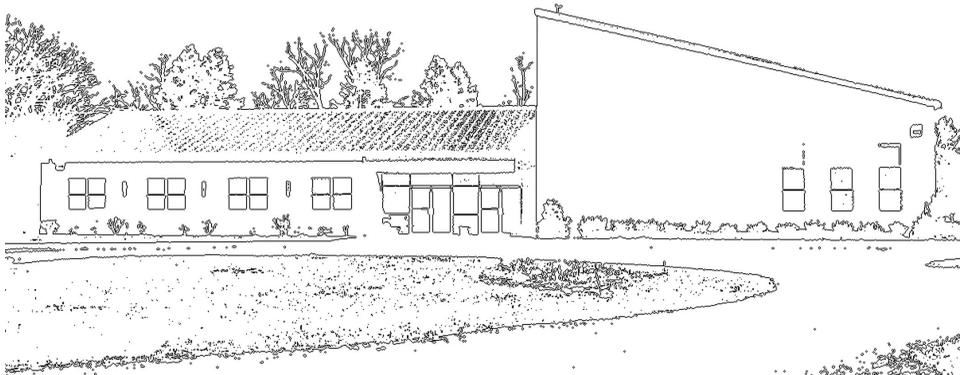


# Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

**LORD'S DAY**  
**NOVEMBER 21, 2021**



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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.

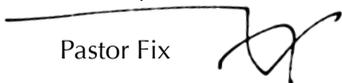
Weekly worship is the center of our life together as the body of Christ, as we meet with God and are spiritually nourished and built up by his Word and Sacraments, which focus our attention on the Good News of Jesus Christ. We want to do this as he tells us he wants us to in the Bible, so our worship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



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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.

**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 6:30 PM.

**Audio recordings** of morning and evening sermons are available on our website, [www.rpcbowie.org](http://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 ..... *Pastor Fix*

*We praise God through song*

\* Hymn #2 ..... O Worship the King

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

Prayer of Adoration and Confession ..... *Pastor Fix*

***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*

New Testament Reading ..... Luke 1:26–56 (p. 855)

\*Congregation standing

# Order of Worship (*cont.*)

\* Hymn #637 .....What Shall I Render to My God

Old Testament Reading..... 1 Samuel 1:21–2:11 (p. 225)

*Space for notes is  
provided on pages 6-7*

Sermon ..... **A Sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving**

*Pastor Fix*

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

\* Hymn #257 .....Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

*We confess our faith  
together with the broad-  
er church today and the  
church of ages past*

\* Confession of Faith.....The Scots Confession, Ch. 1

***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.....*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 #320..... Rejoice, All Ye Believers

# Order of Worship (cont.)

*We give thanks and  
bring our needs to God*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession ..... *Bruce Buchanan*

*We give a portion back  
as thanks to God*

Offering

\* Doxology (with the Amen) (#731)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise  
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*

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\*Congregation standing

# Sermon Notes

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# Sermon Notes *(cont.)*

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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 #4 ..... All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

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

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

\* Hymn #303 ..... Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

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

Scripture Reading.....Hebrews 2:1–18 (p. 1001)

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provided on pp. 6-7*

Sermon ..... **A Sympathetic High Priest**  
*Steve Hollidge*

*We respond in thanks  
and praise*

\* Hymn #230 ..... Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor

*God sends us out  
with his blessing*

\* Benediction .....*Steve Hollidge*

# Next Two Weeks at a Glance

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## THIS WEEK 11/21 – 11/27

**SUNDAY 11/21**      Morning Worship, 10:00 AM  
Discipleship for All Ages, 11:45 AM  
Evening Worship, 6:30 PM

**THURSDAY 11/25**      Thanksgiving Holiday

*NO OTHER WEEKLY ACTIVITIES DUE TO THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY*

## NEXT WEEK 11/28 – 12/4

**SUNDAY 11/28**      Morning Worship, 10:00 AM  
Discipleship for All Ages, 11:45 AM  
*No Evening Activities*

**WEDNESDAY 12/1**      [Prayer Meeting Videoconference](#), 7:30 PM

**THURSDAY 12/2**      Women's Bible Study, 9:30 AM at the Cripes'

**FRIDAY 12/3**      [Men's Study Videoconference](#), 7:00 AM

**SATURDAY 12/4**      Men's Study, 8:30 AM at the Colemans'

# Preparation for Next Lord's Day

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**SERMON SERIES:** CHRIST IS SUPERIOR (HEBREWS)

**SERMON TITLE:** *"Are We Home Yet?"*

**SERMON TEXT:** *Hebrews 3:1–4:16*

**PREACHER:** *Steve Hollidge*

- MONDAY**                    **Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7**  
Challenges to God's authority, to faith, and to obedience to God **are not new**.
- TUESDAY**                    **Genesis 3:14–15**  
**God** makes a long-term promise after catastrophe.
- WEDNESDAY**                **Genesis 15 (particularly verses 13-14)**  
**God** makes a short-term promise (relative to yesterday's promise).
- THURSDAY**                 **Exodus 12:33–42**  
**God fulfills** the short-term promise in His timing. Notice the timing.
- FRIDAY**                      **Galatians 4:1–7 (particularly verse 4)**  
**God fulfills** the first installment of the long-term promise. Notice the timing.
- SATURDAY**                 **1 Thessalonians 4 (particularly verse 16–18); 2 Peter 3:1–10**  
**God will fulfill** His next installment of the long-term promise, in His timing. What does Peter want us to consider regarding God's timing?

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