



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**January 15, 2023**

# Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us for worship today. If you would like more information, please contact us at [office@cityreformed.org](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

"A Christian is someone who shares the sufferings of God in the world."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM  
Winchester Thurston Auditorium  
5059 Ellsworth Ave  
Pittsburgh PA, 15213  
LIVESTREAM: [tinyurl.com/CRPCLive](http://tinyurl.com/CRPCLive)

### Sunday Evening Service

5:30PM  
Greenfield Chapel  
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### Welcome Information:



# Morning Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Worship – January 15, 2023

Presider: Elder David Bacon

## Call to Worship: Philippians 2:5-11

*Please stand for the Call to Worship if you are able.*

Leader Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

People **And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.**

Leader Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

People **And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## Endless Light

*(Words & Music: Karl Cashwell & Dean Ussher 2011)*

From the highest throne to the earth below  
You laid down Your life for the likes of us  
Great is the love of the Saviour

From a wounded heart to a life made whole  
Every human heart will declare as one  
Great is the love of the Saviour

*Lord of endless light  
Let Your glory shine forever  
All the earth  
All the earth will sing Your praise*

*Hope of every heart  
Let Your Name be lifted higher  
All our hearts  
All our hearts will sing Your praise*

From the mountain heights to the valleys low  
All created things given life to show  
Jesus we live for Your glory

From the rising sun to the still of night  
Every waking moment for Your delight  
Jesus we live for Your glory

God be exalted  
God be exalted in everything  
We live for Your glory  
Live for Your glory

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 47

## Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

*(Words: John Newton 1774; Music: Laura Taylor 2001)*

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 bought 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 sing though fierce temptations  
Threaten hard to bear us down.  
For the Lord our strong salvation  
Holds in view the conqueror's crown  
He who washed us with his blood (3x),  
Soon will bring us home 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.

# Behold Our God

*(Words & Music: Jonathan, Meghan, & Ryan Beird, & Stephen Altrogge 2011)*

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

*Behold our God, seated on His throne  
Come, let us adore Him  
Behold our King, nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

You will reign forever! (2x)  
(Let your glory fill the earth)  
You will reign forever! (2x)  
(Let your glory fill the earth)

## **Call to Confession: Hebrews 4:14-16**

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 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.

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Father, you are all wise, all loving and all powerful. And yet we have to confess that suffering causes us to doubt. You tell us that you work for the good in all things. But we confess that our vision gets small when we face trials. You tell us that your hand is at work in hardship – shaping us to be like Christ. Yet we struggle to pick up our cross and follow him.

Give us grace to see your love and power with new eyes. Help us to see the false idols that we trust and help us to turn from them. Cause us to see Jesus the man of sorrows who suffered with us and for us. To him be the glory. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 9:11a, 12**

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come... he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

## **Corporate Prayer**

# Song of Renewal

*We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Please use offering bags or direct giving online or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).*

## Hallelujah What A Savior - Man of Sorrows

*(Words & Music: Philip Paul Bliss 1875)*

Man of Sorrows! What a name  
For the Son of God, Who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim.

*Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned He stood;  
Sealed my pardon with His blood.

Guilty, vile, and helpless we;  
Spotless Lamb of God is He;  
Full atonement! Can it be?

Lifted up was He to die;  
"It is finished!" was His cry;  
Now in heav'n exalted high.

When He comes, our glorious King,  
All His ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew His song we'll sing:

## Pastoral Prayer

*At this time, children ages 4-7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. Parents please have your children meet the teachers at the back of the sanctuary and pick them up after the sermon from Children's Church.*

**Sermon: I Peter 3:17-4:6**  
**"Suffering with Jesus"**

- Reverend Matt Koerber

*<sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.*

**F**or Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

<sup>4:1</sup>Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, <sup>2</sup>so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. <sup>3</sup>For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. <sup>4</sup>With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; <sup>5</sup>but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. <sup>6</sup>For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## Additional Scripture

Philippians 3:10-11 (NKJV) / That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; if somehow I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

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## Creedal Response: Westminster Larger Catechism

Q49. How did Christ humble himself in his death?

