



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**January 9, 2022**

# 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

"The gift of sharing in the intercessions of Christ is that when we do not know how to pray as we ought, the Spirit makes intercession for us."

- James B. Torrance,  
"Worship, Community and the Triune God of Grace"

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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  
3929 Coleman Street  
Pittsburgh PA, 15207

### Church Office

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# Worship Service

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Sunday Morning Worship – January 9, 2022  
Presider: Reverend John McCombs

## Call to Worship: Psalm 96:1-6

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

Leader Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

People **Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Leader Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

People **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.**

Leader For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

People **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## **Praise to the Lord the Almighty**

*(Words: Joachim Neander 1680 Translator: Catherine Winkworth 1863 Music: Anonymous 1665)*

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.*

## Psalm 120 | O God of Love

*(Words & Music: Isaac Watts, alt. add. Bruce Benedict)*

Thou God of love thou ever blest  
Pity my suff'ring state  
Who wilt thou set my soul at rest  
From lips that love deceit

*Too long my soul (has made its home)  
With those who lift the sword  
I am for peace (but when I speak)  
They make for war*

Alas for me that I sojourn  
So long in Meshech's land  
That I have made my dwelling where  
The tents of Kedar stand

I cried in trouble to the Lord  
And he has answered me  
From lying lips and crafty tongue  
O Lord my soul set free

**Scripture Reading:** Ezekial 36:22-28

## Great Are You Lord

*(Words & Music: Leslie Jordan & David Leonard 2012)*

You give life You are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope You restore  
Ev'ry heart that is broken  
And great are You Lord

*It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only*

And all the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing  
Great are You Lord

## **Call to Confession: Colossians 3:3-5**

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Lord Jesus, we confess that we are slow to learn and hesitant to trust you. But we are quick to look for life and strength in the idols we have made. Forgive us and renew us.

We pray that your Spirit would work in our hearts. We pray that you would melt our coldness and resistance to you. We pray that you would open our eyes to see the exceedingly great glory of the Gospel. We pray that you would mold our desires toward yourself. Change our spiritual taste so that we enjoy what is truly good.

Be glorified as you work in our lives. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 1:21-22**

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

## **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).

## Satisfied

(Words: Clara T. Williams 1875 Music: Karl Digerness 1997 Arranged: Daniel Snoko 2010)

All my life long I had panted  
For a drink from some clear spring,  
That I hoped would quench the burning  
Of the thirst I felt within.

*Hallelujah! He has found me.  
The one my soul so long has craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings,  
Through His blood I now am saved.*

Feeding on the filth around me,  
Till my strength was almost gone,  
Longed my soul for something better,  
Only still to hunger on.

Poor I was, and sought for riches,  
Something that would satisfy,  
But the dust I gathered round me  
Only mocked my soul's sad cry.

Well of water, ever springing,  
Bread of life so rich and free,  
Untold wealth that never faileth,  
My Redeemer is to me.



# 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: John 4:5-26

90 Days of Worship

"The Father Seeks Worshipers"

- Reverend Matthew Koerber

So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup>A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The 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.)

<sup>10</sup>Jesus 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." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"

<sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock."

<sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."

<sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said

to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But 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. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Additional Scripture

Exodus 5:1 / Afterward Moses and Aaron went and said to Pharaoh, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness.'"

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Hebrews 12:28-29 / 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.

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## Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.



# Songs of Thanksgiving

## Psalm 34 | Taste and See

*(Words & Music: Joe Rigney & Shane Barnard 2015)*

I sought the Lord and He answered me  
And delivered me from ev'ry fear  
Those who look on Him are radiant  
They'll never be ashamed  
They'll never be ashamed

This poor man cried and the Lord heard me  
And saved me from my enemies  
The Son of God surrounds His saints  
He will deliver them  
He will deliver them

*Magnify the Lord with me  
Come exalt His name together  
Glorify the Lord with me  
Come exalt His name forever*

O taste and see that the Lord is good  
O blessed is he who hides in Him  
O fear the Lord O all you saints  
He'll give you ev'rything  
He'll give you ev'rything

Let us bless the Lord  
Ev'ry day and night  
Never ending praise  
May our incense rise

## **Glorify Thy Name**

*(Words & Music: Donna Adkins 1976)*

Father we love You  
We worship and adore You  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth  
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Jesus we love You  
We worship and adore You  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth  
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Spirit we love You  
We worship and adore You  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth  
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

## **Prayer**

## **Announcements**

## **Benediction**

*Please join us this evening at the Greenfield Chapel (Coleman Street) as we introduce 90 Days of Worship @ 5:30pm.*

