



Sunday Morning Worship
October 10, 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

In the end, that Face which is the delight or the terror of the universe must be turned upon each of us either with one expression or with the other, either conferring glory inexpressible or inflicting shame that can never be cured or disguised.

- C.S. Lewis, "The Weight of Glory"

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
Winchester Thurston Auditorium
5059 Ellsworth Ave
Pittsburgh PA, 15213

LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

Sunday Evening Service

5:30PM
Greenfield Chapel
3929 Coleman Street
Pittsburgh PA, 15207

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Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

Call to Worship: 2 Corinthians 4:5-6, 14-18

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

Leader For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

People **For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ...**

Leader Knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence.

People **For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.**

Leader So we do not lose heart.

People **Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.**

Leader For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen.

People **For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.**

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!

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!

Eternal Weight of Glory

(Wendell Kimbrough 2013)

Now the days and hours and moments
Of our suff'ring seem so long
And the toilsome wait and wond'ring
Threaten silence to our song

Now our pain is real and pressing
Where our faith is thin and weak
But our hope is set on Jesus
And we cling to him our strength

*For behold I tell a myst'ry
At the trumpet sound we'll wake
Death is swallowed up in vict'ry
When we meet our King of Grace
Every year we thought was wasted
Every night we cried How long
All will be a passing moment
In our Savior's vict'ry song*

Oh eternal weight of glory
Oh inheritance divine
We will see our Lord redeeming
Every past and future time

All our pains will be transfigured
Like the scars of Christ our Lord
We will see the weight of glory
And our broken years restored

We will see our wounded Savior
We'll behold him face to face
And we'll hear our anguished stories
Sung as vict'ry songs of grace

Scripture Reading

His Mercy Is More

(Matt Boswell & Matt Papa 2016)

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Call to Confession: 2 Corinthians 5:9-10

We make it our aim to please [the Lord]. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Prayer of Confession

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, prone to evil and lazy in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. But you, O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for everything in which we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our sins; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins, for the sake of your dear Son. And most holy and loving Father, help us, we ask you, to live in your light and walk in your ways according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 2 Corinthians 5:17

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Membership Vows & Testimony: Jonathan and Jamie Dodd

Baptism: Margaret Joy Dodd

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).

Hold Our Children | Psalm 78

(Daniel Snoke & Naaman Wood 2020)

We regret the things we've lost
And name the failures from our past
We confess the common sin
Of our fathers and our mothers
We won't hide them from our children

*Our hope, it is not in our own strength
Made or lost in the darkness of the past
Oh our hope, it is in your saving pow'r
In ev'ry age your love will last
And you will hold our children fast*

We refuse to follow God
Or trust his power to provide
We complain and test his grace
But he shows us loving kindness
We won't hide it from our children

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: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Gospel of Matthew, Part 3: Christ and His Kingdom "The Harvest at the End of the Age"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' ²⁸He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send

his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

Matthew 13:47-50 / "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Acts 17:30-31 / "The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Romans 12:19-21 / Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

1 Corinthians 3:12-15 / Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

2 Peter 3:2-13 / That you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Creedal Response: Westminster Confession of Faith 33.3

Christ would have us to be certainly persuaded that there will be a day of judgment, both to deter all people from sin and for the greater consolation of the godly in their adversity. He makes that day unknown to mankind, so that they may shake off all worldly security and be always watchful, because they do not know when the Lord will come, and may be always prepared to say, "Come Lord Jesus, come quickly, Amen."

Songs of Thanksgiving

Wait for the Lord

(Taizé)

Wait for the Lord
Whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord
Keep watch, take heart.

Come Ye Sinners

(Words: Joseph Hart 1759 Music: Southern Harmony Folk 1839 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.

Saints and angels joined in concert
Sing the praises of the Lamb
While the blissful seats of heaven
Sweetly echo with His name
"Hallelujah, hallelujah!"
Sinners here may do the same.

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Upcoming Events

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| <p>Seminar: Carl Ellis Saturday 10/16@ 7PM 3929 Coleman St.</p> | <p>Come hear a seminar from Dr. Carl Ellis Biblical Interaction with Critical Race Theory. Livestream options available. Contact: John@cityreformed.org</p> |
| <p>Church Hayride Friday, October 22nd @6-8PM</p> | <p>Come join us for a hayride, bonfire, applies and s'mores at Simmons Farm. \$5 registration per person, \$20 per family open are open on Planning Center.</p> |
| <p>Women's Discipleship Mentor Brunch 10/24</p> | <p>The Women's Discipleship Committee invites women of all ages to come and meet with old and new friends while enjoying homemade soups, breads, and desserts immediately following the morning worship service, Sunday, October 24. There will also be an opportunity to learn more about our mentor ministry and to hear from both mentors and mentees as they share about the relationships they have built. We will meet in the WT cafeteria and weather permitting, we will eat in the green space belonging to the upper campus of WT. In case of inclement weather, we will remain in the cafeteria. Contact Sandy for more info. Sandy@cityreformed.org</p> |
| <p>Pittsburgh Presbytery Women's Conference 11/5 and 11/6 Calvin Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon PA</p> | <p>PCA National Trainer Chandra Oliver speaking on Thinking Biblically and Living Covenantally. This event is both in-person and virtual livestream. Fliers are on the table in the foyer for information to register and purchase tickets. Registration closes 10/31. Contact Callie: callie.miller@ruf.org</p> |
| <p>Older Adult Ministry Brainstorming Thursday, 10/27 @ &PM Zoom</p> | <p>Anyone intered in prayerfully exploring a new ministry opportunity for and by older adults is invited to join in a zoom call on Thursday evenings, October 21 at 7PM. We will pray and look at a number of ideas developing for older adult ministries, and hopefully plan for some activities for us. Please contact Joe Stehle for questions.</p> |

Volunteer Needs

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| <p>Ushers</p> | <p>Please consider joining our usher team! Our ushers serve our church by helping families find seating, counting our attendance, and being available to help with questions during the service. If you are interested in serving our church in this way, contact Zachary@cityreformed.org.</p> |
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Regular Events

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| Wednesday Prayer Meetings Wednesdays 8:30- 9:30 AM | Join our staff as they pray for our church. Wednesday weekly prayer is held on Zoom at: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer |
| Global Missions Prayer Fridays @ 6:30- 7 AM | Please consider praying with us for our mission partners on Friday mornings. Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer Contact zachary@cityreformed.org for questions |
| Agora Forum Mon 10/11/21 @ 7PM 3929 Coleman St., 15207 | We will be watching and discussing the second half of the movie "The Hiding Place", about Corrie Ten Boom and her family, Christians whose faith was the ground for their with the Dutch resistance during Holocaust. Contact Alex amain8511@gmail.com |

Groups

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

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Young Adult Women's Fellowship: Katelyn@cityreformed.org

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

Tuesday

Forest Hills*- Adam Schwab

Northside- Joe Benscoter & Nathan Schartner

Morningside*- Jeff Winkler

Wednesday

Near East Suburban- Jim Partridge

Regent Square- David Snoke

Baldwin/Greenfield*- Joseph Bianco

East Suburban- Joe Stehle

West End*- Jonathan Dodd

Thursday

Greenfield/North Oakland- Ben Chidester

*Childcare provided

** Kid's play area available

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