**A. Christ humbled himself in his death in that having been betrayed by Judas, forsaken by his disciples, scorned and rejected by the world, condemned by Pilate, and tormented by his persecutors, and having also struggled with the terrors of death and the powers of darkness, he felt and bore the weight of God's wrath and laid down his life as an offering for sin, enduring the painful, shameful, and cursed death of the Cross.**

## Songs of Thanksgiving

### Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

*(Words: Henry Lyte 1825; Music: Bill Moore 2001)*

Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
All to leave and follow Thee.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken,  
Thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition,  
All I've sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition!  
God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me,  
They have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me;  
Thou art not, like them, untrue.  
O while Thou dost smile upon me,  
God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate and friends disown me,  
Show Thy face and all is bright.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,  
Come disaster, scorn and pain  
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,  
With Thy favor, loss is gain  
I have called Thee Abba Father,  
I have stayed my heart on Thee  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;  
All must work for good to me.

Soul, then know thy full salvation  
Rise o'er sin and fear and care  
Joy to find in every station,  
Something still to do or bear.  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,  
Think what Father's smiles are thine,  
Think that Jesus died to win thee,  
Child of heaven, canst thou repine?

Haste thee on from grace to glory,  
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.  
Heaven's eternal days before thee,  
God's own hand shall guide us there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,  
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,  
Hope shall change to glad fruition,  
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

## **Hosanna**

*(Words & Music: Israel Houghton, Sidney Mohede, and M. Sidney 2010)*

Hosanna, in the highest  
Let our King be lifted up  
Hosanna

## **Benediction**

*Tonight's Communion Worship Service, Reverend Aaron Garber, pastor of Calvin PCA in North Huntingdon, will be preaching on Revelation 3:20 "Feasting in the Wilderness."*

# Announcements

[www.cityreformed.org/events](http://www.cityreformed.org/events)

<p><b>January Evening Services:</b> Guest Preachers</p>	<p>Join us this month as we reflect on hospitality. We are hosting guest preachers: Tonight: Rev. Aaron Garber on "The Feast of God" at a service of communion, 22nd: Rev. Peter Smith on "Hospitality and Outreach", and the 29th Rev. Travis Scott on "Hospitality and Mission".</p>
<p><b>New ministry – Wednesday Lunch</b></p>	<p>The first meeting of what is planned to be a new ministry, primarily for and by older and /or retired adults, will be held at the Greenfield Building on Wednesday, January 18, 2023. Please feel free to bring a dish to share, but we will have Chick-Fil-A catering as well. Please join us, and possibly bring a friend, for conversation, song, prayer, and teaching. If you have questions, or want to let us know you are coming, please send an e-mail to <a href="mailto:joestehle@gmail.com">joestehle@gmail.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>New Women's Study</b> Tuesdays, starting January 17th 10:00am-12:00pm</p>	<p>Luda Bates welcomes you to join her for a study on the book of James led by Paige Benton of West End Community Church. The 8 week long study starting on Jan 17th, will include watching the weekly lecture by Paige followed by group discussion. Participants are also welcome to watch the livestream at their convenience and then only come for the discussion part. Contact Luda Bates for more information: <a href="mailto:luda.bates@gmail.com">luda.bates@gmail.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group</b> Starting January 18th</p>	<p>Wednesdays bi-weekly (beginning January 18th) @ 7PM at Katelyn Spallinger's home (1815 Sarah St., Pittsburgh, PA 15203). For more info, or to be added to a separate email list for this group, contact <a href="mailto:katelyn@cityreformed.org">katelyn@cityreformed.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>Congregational Meeting</b> February 5th, 2023 <i>Immediately following the service</i></p>	<p>All members of our congregation are encouraged to attend, as we will be voting on pertinent church decisions such as the election of elders, deacons, and women's ministry council members.</p>
<p><b>Men's Retreat</b> February 10-11, 2023</p>	<p>Our annual winter retreat to Ligonier Camp and Conference Center is coming soon! Please set aside Friday night and all day Saturday, February 10-11, to join us for a great time of FFF (food, fellowship, fun) and a series of talks on evangelism by our new Pitt campus pastor, Gavin Breedon! Registration is now open - with more details on Church Center: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/CRPCMensRetreat2023">https://tinyurl.com/CRPCMensRetreat2023</a>. This retreat will be open to all men down to 12 years of age. So those of you with sons, bring them! For questions, contact Jim Partridge at <a href="mailto:jim@cityreformed.org">jim@cityreformed.org</a>.</p>

