



Sunday Morning Worship
October 2, 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 or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Reflections

"Believing is our living, and we, therefore, need it always. And if God give thee great faith, my dear brother, thou must expect great trials; for, in proportion as thy faith shall grow, thou wilt have to do more, and endure more. Little boats may keep close to shore, as becomes little boats; but if God make thee a great vessel, and load thee with a rich freight, he means that thou shouldest know what great billows are, and should feel their fury till thou seest "his wonders in the deep." That God, who has made nothing in vain, especially makes nothing in the spiritual kingdom in vain; and if he makes faith, it is with the design that it should be used to the utmost and exercised to the full."

– Charles Spurgeon

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

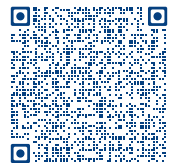
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Online: Church Center App (Give)
OR cityreformed.org/give
Mail: Church Office address above "Attn:
Bookkeeper" (please make checks
payable to City Reformed Presbyterian
Church)

Welcome Information:



Morning Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Worship – October 2, 2022

Presider: Elder Joe Stehle

Call to Worship: Psalm 20:1-4

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

Leader May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble!

People **May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!**

Leader May he send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion!

People **May he remember all your offerings and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices!**

Leader May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans!

People **May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners! May the LORD fulfill all your petitions!**

Prayer of Invocation

Christ Is Able

(Words: Joseph Hart 1759; Music: Mike Harland & Tommy Walker 2009)

Come ye sinners poor and needy
Come ye wounded, weak and worn.
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity joined with pow'r.

Come ye needy, come and welcome
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.

*He is able. He is able.
Christ is able doubt no more.
Come ye sinners poor and needy,
Christ is able still to save.*

Come ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better
You will never come at all.

Come ye ransomed and forgiven.
Come ye rescued from the grave,
Rise and worship Christ our Savior,
For the glory of His name.

Sing Over Your Children

(Words & Music: Matt Maher 2008)

I flirt with the world
It steals my love for You
My fear grips my faith
And I am left unmoved

Your gaze stops my heart
Your voice fills the dark
Your love is the spark
That lights this life and so we rise

*Out of the depths You cry
Come and be satisfied
Father You sing
Father You sing over Your children*

You quiet the storm
Inside my shipwrecked soul
Your Spirit will lead
It calls the wayward home

At the sound of Your name
Our sin is washed away
In Christ we're crucified
In You we die in You we rise

*Out of the depths You cry
Come and be satisfied
Father You sing
Father You sing over Your children
Let us see through Your eyes
We are Your great delight
Father You sing over Your children*

Call to Confession: Micah 7:7-9

But as for me, I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me. Rejoice not over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD will be a light to me. I will bear the indignation of the LORD because I have sinned against him, until he pleads my cause and executes judgment for me. He will bring me out to the light; I shall look upon his vindication.

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious Heavenly Father, we confess our sins of impatience. When we find it hard to wait for you, we choose our own path instead. When your judgments and commandments feel difficult to accept, we make up our own. When there are real struggles in our lives, we run to the comfort of the world rather than the comfort of our Father. When we sin against others, we quickly forget our offense is first against you. Forgive us, gracious Father, that you may be our resting place, our rock of redemption, and our true delight. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Micah 7:18-20

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

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).

Be Still My Soul

(Words: Kathrina von Schlegel 1700's; Translators: Jane Borthwick 1855; Music: Jean Sibelius 1899)

Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
Leave to thy God to order and provide
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain
Be still my soul thy best thy heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Be still my soul thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past
Thy hope thy confidence let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still my soul the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below

Be still my soul when dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in the vale of tears
Then shalt thou better know His love His heart
Who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears
Be still my soul thy Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away

Be still my soul the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord
When disappointment grief and fear are gone
Sorrow forgot love's purest joys restored
Be still my soul when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last

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: 1 Peter 1:6-9

**Series = 1 Peter: In Exile with Jesus
"Joy and Grief"**

- Reverend Joseph Bianco

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Additional Scripture

Luke 8:17 / For nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to light.

