



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**January 24, 2021**

# 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

"My name is growing all the time, and I've lived a very long, long time; so my name is like a story. Real names tell you the story of the things they belong to."

-Treebeard, *The Two Towers*, by J.R.R. Tolkien

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM

LIVESTREAM: [tinyurl.com/CRPCLive](http://tinyurl.com/CRPCLive)

SIGN-UPS: Church Center App (Events)  
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### Sunday Evening Communion Service

3929 Coleman St., 15207

SUNDAY 1/31/21 | 4PM, 5PM & 6PM

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### Church Office

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Pittsburgh, PA 15207  
412-720-7014

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# Worship Service

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Sunday Morning Worship – January 24, 2021

Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

## Call to Worship: Hebrews 12:25-29

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

**Leader** See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven.

**People** **At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens."**

**Leader** This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain.

**People** **Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.**

## Prayer of Invocation

### Holy Holy Holy

*(Words: Reginald Heber 1826; Music: John Bacchus Dykes 1823-76)*

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!

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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!

## Isaiah 55 | So Shall His Word

*(Words & Music: Liz Vice & Sandra McCracken)*

So shall his Word that goes out  
That goes out  
Shall not return, not return empty

*It shall make a name for the LORD  
It shall make a name for the LORD  
Let the Light make a name for the LORD  
In the dark*

Come all who thirst, laborers  
Lay it down  
Come seek the Lord while he may be found

We shall go out, out with joy  
Led in peace  
Join in the song all creation sing

*We shall make a name for the LORD  
We shall make a name for the LORD  
Let the Light make a name for the LORD  
In the dark*

## **Call to Confession: 1 Thessalonians 1:9**

For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God....

## **Prayer of Confession**

O Lord, you are enthroned above the angels. You alone are God. You rule over all of the kingdoms of the earth - you have made heaven and earth. Incline your ear, O Lord, and hear; open your eyes, O Lord, and see. Hear our prayers and see our troubles. Our lives are full of troubles. Following Jesus is hard and we find opposition from the world, from our flesh and from Satan. We see the destruction that sin has caused in our lives and in our world. So now, O Lord our God, save us. May all of the people and the kingdoms of the earth know that you are the living God as you demonstrate your power among us. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 9:13-14**

For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

**Baptism:** Zoë Noelle Schwab,  
daughter of Adam & Deborah Schwab

### **Question to the Congregation:**

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

## **Corporate Prayer**

# Song of Renewal

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

## I Want to Know You

*(Words & Music: James Proctor, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, & Rich Thompson 2016)*

I've tried in vain a thousand ways  
My fears to quell my hopes to raise  
But what I need your word has said  
Is ever only Jesus

You died you live you reign you plead  
There's love in all your words and deeds  
This weary heart finds all it needs  
In ever only Jesus

*I want to know you Jesus my Lord  
King of the Heavens king of my soul  
I trade my treasure and all my rewards  
Jesus to know you then know you more*

Though some should curse me for your name  
I have no fear I have no shame  
You stand with me for all my days  
My ever only Jesus

Like wave after wave on the ocean  
Like all of the sand on the shore  
Your beauty and glory are endless  
O Jesus I must know you more

## Pastoral Prayer

## Sermon: Exodus 3:1-17

90 Days Through the Story of Scripture:

"God Enters the Story"

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- Reverend Matt Koerber

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children

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of Israel out of Egypt?” <sup>12</sup>He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

<sup>13</sup>Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations. <sup>16</sup>Go and gather the elders of Israel together and say to them, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, “I have observed you and what has been done to you in Egypt, <sup>17</sup>and I promise that I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, a land flowing with milk and honey.’”

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Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Additional Scripture

Matthew 22:31-33 / "And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God: 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not God of the dead, but of the living." And when the crowd heard it, they were astonished at his teaching.

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John 1:1-3, 14 / In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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John 8:56-59 / "Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

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## Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q 4. What is God?

**A. God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.**

# Song of Thanksgiving

*Please stand for the final song if you are able.*

## Your Grace Is Enough

*(Words & Music: Matt Maher 2003)*

Great is Your faithfulness O God of Jacob  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
Where nothing can keep us apart

So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God

*For Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me*

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along

## Prayer

## Announcements

## Benediction

If you would like to contact a pastor, please email [joseph@cityreformed.org](mailto:joseph@cityreformed.org).