# Upcoming Events

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<p><b>90 Days Launch Party</b>  <b>TONIGHT Jan 9, 2022</b>  <b>5:30-6:30 PM @</b>  <b>Greenfield Chapel</b></p>	<p>We will introduce the reading/worship plan, discuss ways this can be used by individuals and in small groups, and spend some time in singing and prayer.</p>
<p><b>Early Departure next</b>  <b>Sunday morning</b></p>	<p>We will be leaving WT more promptly than usual next Sunday, as WT needs to access the building by noon. We will not have coffee but we will continue with the 10 minute training.</p>
<p><b>Youth Group Resumes</b>  <b>TODAY</b></p>	<p>Spring semester Youth Group dates:  <b>Jan 9, 23; Feb 6, 20; Mar 6, 20; Apr 3</b></p>
<p><b>Snow Camp:</b>  <b>High School: Jan 28-</b>  <b>30 (registration closes</b>  <b>Jan 10th)</b></p> <p><b>Middle School: Feb 11-</b>  <b>13 (registration closes</b>  <b>Jan 24)</b></p>	<p>We will be attending the Presbytery Snow Camp again this year. The theme of this year's camp is "The Everyday Gospel".</p> <p>Both camps cost \$95 per person, which can be paid on Planning Center. Contact Zachary@cityreformed.org or John@cityreformed.org for information on scholarships.</p>
<p><b>Youth Group Laser Tag</b>  <b>Wednesday January</b>  <b>12th @ 7-8:30 PM</b></p>	<p>The Youth Group is kicking off the semester with a night of laser tag! We will meet at Laser Storm (7715 McKnight Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237) at 7PM. The cost will be \$18 per person. Contact Zachary@cityreformed.org with any questions.</p>
<p><b>Save the Date: Men's</b>  <b>Retreat March 4-5</b></p>	<p>The men's discipleship committee is planning to host our annual men's retreat this year on March 4th and 5th at Ligonier Camp and Conference Center. Contact Jim@cityreformed.org for more information.</p>
<p><b>Annual</b>  <b>Congregational</b>  <b>Meeting Sun Jan 23rd</b>  <b>directly following</b>  <b>service</b></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>

# Volunteer and Employment Needs

<p><b>Children's Church</b>  <b>Assistants and</b>  <b>Teachers</b></p>	<p>We are currently looking to add Lead Teachers to our Children's Church volunteer team! Adding 5 people to this team would allow Lead Teachers to make the one month commitment, once a year.</p> <p>We are also looking to welcome additional Teacher Aids to assist Lead Teachers.</p> <p>Contact AllisonH@cityreformed.org</p>
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<b>10 Minute Trainings</b>	<p>We will be conducting quick refresher sessions for our volunteer teams in January. We will have one volunteer team a week gather in the cafeteria following service for 10 minutes of refreshers and questions. If you are interested in joining a volunteer team, this is a great way to get some more information.</p> <p>January 9th- Ushers  January 16th- Greeters  January 23rd- No training- Congregational Meeting  January 30th- Setup and Tear Down  February 6th- Nursery and Children's Church</p>
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## Regular Events

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<b>Agora Forum</b> <b>Mon 1/10/22 @ 7PM</b> <b>3929 Coleman St.,</b> <b>15207</b>	<p>We will discuss Dr. Snoke's seminar "Renewing our minds: When should we trust the scientists?"  Contact Alex (amain8511@gmail.com).</p>
<b>Global Missions Prayer Survey</b>	<p>The missions committee is considering changing the time of global missions prayer. If you are interested in joining us as we pray for our mission partners, please fill out this availability survey: <a href="https://bit.ly/globalprayer22">https://bit.ly/globalprayer22</a></p>
<b>College Shuttle Resumes Next Week, January 16</b>	<p>We will be resuming our weekly shuttle from Point Park, Pitt, and CMU next week. We are excited to welcome our college students back to the city!</p>

## Groups

<p><b>College Students</b> please refer to campus ministry contacts below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCO at CMU: Nameun Cho (ncho@ccojubilee.org)</li> <li>• CCO at PPU: Katelyn Spallinger (kspallinger@ccojubilee.org)</li> <li>• RUF at Pitt: Callie Miller (callie.miller@ruf.org)</li> <li>• <a href="http://cityreformed.org/collegestudents">cityreformed.org/collegestudents</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Specialty Groups</b> meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, learning, and service. For a complete listing of current groups, please refer to the website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Agora Forum- Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)</i></li> <li>• <i>Men's New Hope (Joseph@cityreformed.org)</i></li> <li>• <i>Mommies' Group (Sandy@cityreformed.org)</i></li> <li>• <i>Wednesday Morning Prayer (Zachary@cityreformed.org)</i></li> <li>• <i>Men's Discipleship Committee (mdc@cityreformed.org)- MENTORS NEEDED!</i></li> <li>• <i>Young Adult Women's Fellowship (Katelyn@cityreformed.org)</i></li> </ul>

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

## Sunday

Fox Chapel\*- Watson Barker

North Hills\*\*- David Bacon

## Tuesday

Northside- Joe Benscoter & Nathan Schartner

Morningside\*- Jeff Winkler

## Wednesday

Near East Suburban- Jim Partridge

Regent Square- David Snoko

Baldwin/Greenfield\*- Joseph Bianco

East Suburban- Joe Stehle

West End\*- Jonathan Dodd

## Thursday

Greenfield/North Oakland- Ben Chidester

Forest Hills\*- Adam Schwab

\*Childcare provided

\*\* Kid's play area available

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