Romans 1:17 / For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

1 Corinthians 3:12 / Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—

Galatians 3:24-26 / So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

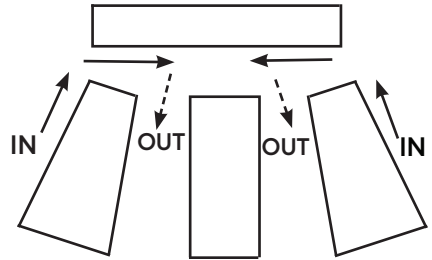
Ephesians 2:8 / For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God...

Communion

City Reformed Church invites all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sins and trust Christ alone for salvation, and who are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. Parents with non-communicating children are encouraged to bring their children forward during communion. The elders will lay a hand on their head and briefly pray for them as they serve you.

Communion is served with wine and with grape juice. The wine is placed in the two outer circles of the communion tray, and the grape juice is placed in the inner circle. Because Jesus used wine during the first communion service, we believe using real wine is beneficial. However, participants are welcome to choose.

There is also gluten-free bread available on each plate.



Please join us in song as we celebrate Christ dwelling with his church in the sacrament of communion.

Songs of Communion

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

(Words & Music: Jordan Kauflin, Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Matthew Merker 2020)

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

*O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart

(Words: George Croly 1854; Music: Daniel Snoko 2020)

Spirit of God descend upon my heart
Wean it from sin through all its pulses move
Stoop to my weakness mighty as Thou art
Make me to love Thee as I ought to love
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

I ask no dream no prophet ecstasies
No sudden rending of the veil of clay
No angel vision no revealing skies
Take now the dimness of my soul away
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

Hast Thou not bid us love Thee God and King
All all Thine own soul heart and strength and mind
I see the cross there teach my heart to cling
O let me seek Thee O and let me find
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear
Come check my rising doubt, my rebel sigh
Teach me the patience of unanswered pray'r
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love
One holy passion filling all my frame
Baptize my life with heav'ns descended Dove
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

(Words: Thomas Obediah Chisholm; Music: William Marion Runyan 1923)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

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*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Doxology

(Words: Thomas Ken 1674; Music: Louis Bourgeois 1510)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
(repeat)
Amen

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Tonight's Worship Service: Reverend John McCombs will be preaching on 1 Corinthians 13:1-7, with a time of Q and A ("Grill the Preacher") immediately following.

Upcoming Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

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| <p>WT Guest Info</p> | <p>Please take a moment and make sure that you dispose of your trash appropriately: bulletins, used coffee cups and napkins. We want to leave WT looking better than how we found it! Lost & Found - We have a lot of "lost and found" articles that we need to get out of the closet. They have been set out for months & are about to be donated to GoodWill. Please take a moment and make sure that we are not donating something you love and have missed.</p> |
| <p>Membership Class: 10/7 - 10/8, Greenfield Chapel</p> | <p>New to City Reformed? Want to learn more about our church? Join us for our next membership class this Friday 10/7 & Saturday 10/8. Registration is live on our website! Questions? Email nameun@cityreformed.org.</p> |
| <p>2022 Women's Retreat Friday, November 4, 5:30 PM - Saturday, November 5, 7:00 PM Ligonier Camp & Conference Center</p> | <p>You're invited to join in fellowship, discussion, prayer, food, games and a time to get to know each other better at Ligonier Camp & Conference Center! Sandy Snoke will be speaking on "Journeying Together in Hope: Themes from 1 Thessalonians". The retreat begins with check-in on Friday at 5:30 and ends with dinner on Saturday evening. But, you're welcome to join us just for the day on Saturday. Cost is \$75 for the entire retreat; \$40 for Saturday only. Scholarships available. Please register no later than Saturday, October 15 at tinyurl.com/crcretreat2022. Questions? Contact Sarah Winkler (sarahditch@gmail.com).</p> |
| <p>10/2 and 10/9 Planning Center Profiles (Children's Ministry!)</p> | <p>Recently, we've discovered some inaccuracies on Planning Center regarding children's grade levels. Please stop by Becki's table in the cry room and verify information in your family's planning center profile to help us maintain accurate information!</p> |
| <p>Gavin Breeden's Installation Service: October 9, 5:30pm</p> | <p>Please join us as Gavin becomes installed as our new Pitt RUF campus pastor NEXT week at our evening service at the Greenfield Chapel: 3929 Coleman Street, 15207</p> |
| <p>Annual Women's Mentor Lunch: Sunday, October 23rd</p> | <p>Women of all ages are invited to join the Women's Discipleship Committee for homemade soups and desserts in the cafeteria directly following the worship service on Sunday, October 23. Come and enjoy food and fellowship and hear about the mentor program! Contact Katelyn at katelyn@cityreformed.org or sandy@cityreformed.org for more info.</p> |
| <p>Reformation Service: October 30, 5:30</p> | <p>Please join us as we celebrate Reformation Day with several other congregations. We will be worshipping at Bellefield Presbyterian Church on 5th Ave at 5:30.</p> |