## Life Together

<p><b>Open Evening Communion Services in GREENFIELD</b> Sun 1/31:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4:00PM</li><li>• 5:00PM</li><li>• 6:00PM</li></ul> <p>3929 Coleman St., 15207 Church Center App</p> 	<p>In-person service held three times <b>INDOORS</b> at GREENFIELD, with <b>communion</b> served all times. Review instructions for attending at: <a href="https://cityreformed.org/evening-service">cityreformed.org/evening-service</a> and the "Safe and Sound" guidelines on p. 12-13.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Register</b> on your Church Center App (go to Events), or online: <a href="https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations">crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations</a>, to help us keep within capacity limits (40/service) and add additional services if needed. If you need assistance signing up, contact <a href="mailto:Sol@cityreformed.org">Sol@cityreformed.org</a> - she'd be happy to sign you up!</li><li>• Before attending, self-assess the <b>health and recent activities</b> of you and your household.</li><li>• <b>Mandatory MASK policy</b> (all over 2 yrs old).</li><li>• <b>***CHECK IN WITH A GREETER IN-PERSON</b> when you arrive.***</li></ul>
<p><b>Attend Morning Service "In-Person"</b> Sundays @ 10:15AM WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</p>	<p>Register on your Church Center App (go to Events), or online: <a href="https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations">crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations</a>. Contact <a href="mailto:Sol@cityreformed.org">Sol@cityreformed.org</a>. <b>***CHECK IN WITH A GREETER IN-PERSON</b> when you arrive.*** Morning Service Livestream continues indefinitely.</p>
<p><b>Parenting Seminar by Julie Lowe, Child Proof: Parenting by Faith, Not Formula</b> Fri 2/5 @ 7 - 9PM &amp; Sat 2/6 @ 9AM - 12PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>IN-PERSON:</b> WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</li><li>• <b>VIRTUAL:</b> Livestream or Recording</li></ul>	<p>Register on your Church Center App (go to Events) or: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/childproof2021">tinyurl.com/childproof2021</a> ~ \$15/ person. Attend LIVE in-person or VIRTUALLY via Livestream (synchronous) or Recording (asynchronous). Julie Lowe will teach on how to know, love, and disciple our children using biblical principles and practical wisdom. There will be four sessions (two on Friday; two on Saturday), as well as Q&amp;A. Contact: <a href="mailto:Charis@cityreformed.org">Charis@cityreformed.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>Nomination Period Open for Elders, Deacons &amp; Women's Ministry Council</b> Deadline 1/31/21</p>	<p>We will begin a new season of nomination, training and preparation. A nominee needs to have been a member for at least a year before they can be nominated. Nominations will be received in the month of January. Please send nominations to <a href="mailto:PastorMatt@cityreformed.org">PastorMatt@cityreformed.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>Membership Class</b> Fri 2/19 @ 7-9:30PM &amp; Sat 2/20 @ 9-1PM Both In-Person &amp; Virtual Options Available</p>	<p>Join us at our next class to learn more about the church and/or become a member. Please RSVP on your Church Center App (go to Events) or online: <a href="https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events">crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events</a>. Contact <a href="mailto:Nameun@cityreformed.org">Nameun@cityreformed.org</a>.</p>

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<p><b>Agora Forum</b> Monday 1/25 @ 7PM <i>tinyurl.com/CRPCAgora</i></p>	<p>We will be watching and discussing a documentary by Jared Diamond from UCLA called "Guns, Germs, and Steel". Note this will be an ONLINE meeting. Contact Alex (amain8511@gmail.com) for more info.</p>
<p><b>OPENING: Missions Committee</b></p>	<p>Any member of CRPC who has an interest in serving on the Missions Committee, please contact Jim@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p><b>NEED: Sound Techs</b></p>	<p>The Sound Ministry is looking for more technicians to help operate sound at both the Sunday morning and evening worship services. Compensation is included per occurrence and prior experience is preferred. Contact Pat@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p><b>90 Days Through the Story of Scripture</b> Monday 1/4 - Good Friday 4/2</p>	<p>Start the new year by reading and worshiping through a large section of the Biblical story of "redemptive history" together. Learn more on our website under "Resources" or <b><i>cityreformed.org/90-days-through-scripture</i></b>. Hardcopies of the Outline are available, as well as Worship Part 1. If you'd like a hardcopy mailed, please contact Katelyn@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p><b>CRPC Congregational Meeting</b> Sunday 3/14 After Morning Service</p>	<p>We postponed our meeting for 6 weeks past our normal meeting time. We plan to conduct our meeting online and will use the additional time to prepare and communicate about how that will work. We have several new elder/deacon/WMC candidates who will be presented to the congregation as we move closer to our meeting.</p>
<p><b>Youth Group</b> Mondays @ 7-8PM Weekly on Mondays <i>Zoom</i></p>	<p>Youth group will combine high school and middle school into one meeting, using content from the church's 90-day reading plan. Contact Ben@cityreformed.org or Becki@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p><b>Ladies Tuesday Bible Study</b> Tuesdays @ 10-11:15AM <i>Zoom</i></p>	<p>Ladies, join us Tuesday mornings as we discuss and pray through the Tuesday Daily Bible Reading from CRPC's <i>90 Days Through the Story of Scripture</i>. Contact Tracy (partridge.ta@gmail.com).</p>
<p><b>*New* Women's Virtual Bible Study: "Jude"</b> Every Other Friday @ 7:45-9:15PM</p>	<p>"Jude: Contending for the Faith in Today's Culture" by Jackie Hill Perry. Every other Friday, starting 1/22. Contact Rachael (raleuen@gmail.com).</p>
<p><b>Bethany Food Bank and Master's Kitchen Service</b> Thurs @ 9AM - 1PM or 4 - 6PM Fri @ 12 - 1PM</p>	<p>Volunteer to help transport and package food with Bethany Community Ministries. Contact Donna at Bethany: 412.251.1227 or any of the Deacons@cityreformed.org.</p>

