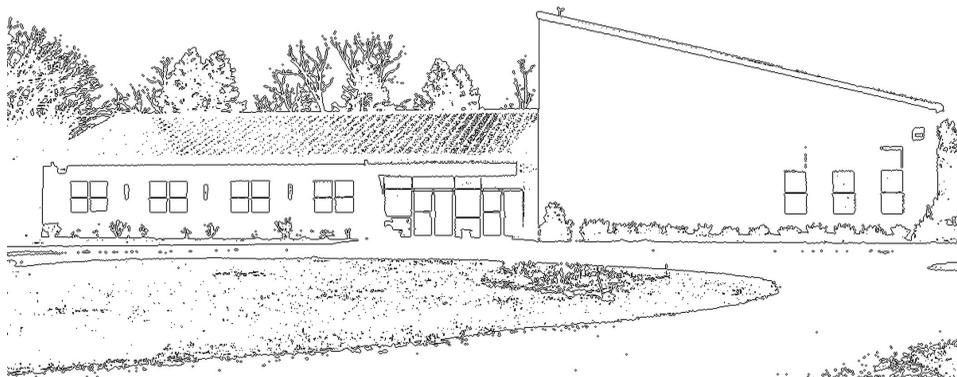


Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

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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.

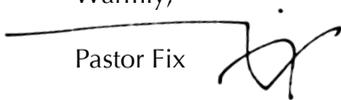
Weekly worship is the center of our life together as the body of Christ, as we meet with God and are spiritually nourished and built up by his Word and Sacraments, which focus our attention on the Good News of Jesus Christ. We want to do this as he tells us he wants us to in the Bible, so our worship seeks to reflect that.

We are no longer limiting attendance or requiring social distancing, though cards are available from the deacons if you would like to reserve some chairs around you for distancing purposes. Individuals are also still welcome to wear masks and distance as desired.

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.

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.

Summer Evening Discipleship meets at 6:00 PM on Sundays.

Audio recordings of morning and evening sermons are available on our website, www.rpcbowie.org.

Please remember to silence your **mobile devices** during the worship services.

Order of Worship

COMING BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD

God invites us to worship him in spirit and in truth

Call to Worship *Tim Jones*

We praise God through song

* Hymn #17 Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore Him

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

Prayer of Adoration and Confession *Tim Jones*

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; and there is no health in us, that is in our flesh.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare 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 hereafter live a 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 Isaiah 53:5, 6

* 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-
ginning, 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 2:6–11 (p. 567)

* Hymn #164 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*Congregation standing

Order of Worship (*cont.*)

New Testament Reading.....Matthew 5:1–13 (p. 809)

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Sermon..... **You Are the Salt of the Earth**
Pastor Coleman

We prepare to receive the visible Gospel in the Supper

* Hymn #480 Come, for the Feast Is Spread

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 Coleman*

We use both prepackaged elements with a wafer and grape juice as well as carefully prepared gluten-free bread and wine (center trays) or grape juice (outside trays). Please come forward by row beginning with the front rows using the center aisle to pick up the elements and return to your seats by the side aisles. 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 #644..... May the Mind of Christ My Savior

We give thanks and bring our needs to God We give a portion back as thanks to God

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession..... *Mark Wallace*

Offering

*Congregation standing

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

Order of Worship *(cont.)*

* Doxology (with the Amen) (#731)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; 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 Coleman*

Sermon Notes

*Congregation standing

Next Two Weeks at a Glance

THIS WEEK 8/1 – 8/7

- SUNDAY 8/1** Morning Worship, 10:00 AM
Sermon Application/Discipleship for Pre-K & up, 11:45 AM
Summer Evening Discipleship, 6:00 PM
- WEDNESDAY 8/4** [Prayer Meeting Videoconference](#), 7:30 PM
- FRIDAY 8/6** [Men's Study Videoconference](#), 7:00 AM
- SATURDAY 8/7** Men's Quarterly Breakfast, 8:00 AM at First Watch in Bowie

NEXT WEEK 8/8 – 8/14

- SUNDAY 8/8** Morning Worship, 10:00 AM
Sermon Application/Discipleship for Pre-K & up, 11:45 AM
Report from Claire and Murray Rodger, 6:00 PM
- TUESDAY 8/10** Session Meeting, 7:30 PM
- WEDNESDAY 8/11** [Prayer Meeting Videoconference](#), 7:30 PM
- THURSDAY 8/12** Women's Study, 7:30 PM at Tricia Bloomberg's
- FRIDAY 8/13** [Men's Study Videoconference](#), 7:00 AM

Preparation for Next Lord's Day

SERMON TITLE: *"You Are the Light of the World"*

SERMON TEXT: *Matthew 5:2–16*

PREACHER: *Pastor Coleman*

- MONDAY** **Matthew 5:14–16; John 3:16–21; 8:12–20**
What do these passages teach us about light? About Jesus? About us?
- TUESDAY** **Philippians 2:12–18; Psalm 15**
How are we to be lights in the world? What are specific ways you try to be light in your world, your sphere of influence?
- WEDNESDAY** **Ephesians 5:1–21; Genesis 39**
What does it mean that we are to expose the darkness? How does that apply to you?
- THURSDAY** **John 3:1–14; Zechariah 8**
Ultimately, the light points the way to Christ. How does that affect the way you speak and act in your daily callings?
- FRIDAY** **Matthew 5:16; 1 Peter 2**
What do we hope and pray for concerning our being lights in the world? Is that what you desire and pray for?
- SATURDAY** **Psalm 22:22–31; Isaiah 60; Revelation 22:1–5**
What do these passages teach us about light? Application to you?

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