



Sunday Morning Worship
January 31, 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 or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Reflections

The church is reformed and always [in need of] being reformed according to the Word of God.

-Jodocus van Lodenstein (1674)

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM

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Sunday Evening Communion Service

3929 Coleman St., 15207

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

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Mail: Church Office address above "Attn: Allison" (please make checks payable to City Reformed Presbyterian Church)

Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend John McCombs

Call to Worship: Isaiah 6:1-4; Hebrews 12:26, 28-29

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

Leader In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

People **Above him stood the seraphim.**

Leader Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

People **And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"**

Leader And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called,

People **And the house was filled with smoke...**

Leader 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." ...

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

Come Ye Sinners

(Words: Joseph Hart 1759; Melody: Southern Harmony Folk 1835; Arrangement: Daniel Snoke 2018)

Come ye sinners, poor and needy
Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity love and pow'r
He is able, He is able
He is willing doubt no more

Come ye thirsty, come and welcome
God's free bounty, glorify
True belief and true repentance
Ever'y grace that brings you nigh
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Let not conscience make you linger
Nor of fitness fondly dream
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him
This He gives you, this He gives you
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Come ye weary, heavy laden
Bruised and broken by the Fall
If you tarry 'till you're better
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Lo! incarnate God ascended
Pleads the merit of His blood
Venture on Him, venture wholly
Let no other trust intrude
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.

Nothing but the Blood

(Words & Music: Robert Lowry 1876; Arrangement: Daniel Justice Snoke 2017)

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

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

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

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

Call to Confession: Isaiah 6:5

And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Prayer of Confession

Great God in heaven, your glory shakes the whole earth. Your holiness is spotless and pure. As your scripture says, you are a "consuming fire" and so we should worship you with reverence and awe. The angels shield their eyes in your presence. Even the greatest prophets trembled before you.

We confess that we treat you too lightly. Your word does not weigh heavily on our hearts. We often spend our days in idle pursuits and live as if your kingdom was irrelevant. We are people with unclean lips, who speak words that do not bring you honor. We come from a people of unclean lips who slander you and use your name in vain.

Our hope is in your mercy alone. In Christ we have a savior, a substitute. In our place, he absorbed the penalty for sin. And so teach us to come into your presence with confidence and with reverence. Teach us to be confident in the atonement of Christ. Teach us also to be reverent before you - you are still the God of Glory. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 6:6-7

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

Membership Vows: Mary Boyd Barker

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; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).

Jesus Strong and Kind

(Words & Music: Colin Buchanan, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, & Rich Thompson 2019)

Jesus said
That if I thirst
I should come to him
No one else can satisfy
I should come to him

Jesus said
If I am weak
I should come to him
No one else can be my strength
I should come to him

*For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus strong and kind*

Jesus said
That if I fear
I should come to him
No one else can be my shield
I should come to him

Jesus said
If I am lost
He will come to me
And he showed me on that cross
He will come to me

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Deuteronomy 29:16–30:6

90 Days Through the Story of Scripture:

"Cycles of Renewal"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

“**Y**ou know how we lived in the land of Egypt, and how we came through the midst of the nations through which you passed. ¹⁷And you have seen their detestable things, their idols of wood and stone, of silver and gold, which were among them. ¹⁸Beware lest there be among you a man or woman or clan or tribe whose heart is turning away today from the LORD our God to go and serve the gods of those nations. Beware lest there be among you a root bearing poisonous and bitter fruit, ¹⁹one who, when he hears the words of this sworn covenant, blesses himself in his heart, saying, ‘I shall be safe, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart.’ This will lead to the sweeping away of moist and dry alike.

