



Sunday Worship Service
January 22, 2012

Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church,

We are glad to have you join us for worship today. Our service begins with a five minute prelude at 11A.M. We aim to end our service by 12:30P.M. On the first Sunday of every month we have communion, and on those Sundays the worship service may run slightly longer. It is our goal to worship God in a way that is understandable to our culture, in addition to being Biblically and historically consistent. We expect that many people who join us for a worship service will come in with different ideas about spirituality. We invite you to ask questions and to enter into dialogue concerning these important matters. Please feel free to contact the pastor or other church members with questions. More information can be found on our website, www.cityreformed.org. Below are some answers to questions that many people ask up front.

1) What kind of church is City Reformed?

Part of our world-wide connection is informal—we have church members who are serving throughout the world. But many of our church connections are formal. We are part of a denomination called the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), and are therefore connected to other PCA churches around the country and seek to build relationships with all types of Christians throughout the world.

Beliefs (A quick summary of our guiding principles.)

- We are committed to being a Gospel-Driven Church, built on the atoning death and resurrection of Christ as described by the Bible.
- We are committed to ministry in and to the City of Pittsburgh.
- We are committed to historic Protestant Reformation theology as we use the Scripture to guide our thinking in all parts of our lives.
- We are committed to relational ministry in the local church, but connected world-wide.
- We are committed to God-Honoring Worship.

2) Are there programs for my children?

We have a nursery available for kids ages 0-4 during the worship service, children's church for kids ages 5-8 which meets during the sermon (see page 4), and a Sunday School before the service at 10AM. The Sunday School meets during the Fall and Spring months. Our nursery workers and Sunday School teachers are carefully trained, selected and supervised. The nursery is located on the second floor and can be accessed through the elevator in the main lobby. Please ask an usher if you have questions or need help. Many of our weekly Community Groups also offer childcare (see page 9).

3) Where can I park my car?

Street parking is plentiful throughout Oakland and is free to the public on Sundays. Valet parking is available in the PAA parking lot off of Lytton Ave. City Reformed purchases tokens from the PAA, and these are available at the welcome table for anyone who needs to use the PAA lot.

4) How do I connect?

We would love to get to know you! Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments after the worship service. On page 9 of this bulletin, you can also find out how to connect with our small groups, called "community groups." Finally, be sure to stop by the welcome table (and the bowling counter!), sign up to be placed on our churchwide email list, and find more information about upcoming events and activities.

In Christ, Matt Koerber, Sr. Pastor

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“Evangelism is just one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread.”

Worship Service

Presiding: Elder Jim Partridge

Call to Worship: Isaiah 2:2-4

Leader: It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills;

People: And all the nations shall flow to it,

Leader: And many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”

People: For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Leader: He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

People: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

Prayer of Invocation

LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

Let us love and sing and wonder,
Let us praise the Savior's name,
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame,
He has washed us with his blood (3x),
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who brought us,
Pitied us when enemies.
Called us by his grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.
He has washed us with his blood (3x),
He presents our souls to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store.
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more.
He who washed us with his blood (3x),

Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high.
Here they trusted him before us
Now their praises fill the sky.
You have washed us with your blood (3x),
You are worthy, Lamb of God

GLORIOUS AND MIGHTY

Majesty, Your glory is shining
Brighter than the moon and the stars
Marveling, we honor and fear You
Above all gods

Chorus:
Glorious and mighty,
You're awesome In beauty
Joyful songs we raise
Glorious and mighty,
You're awesome in beauty
Greatly to be praised

Majesty, You fashioned the heavens
Your decrees can never be changed
Over all the plans of the nations
Your judgments reign

Chorus

Majesty, we'll sing with creation
When You come again in the clouds
Every knee will bow down and worship
The one true God

Chorus

Greatly to be praised
Greatly to be praised

HOLY HOLY HOLY†

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy
sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky,
and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Call to Confession: Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white
as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall
become like wool.”

Prayer of Confession:

**Father, you love the loveless and grant mercy to the
guilty. You sent your Son Jesus to seek and to save the
lost. When we were his enemies he died for us.**

**We pray that you would remind us that we need grace.
Teach us to extend that grace to others. Shape us and
change us, we pray. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 53:5-6,11

But he was wounded for our transgressions; he
was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the
chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes
we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we
have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD
has laid on him the iniquity of us all...Out of the
anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his
knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make
many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their
iniquities.

Membership Vows - Ben Carlson

† *Music for songs with this symbol can be found in song books
located on the bowling counter. Please feel free to use these
books during the service and return them to the counter
afterwards.*

**As you are seated, we request that you move as much toward the
middle of your row as you can in order to free chairs on the end and
help the ushers seat people. Thanks!*

Sermon:

Recovering the Mission of the Church

John 4:1-42

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John² (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples),³ he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. ⁴And he had to pass through Samaria.

⁵So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet." ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." ²⁷Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?"