<b>Deaf Ministry Opportunities</b>	<p>On Sunday, March 5, 2023, the first monthly Deaf worship and evangelistic gathering within our Presbytery will be held at the Greenfield Chapel location of City Reformed Church. In preparation, a prayer gathering is being planned for Saturday, January 21, 2023, at 2pm. Knowing ASL in not required. Interested? Please contact Pastor Roddey Caughman at 803-367-1463 or via email at Caughman.RHC@gmail.com.</p>
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## Employment and Volunteer Needs

[www.cityreformed.org/employment](http://www.cityreformed.org/employment)

<b>Youth Ministry Need</b>	<p>We are recruiting a man to work part-time with middle and/or high schoolers, discipling young men and building intentional relationships. The position is currently posted as 7hrs/wk, but hours are flexible depending on the situation of the applicant. Applicants should send a note to Nameun@cityreformed.org.</p>
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## Regular Events

[www.cityreformed.org/events](http://www.cityreformed.org/events)

<b>Agora:</b> Mondays, 7PM 3929 Coleman St.	<p>We discuss theology and popular culture topics from a Christian perspective. We meet every other Monday at the Greenfield Chapel at 7 pm (3929 Coleman St). The next meeting is January 23. We are beginning a new series: "Four movies that changed American culture", starting with watching "Inherit the Wind". Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com).</p>
<b>Wednesday Prayer Meetings</b> 8:30-9:30 AM	<p>Join our staff as they pray for our church. Wednesday weekly prayer is held on Zoom at: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer</a></p>
<b>Youth Group</b> Wednesday Nights EVO 250 S. Pacific Ave., Pittsburgh, PA, 15224.	<p>Calling all 6th-12th graders at City Reformed! Join us at Seeds 4 the City, City Reformed's combined youth group with Fourth Presbyterian Church (EPC) and Seeds of Hope Anglican Church. We'll be meeting at Earthen Vessels Outreach (EVO). Light snacks, fellowship, games, prayer, and a variety of interactions with God's Word fill our time together. Contact Pastor John with questions at <a href="mailto:john@cityreformed.org">john@cityreformed.org</a>, or 412-737-8959. Hope to see you there!</p>

# Groups

**College Students** please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- CCO at CMU: Nameun Cho (ncho@ccojubilee.org)
- CCO at PPU: Katelyn Spallinger (kspallinger@ccojubilee.org)
- RUF at Pitt: Gavin Breeden & Callie Miller (gavin.breeden@ruf.org, callie.miller@ruf.org)
- [cityreformed.org/collegestudents](http://cityreformed.org/collegestudents)

**Specialty Groups** meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, learning, and service.

- *Agora Forum- Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)*
- *Men's New Hope (Joseph@cityreformed.org)*
- *Mommies' Group (Sandy@cityreformed.org)*
- *Wednesday Morning Prayer (Nameun@cityreformed.org)*
- *Men's Discipleship Committee (mdc@cityreformed.org)*
- *Young Women's Discipleship Group (Katelyn@cityreformed.org)*
- *Informal frisbee (danielrtoney@gmail.com)*
- *Board Game Gatherings (gatcheson@gmail.com)*

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# Community Groups

**Community Groups** meet for Bible study, fellowship, and service, and are some of the best opportunities to connect with church life - always open for visitors throughout the year. Please contact Pastor Joseph Bianco (Joseph@cityreformed.org) with any questions, and for a listing of current groups, refer to: **www.cityreformed.org/community-groups**

## Sunday

Fox Chapel\*- Watson Barker  
North Hills\*\*- David Bacon

## Monday

Forest Hills\*- Adam Schwab

## Tuesday

Northside- Joe Bencoter & Nathan Schartner  
Friendship\*\*- Michael Hilton  
Morningside\*\* - Jeff Winkler  
West Hills\*- Jonathan Dodd

## Wednesday

Regent Square- David Snoke  
Baldwin/Greenfield\*- Joseph Bianco  
East Suburban- Joe Stehle

## Thursday

Shadyside - Ben Chidester  
Near East Suburban- Jim Partridge

\*Childcare provided

\*\* Kid's play area available

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