<b>Men's Discipleship Committee</b>	MEN who are interested in discipleship through a mentoring relationship, contact Adam (ahs27@pitt.edu).
<b>Volunteer Babysitting: Serve &amp; Connect with Our Church Families!</b>	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, help care for children as families navigate these challenging times! Please complete: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/CityBABYSIT">tinyurl.com/CityBABYSIT</a> . Contact Becki@cityreformed.org.
<b>Caring for Each Other and the Deacon's List</b>	Please update the deacons if you have needs or if you have abilities and resources to share with others. Contact Nik (nik@alum.wustl.edu) or any of the deacons.
<b>Make Connections via Online Media</b>	As the Covid-19 restrictions limit our ability to connect with other people, we need to work harder to develop healthy relationships through alternative means. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To learn more about community groups (CGs) contact Joseph (joseph@cityreformed.org)</li> <li>• To learn about how to connect with other women in the church (including small groups or CGs) contact Sandy (sandy@cityreformed.org)</li> <li>• To learn about men's discipleship programs contact Jim (partridge.je6@gmail.com).</li> </ul>

**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:

- [cityreformed.org/community-groups](http://cityreformed.org/community-groups)

**Specialty Groups** meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, and service. For a listing of current groups, please refer to:

- [cityreformed.org/prayer--specialty-groups](http://cityreformed.org/prayer--specialty-groups)

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

- CCO at CMU: Nameun Cho (ncho@ccojubilee.org)
- CCO at PPU: Katelyn Spallinger (kvanmeerbeke@ccojubilee.org)
- RUF at Pitt: Derek Bates (dbates@ruf.org), Callie Miller (callie.miller@ruf.org)
- [cityreformed.org/collegestudents](http://cityreformed.org/collegestudents)

# "Safe"

*"The sixth commandment requires all lawful efforts to preserve our own life and others." – WSC #68*

## ***Before we gather\*:***

- **Are you sick?** Do not attend if you or a family member are sick, if you are awaiting a COVID test result, or if you have COVID-19.
- **Have you been somewhere unsafe?** PA Health Guidelines<sup>1</sup> require either a quarantine or negative test for out-of-state travelers.
- **Have you been exposed?** Do not attend if you have had close contact<sup>2</sup> with someone who is COVID+. Limit your exposure to others if you have been in medically compromising situations.

## ***When we are together:***

- **Wear a mask.**
- **Avoid contact.**
- **Social Distance.**

## ***After we leave:***

- **Notify.** If you test positive for COVID and attended a CRPC event during a period 48 hours before the onset of symptoms, please notify the church ([sol@cityreformed.org](mailto:sol@cityreformed.org)).
- **Trace.** When someone notifies us about a concern for infection, we will trace all potential unsafe contacts at our events and also notify all people who attended the event.

*\*Contact Dr. Andy Leuenberger ([andy@cityreformed.org](mailto:andy@cityreformed.org)) for questions about how to apply these guidelines to your situation.*

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1 [health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx](https://health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx)

2 [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html#contact](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html#contact)

## "... and Sound"

*"Since we have a great priest...Draw near... hold fast... meet together..." - Heb. 10:19-25*

### **Sunday AM Worship**

- Livestream online. (Join us live at 10:15AM when possible)
- In-person at Winchester Thurston.
- Sign up in advance.
- *If COVID concerns rise, we will decrease our attendance numbers.*

### **Sunday PM Communion (every other week)**

- The PM Service will meet in the Greenfield Chapel.
- Sign up in advance.
- Multiple small and short services. (30 mins)
- Check in at arrival to assist contact tracing.
- Varied seating options.
- Modified process of distributing communion elements.
- *If COVID concerns rise, we will add more (smaller) services.*

### **Small Groups**

- Small groups will be guided by direction from public health leaders.
- Contact Joseph Bianco (joseph@cityreformed.org).

### **Mentoring**

- Women: Contact Sandy Snoke (sandy@cityreformed.org).
- Men: Contact Adam Schwab or Jim Partridge (jim@cityreformed.org).

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## Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us for worship today. If you are new, we would love to meet you! And, if you would like more information about our ministries, resources, and ways to engage, please fill out the visitor's card below or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

### Visitor's Card

We would love to get to know you. Please contact us at [office@cityreformed.org](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) with the following information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request, we will pray for you. Please send prayer requests to Pastor Joseph through [prayer@cityreformed.org](mailto:prayer@cityreformed.org).

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