the gath - ring throng greet with loud tri - um - phant song?  
 Who is he on yon - der tree dies in grief and ag - o - ny?  
 Who is he that from his throne rules through all the world a - lone?

Refrain

'Tis the Lord! Oh, won - drous sto - ry! 'Tis the Lord! The King of glo - ry!

At his feet we hum - bly fall, Crown him! Crown him, Lord of all!

# Events at a Glance

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## THIS WEEK 12/21 – 12/27

<b>SUNDAY 12/21</b>	Morning Worship, 10:00 AM Discipleship, 11:45 AM Children's Choir Quick Rehearsal, 12:30 PM Evening Worship, 6:00 PM
<b>MONDAY 12/22</b>	Adult and Youth Choirs Dress Rehearsal, 5:00 PM
<b>WEDNESDAY 12/24</b>	Christmas Eve Program of Lessons and Carols, 6:30 PM (Prelude begins at 6:00 PM)
<b>THURSDAY 12/25</b>	Christmas Day

## NEXT WEEK 12/28 – 1/3

<b>SUNDAY 12/28</b>	Morning Worship, 10:00 AM Discipleship, 11:45 AM <i>No evening activities</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY 12/31</b>	New Year's Eve ( <i>no Prayer Meeting</i> )
<b>THURSDAY 1/1</b>	New Year's Day
<b>FRIDAY 1/2</b>	<a href="#">Men's Study Videoconference</a> , 7:00 AM

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## MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

- Next Women's Study, begins January 6, 2026
- 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 SERIES:** A SON IS BORN

**SERMON TITLE:** *"Son of David"*

**SERMON TEXT:** *Luke 1:26–38*

**PREACHER:** *Pastor Fix*

**MONDAY**

**Luke 1:26–38; Matthew 1:1**

Why is Jesus called "The Son of David," and why is it important for us?

**TUESDAY**

**1 Samuel 16:1–13; 17:12–23, 31–37; Acts 13:22**

What was David known as and for as the prototype king and "after God's own heart" (1 Samuel 13:14)? How does this help us understand who Jesus is as the "Son of David"?

**WEDNESDAY**

**Psalms 23; Ezekiel 34; John 10:11–18**

Why are Israel's kings referred to as "shepherds" by Ezekiel, and what does that say about what they were supposed to do for God's people? How does this help us understand what Jesus means when he claims to be "the good shepherd" as the Son of David?

**THURSDAY**

**1 Chronicles 17**

See God's covenant with David. What events in Jesus' life show how Jesus fulfills all these promises? Application?

**FRIDAY**

**Psalms 2; 110; Matthew 22:41–46; Revelation 22:16**

How is Jesus' teaching about his title Son of David show that he's not just a man, but also God? How does this help you see Jesus Christ's glory and humility, and how should you respond to this?

**SATURDAY**

**Matthew 20:25–28; 21:1–17; Acts 2:22–39**

If the "Son of David" is a royal title indicating Jesus is the promised Divine Messiah King, how does he use his power, authority, and glory as the Servant King? What does that mean for how we relate to our fellow believers / neighbors?

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