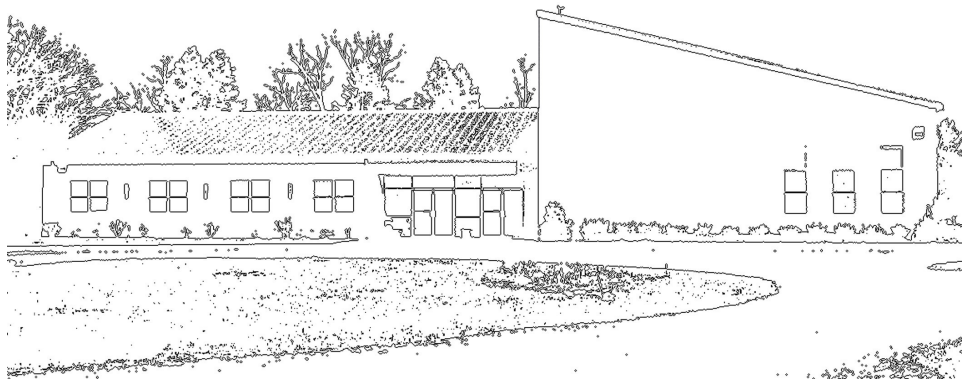


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Welcome

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.

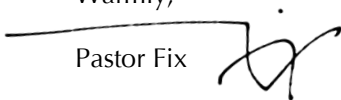
Weekly worship is the center of our life together as the body of Christ, as we meet with God and are spiritually nourished and built up by his Word and Sacraments, which focus our attention on the Good News of Jesus Christ. We want to do this as he tells us he wants us to in the Bible, so our worship 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. However, Prince George's County has again instituted a mask requirement indoors, so masks are required inside the building.

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.

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.....*Bruce Buchanan*

We praise God through song

* Hymn #266 Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

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

Prayer of Adoration and Confession.....*Bruce Buchanan*

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..... Hebrews 9:11–15

* 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 Exodus 7:1–13 (p. 49)

*Congregation standing

Order of Worship (*cont.*)

* Hymn #140 O Word of God Incarnate

New Testament Reading 2 Timothy 3 (p. 996)

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provided on page 6*

Sermon..... **Godliness in Godless Days**
Pastor Fix

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

* Hymn #424 Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

*We confess our faith
together with the broad-
er 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.***

*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 re-
ceived in the Gospel*

* Hymn #310..... Rejoice, the Lord Is King

*We give thanks and
bring our needs to God*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession.....*Scott Schollenberger*

Order of Worship (cont.)

*We give a portion back
as thanks to God*

Offering

* Doxology (with the Amen) (#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

*Congregation standing

Sermon Notes

Next Two Weeks at a Glance

THIS WEEK 10/10 – 10/16

- SUNDAY 10/10** Morning Worship, 10:00 AM
Discipleship for All Ages, 11:45 AM
Evening Discipleship, 6:00 PM
- TUESDAY 10/12** Session Meeting, 7:30 PM
- WEDNESDAY 10/13** Prayer Meeting Videoconference, 7:30 PM
- FRIDAY 10/15** Men's Study Videoconference, 7:00 AM
- SATURDAY 10/16** Men's Study, 8:30 AM at the Colemans'
Fall Church Project Day, 9:00 AM

NEXT WEEK 10/17 – 10/23

- SUNDAY 10/17** Morning Worship, 10:00 AM
Discipleship for All Ages, 11:45 AM
Evening Discipleship, 6:00 PM
- TUESDAY 10/19** Ladies Scripture Memory Practice Group,
7:00 PM at the Langleys'
- WEDNESDAY 10/20** Prayer Meeting Videoconference, 7:30 PM
- FRIDAY 10/22** Men's Study Videoconference, 7:00 AM

Preparation for Next Lord's Day

SERMON TITLE: *"The Right Interpretation"*

SERMON TEXT: *Matthew 5:21–26*

PREACHER: *Pastor Coleman*

- MONDAY** **Matthew 5:21–26; Isaiah 1:10–17; 29:13**
How do these passages show us the need for proper interpretation of God's word and worship?
- TUESDAY** **Matthew 5:21–26; 21:28–32; Jeremiah 7:1–29**
Clearly the interpretation and application of God's law takes some thought, prayer, and wisdom. How does that apply to your daily life?
- WEDNESDAY** **2 Corinthians 3:6; Galatians 3:10–14; Romans 3:23; 6:23; Exodus 32:33; Psalm 1; John 6:63; 10:10; Galatians 2:15–21**
Second Corinthians 3:6 says "the letter (God's law, word) kills but the spirit gives life." Put all of these passages together and consider what "letter kills, spirit gives life" means. Then apply to your own life.
- THURSDAY** **Matthew 5:21–26; Exodus 20:1–17; Deuteronomy 16:18; Luke 10:25–37; 18:9–14**
How did the scribes and Pharisees interpret scripture? What's wrong with their method of interpretation? How do you do that?
- FRIDAY** **Matthew 5:21–26; 15:10–20; James 4:1–4; Esther 5:9–13**
How does Jesus interpret God's law? How does His example help you?
- SATURDAY** **John 14:18–24; Romans 13:8–10; Galatians 5:14; 6:2; 1 John 3:10, 14, 16; 4:1–20**
How does God's word and Christ's commandments together with our obedience to God's law show forth the love of God? Any examples from your life?

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