



Sunday Worship Service
February 19, 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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Presbyterian Church
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Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Worship Service

Presiding: Elder Jim Partridge

Call to Worship: Isaiah 45:18-21

Leader: For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!): “I am the LORD, and there is no other.

People: I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness;

Leader: I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, ‘Seek me in vain.’ I the LORD speak the truth; I declare what is right.

People: Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you survivors of the nations!

Leader: They have no knowledge who carry about their wooden idols, and keep on praying to a god that cannot save. Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the LORD?

People: And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me.”

Prayer of Invocation

PRAISE TO THE LORD

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him for
He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,
Who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.
Surely His goodness and
Mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

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I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD

I will call upon the Lord,
Who is worthy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from my enemies,
I will call upon the Lord.

Repeat

And may the God of my salvation be exalted.
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the rock
And may the God of my salvation be exalted.
Repeat

MIGHTY TO SAVE

Everyone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

Chorus:

*Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever, author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave*

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender

Chorus

Shine your light
And let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory
Of the risen King Jesus
Shine your light
And let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory
Of the risen King

Chorus

† *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!*

Call to Confession: Isaiah 45:22

“Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.”

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we are in desperate need of your salvation. We know that we cannot stand in your judgment on our own. We have sinned and we have gone astray. We place our hope in your mercy through Jesus. He was crushed and put to grief when he willingly gave his life as an offering for sin. He was righteous, yet bore our iniquities.

This is our hope and prayer. Jesus our substitute, our savior. Open our eyes to see this grace, to delight in it and to share it with others.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 53:10-11

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. 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 - Stephen Whaite

Song of Renewal

During this song we will pass offering bags through the congregation. We ask that our members and regular attendees will thoughtfully consider their contribution as an act of worship - a response to God's grace in our lives. Those who are not a regular part of our church are not expected to participate in the offering.

JESUS PAID IT ALL †

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim,
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

Chorus:

*Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone,
Jesus died my soul to save,
And melt the heart of stone.

And now complete in Him
My robe His righteousness,
Close sheltered 'neath His side,
I am divinely blest.

Chorus

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
I'll lay my trophies down
All down at Jesus' feet.

Chorus (2x)

Corporate & Pastoral Prayer

**At this time, children ages 5-8 may be dismissed for children's church. The leaders will take the children up to children's church and then back to the worship service after the sermon.*

Additional Scriptures

Acts 4:11-12 This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

1 Timothy 2:5-6 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

1 John 5:11-12 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Galatians 2:20-21 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if justification were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

Hebrews 4:15-16 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Luke 9:23-26 And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

Romans 10:11-17 For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Sermon:

Recovering the Mission of the Church

John 14:1-9

[Jesus answered...] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.”

⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.”

⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.”

Jesus & the Gospel Message
“The Way” - Reverend Matt Koerber

Credal Response (from the Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 36)

Q. Who is the Mediator of the covenant of grace?

A. The only Mediator of the covenant of grace is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, of one substance and equal with the Father, in the fullness of time became man, and so was and continues to be God and man, in two entire distinct natures, and one person, for ever.

Songs of Thanksgiving:

NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS†

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus:

*O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my pardon this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Not of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus (2x)

THE SOLID ROCK†

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

Chorus:

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.

Chorus

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Chorus

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

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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

ROB GRAY ORDINATION

Last Sunday our Ministry Assistant Rob Gray was ordained and installed as the Assistant Pastor of City Reformed. We praise God for bringing Rob and Erin and their kids to our church and we look forward to their ministry among us.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

This Friday, February 24th, at 6:30PM, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner is *back!* We will need hosts and those willing to travel. Hosts provide a main dish, guests bring sides. *Sign up at the welcome table to be either a host or a guest.* Who else will you be dining with? Well, that's the surprise! Questions? Contact Gayathri Withers: gayawith@yahoo.com.

WORK SATURDAY - BLOOMFIELD CHURCH

This Saturday, February 25th, 9AM-3:30PM. We'll be again working to refurbish a church in the Bloomfield-Garfield area at the corner of Friendship and Pacific Avenues. *This will be exclusively interior work.* Please contact Bob Reid if interested in helping out: rhr@rhengineers.com.

ROSE FOR THE ASHES

We celebrate with the Ashe family at the birth of their daughter, Katherine Hope Ashe (parents Colin and Heather). The rose on the front table is in honor of her birth.

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE

First RP is hosting a PCA Discipleship Training Conference for women led by Karen Hodges March 16-17. We would encourage any women interested in mentoring/discipleship/learning to attend. The cost is only \$10 and an *RSVP is needed by March 9th*. Please contact Tracy Partridge with any questions: thepartridgefam@verizon.net, 412-310-0707. See insert for details/registration form.

MEALS FOR THE BUGAY FAMILY

WIC is seeking to provide a freezer full of meals for the Bugay family as Beth has recently undergone an intensive bone marrow transplant procedure (see Prayer Requests, back cover). If you are interested in helping provide meals, please contact Tracy Partridge (thepartridgefam@verizon.net) or Seka Proctor (seka.proctor@gmail.com) for further instructions.

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.

PICTURE DIRECTORY

If you weren't able to get your picture taken at the photobooth this year for the directory, but would still like to be included in the directory, you can email us your photo. Please submit all photos by Sunday, February 26th: dreiley@cityreformed.org.

SUNDAY MORNING HELP NEEDED

We can always use more help with any of the Sunday morning ministry opportunities (listed at the bottom of page 10). Currently we have particular needs for help with greeting (please contact Joanne Faith: jofaith@comcast.net), and with setup/teardown and ushering (contact Dan Reiley: dreiley@cityreformed.org). *You can also sign up at the welcome table.*

SENIOR CITIZENS MINISTRY

We are in the process of planning a Bible study visit to Morehead Towers on a Sunday afternoon in February. Details to come. See Bill Johnson, familiejohnson@yahoo.com, or Shawn Honey.

JUST A SHORT RUN

Attention all runners/walkers: come join *Beth's Brigade* as we run Just A Short Run at North Park on Saturday 3/31/12 in honor of Beth Bugay as she continues her fight with leukemia. Proceeds from race registration benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Register soon! website: www.race360.com/14355.

AGORA TONIGHT

This week: Dave Snoke will lead another talk in the series on doubts: "How can I passionately love an invisible God?" Agora meets Sundays at 7PM at the church office (address above). Contact: David Snoke: snoke@pitt.edu.