²⁰The LORD will not be willing to forgive him, but rather the anger of the LORD and his jealousy will smoke against that man, and the curses written in this book will settle upon him, and the LORD will blot out his name from under heaven. ²¹And the LORD will single him out from all the tribes of Israel for calamity, in accordance with all the curses of the covenant written in this Book of the Law. ²²And the next generation, your children who rise up after you, and the foreigner who comes from a far land, will say, when they see the afflictions of that land and the sicknesses with which the LORD has made it sick— ²³the whole land burned out with brimstone and salt, nothing sown and nothing growing, where no plant can sprout, an overthrow like that of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, which the LORD overthrew in his anger and wrath— ²⁴all the nations will say, ‘Why has the LORD done thus to this land? What caused the heat of this great anger?’ ²⁵Then people will say, ‘It is because they

abandoned the covenant of the LORD, the God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them out of the land of Egypt, ²⁶and went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods whom they had not known and whom he had not allotted to them. ²⁷Therefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against this land, bringing upon it all the curses written in this book, ²⁸and the LORD uprooted them from their land in anger and fury and great wrath, and cast them into another land, as they are this day.’

²⁹“The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

^{30:1}“And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God has driven you, ²and return to the LORD your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, ³then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you. ⁴If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there he will take you. ⁵And the LORD your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. ⁶And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Judges 2:18-20a / Whenever the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge, and he saved them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge. For the LORD was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who afflicted and oppressed them. But whenever the judge died, they turned back and were more corrupt than their fathers, going after other gods, serving them and bowing down to them. They did not drop any of their practices or their stubborn ways. So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel...

Psalms 106:44-45 / Nevertheless, he looked upon their distress, when he heard their cry. For their sake he remembered his covenant, and relented according to the abundance of his steadfast love..

Galatians 3:1-3 / O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

Revelation 2:4-5 / But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

Revelation 3:15-20 / "I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q 87. What is repentance that leads to life?

A. Repentance that leads to life is a saving grace by which a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin and awareness of the mercy of God in Christ, turns from it to God with grief and hatred of his sin, purposing and working constantly for a new obedience.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final songs if you are able.

Lead Us Back

(Words & Music: Brooks Ritter & Bobby Gilles 2006)

Falling down upon our knees
Sharing now in common shame
We have sought security
Not the cross that bears your name
Fences guard our hearts and homes
Comfort sings a siren tune
We're a valley of dry bones
Lead us back to life in you

Lord we fall upon our knees
We have shunned the weak and poor
Worshiped beauty courted kings
And the things their gold affords
Prayed for those we'd like to know
Favor sings a siren tune
We've become a talent show
Lead us back to life in you

Lord you've caused the blind to see
We have blinded them again
With our man-made rules and laws
Eager ready to condemn
Now we plead before your throne
Power sings a siren tune
We've been throwing heavy stones
Lead us back to life in you

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We're a valley of dry bones
 Lead us back to life in you
 We've become a talent show
 Lead us back to life in you
 We've been throwing heavy stones
 Lead us back to life in you

Psalm 24 | We Long to See You

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2015)

Almighty God, we long to see you.
 Open our hearts and make them pure.
 Spirit, we wash our hands in mercy.
 Come teach our souls to love your truth.


Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

If you would like to contact a pastor, please email joseph@cityreformed.org.

Life Together

<p>Rose</p>	<p>Celebrate Nick & Lauren (Dornin) Cotherman's son, Jackson, born on January 23rd.</p>
<p>Open Evening Communion Services in GREENFIELD Sun 1/31:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:00PM • 5:00PM • 6:00PM <p>3929 Coleman St., 15207</p> <p>Church Center App</p> 	<p>In-person service held three times INDOORS at GREENFIELD, with communion served all times. Review instructions for attending at: cityreformed.org/evening-service and the "Safe and Sound" guidelines on p. 12-13.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register on your Church Center App (go to Events), or online: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations, to help us keep within capacity limits (40/service) and add additional services if needed. If you need assistance signing up, contact Sol@cityreformed.org - she'd be happy to sign you up! • Before attending, self-assess the health and recent activities of you and your household. • Mandatory MASK policy (all over 2 yrs old). • ***CHECK IN WITH A GREETER IN-PERSON when you arrive.***