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| Other Dates to Consider! | Hayride: October/November (date & place TBD) Thanksgiving Dinner: November 20th (details TBD) |
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Missions Committee

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| Zimbabwe Missions Trip | Zimbabwe Mission Trip information meeting: Plans are moving forward in our planning for a CRPC Zimbabwe missions trip in June/July 2023. Actual dates, trip costs and logistics are being worked out and we would like to share them with any who may feel they are being called to this work; if that is YOU, please consider yourself invited to a Zimbabwe trip information meeting immediately after the morning service on Sunday, 10/9/22. The meeting will be held in G8, the dance studio. Please contact Jim Partridge at jim@cityreformed.org with questions. |
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Employment and Volunteer Needs

www.cityreformed.org/employment

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| Program Manager Job Posting | This position oversees the church communications, coordination of all-church events, and logistics for Sunday mornings. The position is currently posted as 20hr/wk, but hours are flexible depending on the situation of the applicant. Applicants should send a resume and two references to Nameun@cityreformed.org |
| Youth Ministry Job Posting | This position works primarily with middle schoolers, teaching Sunday School, discipling youth, and coordinating youth group activities. The position is currently posted as 20hr/wk, but hours are flexible depending on the situation of the applicant. Applicants should send a resume and two references to Nameun@cityreformed.org |

Regular Events

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| Wednesday Prayer Meetings 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 Mission Prayer Mondays @9PM | Join our church in prayer for our mission partners We will be praying for Rachel Bauserman serving in Japan Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer |

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| <p>College Shuttle The college shuttle for Fall semester.</p> | <p>Pickup (details upon request!) 9:30AM- Point Park University 9:45- Pitt 9:55- Carnegie Mellon University Return: 12pm Contact Katelyn (katelyn@cityreformed.org) for more information.</p> |
| <p>Women's Tuesday morning Bible Study: <i>Standing Alone: Scenes from Elijah and Elisha</i></p> | <p>Come join with other women on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12pm for an eight week Bible study led by Paige Brown of West End Community Church, Nashville, TN. Lectures will be viewed weekly via livestream followed by group discussion at the home of Luda Bates at 3334 Dawson St, Pittsburgh 15213. Childcare is not provided. For more information contact Luda at Luda.bates@gmail.com</p> |
| <p>Young Adult Women's Bible Study Every Other Wednesday Evening, 7PM</p> | <p>Join us for an 8 session study of Proverbs at Katelyn Spallinger's Home (1815 Sarah Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203). Contact Katelyn Spallinger (katelyn@cityreformed.org).</p> |
| <p>Youth Group Every other Wednesday Night (6:30-8:30 pm) EVO 250 S. Pacific Ave., Pittsburgh, PA, 15224.</p> | <p>Calling all 6th-12th graders at City Reformed! This Wednesday, October 5th, from 6:30-8:30 pm, 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 john@cityreformed.org, or 412-737-8959. FYI, future dates for our every other Wednesday gatherings are currently 10/19, 11/2, 11/16, 11/30, and 12/14. Hope to see you there!</p> |
| <p>Church Directory</p> | <p>http://crpc.churchcenter.com/directory -- email: chriessie@cityreformed.org</p> |

Groups

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| <p>College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:</p> <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: Gavin Breeden & Callie Miller (gavin.breeden@ruf.org, callie.miller@ruf.org) • cityreformed.org/collegestudents |
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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
Near East Suburban- Jim Partridge

Thursday

Shadyside - Ben Chidester

*Childcare provided

** Kid's play area available

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All scripture verses are the English Standard Version (ESV), unless otherwise noted.