²⁸So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹"Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" ³⁰They went out of the town and were coming to him. ³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. ³⁶Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." ³⁹Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

Jesus & the Gospel Message

"Grace for Outsiders" - Reverend Matt Koerber

*Creedal Response (from the Westminster
Shorter Catechism, Question 34)*

Q. What is adoption?

**A. Adoption is an act of God's free grace,
whereby we are received into the number, and
have a right to all the privileges of the sons of
God.**

Songs of Thanksgiving:

AND CAN IT BE†

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood
Died He for me who caused His pain
For me who Him to death pursued
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

Chorus:

*Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me*

He left His Father's throne above
So free so infinite His grace
Humbled Himself ,so great His love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race
'Tis mercy all immense and free
For O my God it found out me

Chorus

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray
I woke the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off my heart was free
I rose went forth and followed Thee

Chorus

No condemnation now I dread
Jesus and all in Him is mine
Alive in Him my living Head
And clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach th'eternal throne
And claim the crown through Christ my own

Chorus

I LOVE YOU LORD†

I love you, Lord
And I lift my voice
To worship you,
O my soul rejoice!
Take joy, my King,
In what you hear,
May it be a sweet,
Sweet sound in your ear.

Repeat (2x)

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Life Together

ANNOUNCEMENTS - COMMUNITY - MINISTRIES - PRAYER

To listen online to Sermons, Agora Forums, Foundations Lectures, to see the Church Calendar and Upcoming Events, or to sign up to our email list and get connected, please visit www.cityreformed.org.

City Reformed Announcements

FELLOWSHIP HOUR MOVED UPSTAIRS TODAY

Our refreshments time this afternoon has been moved to the Schenley Lounge on the first floor of the PAA. The Schenley Lounge is located near the main lobby, next to the Pennsylvania Room.

ARTS COFFEE HOUSE

City Reformed's Arts Coffee House is at 7:30PM on Friday February 3rd at Point Park University. The address is 201 Wood Street (Downtown) and it will take place in the ballroom of Lawrence Hall, which is on the 3rd floor. We would like artists of all kind to come and present their work, but we also welcome anyone to sit and observe. This is a great opportunity to make relationships with students, share our vision for art, and to support Daniel Snoke's ministry at Point Park (see Partnership Ministries, pg 11). If you have something you would like to present, or if you would like to help out with snacks and drinks, please email Margaret Anne Townes at matownes@gmail.com or Daniel Snoke at djsnoke@gmail.com. Street parking will free at that time of day; parking garages are also nearby.

MEN'S RETREAT

Calling ALL men, young and old (well, 13 years and up), single or married, student, working man, etc. Come to Pine Springs Camp in the Laurel Highlands for a time of great fellowship, FOOD and teaching with other men from City. Ministry Assistant Shawn Honey will be opening the Word. Begins 7PM, Friday 2/10 and ends after dinner on Sat 2/11. Cost will be around \$35. Scholarships available. **Sign up by the welcome table.** See Jim Partridge with any questions, or if you want to help with logistics.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Spring Sunday School classes for all ages have begun. The Jr & Sr High class began this morning. Ministry Assistant Rob Gray will be leading the class on the gospel of John. *This class is meeting in the bowling alley.* There are two adult classes: Elder Dave Snoke is teaching the main class on church history. Pastor Matt is also leading a discussion class on the book *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands*. The adult classes and the children's classes are all meeting on the second floor of the PAA.

Events listed at **church office**: 3524 Blvd of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Free parking in the lot; entry through back door on the second floor landing. Office phone: 412-720-7014.

2012 CHURCH DIRECTORY - PHOTOBOOTHS

Come get your picture taken for the 2012 *City Reformed picture directory!* Member (and professional photographer) Milla Chappell has graciously offered again this year to take pictures for us. We will have a photobooth set up over the course of the next two Sundays: January 29th and February 5th. You will have 4 opportunities to get your picture taken with your family: *before church (10-10:45AM) and after church on both Sundays.* There is no cost - we would love for everyone who attends City Reformed to be part of the directory! You can also update your directory information at this time. All questions can be directed to Dan Reiley: dreiley@cityreformed.org.

WOMEN'S SERMON DISCUSSION AND PRAYER GROUP FORMING SOON

To meet every 2nd and 4th Monday evening, starting in February. 2 locations and 2 times (7 and 9PM) to accommodate schedules! This will be an opportunity to go more in depth with the sermon, to pray for one another and get to know other women in different seasons of life. 9PM location is in Greenfield and the 7PM location is in Bloomfield. Please contact Chrissie Koerber (chrissiekoerber@gmail.com) for more information.

PRAYER GROUP FORMING

Anyone interested is invited to come meet and pray together from 8-9PM on the first and third Fridays of each month. The normal location will be Bloomfield (Callie Norris, 4016 Mintwood St), *however this week we will be meeting at the Withers house*: 526 Mifflin Ave. Contact Amanda: amanda.marsch@gmail.com, 717-341-2148.

MEALS FOR THE BUGAY FAMILY

Thank you to all who have done meals - we have enough meals for the time being, and will post when we are in need of more.

AGORA TONIGHT

Agora this week, continuing in series on doubts: "The problem of evil and suffering, and how this relates to the theory of evolution." Agora meets Sundays at 7PM at the church office (address above). Contact: David Snoke: snoke@pitt.edu.