<p>Attend Morning Service "In-Person" Sundays @ 10:15AM WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</p>	<p>Register on your Church Center App (go to Events), or online: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations. Contact Sol@cityreformed.org. ***CHECK IN WITH A GREETER IN-PERSON when you arrive.*** Morning Service Livestream continues indefinitely.</p>
<p>Parenting Seminar by Julie Lowe, Child Proof: Parenting by Faith, Not Formula THIS Fri 2/5 @ 7 - 9PM & THIS Sat 2/6 @ 9AM - 12PM</p>	<p>Register on your Church Center App (go to Events) or: tinyurl.com/childproof2021 ~ \$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&A. Contact: Charis@cityreformed.org. Registration Deadlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>IN-PERSON</u>: WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213: Friday, 2/5 @ 12PM • <u>VIRTUAL Livestream</u>: Friday, 2/5 @ 12PM • <u>VIRTUAL Recording</u>: Saturday, 2/6
<p>Nomination Period Open for Elders, Deacons & Women's Ministry Council Deadline TODAY - 1/31</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 PastorMatt@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Ask the Pastor - A Monthly Kids Zoom Call TODAY @ 12 Noon via Zoom</p>	<p>Kids, come ask the pastor their big questions about the Bible! For more info, contact Charis@cityreformed.org</p>
<p>Membership Class Fri 2/19 @ 7-9:30PM & Sat 2/20 @ 9-1PM <i>Both In-Person & Virtual Options Available</i></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: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events. Contact Nameun@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Spring Adult CE "Parapets, Pigs, and Psoriasis: Reading the OT Law Today" - Dr. Jay Sklar, Covenant Theological Seminary Sun 2/21 @ 7PM</p>	<p>We're offering three webinars this term that are designed to complement the church's 90-day reading plan. Their aim is to address some of the biggest challenges when reading through the Bible, especially the narrative texts. The topics of each seminar are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Parapets, Pigs, and Psoriasis: Reading the OT Law Today": Dr. Jay Sklar - 2/21 • "Is God a Racist, Genocidal Megolamaniac?: Making Sense of the Conquest Narratives.": Seulgi Byun - Date TBD • "Luke 24, The Angel of YHWH, and Christophanies: Where is Jesus in the OT?": Dr. Brad Bitner - Date TBD <p>Contact Seulgi.byun@gmail.com.</p>

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OPENING: Missions Committee	Any member of CRPC who has an interest in serving on the Missions Committee, please contact Jim@cityreformed.org.
NEED: Sound Techs	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.
90 Days Through the Story of Scripture Monday 1/4 - Good Friday 4/2	Start the new year by reading and worshipping through a large section of the Biblical story of "redemptive history" together. Learn more on our website under "Resources" or cityreformed.org/90-days-through-scripture . Hardcopies of the Outline are available, as well as Worship Liturgy. If you'd like a hardcopy mailed, please contact Katelyn@cityreformed.org.
CRPC Congregational Meeting Sunday 3/14 After Morning Service	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.
Youth Group Mondays @ 7-8PM Weekly on Mondays Zoom	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.
Ladies Tuesday Bible Study Tuesdays @ 10-11:15AM Zoom	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).
New Women's Virtual Bible Study: "Jude" Every Other Friday @ 7:45-9:15PM	"Jude: Contending for the Faith in Today's Culture" by Jackie Hill Perry. Every other Friday, starting 1/22. Contact Rachael (raleuen@gmail.com).
Bethany Food Bank and Master's Kitchen Service Thurs @ 9AM - 1PM or 4 - 6PM Fri @ 12 - 1PM	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.
Men's Discipleship Committee	MEN who are interested in discipleship through a mentoring relationship, contact Adam (ahs27@pitt.edu).
Volunteer Babysitting: Serve & Connect with Our Church Families!	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, help care for children as families navigate these challenging times! Please complete: tinyurl.com/CityBABYSIT . Contact Becki@cityreformed.org.

Caring for Each Other and the Deacon's List	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.
Make Connections via Online Media	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"> • To learn more about community groups (CGs) contact Joseph (joseph@cityreformed.org) • To learn about how to connect with other women in the church (including small groups or CGs) contact Sandy (sandy@cityreformed.org) • To learn about men's discipleship programs contact Adam at mdc@cityreformed.org.

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

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

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

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.

Visitor's Card

We would love to get to know you. Please contact us at 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.
