



Sunday Morning Worship
October 23, 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

"Jesus is handing out God's party invitations. They read: "You're invited to my party in the new creation. Come as you are."

– Tim Chester, *A Meal with Jesus: Discovering Grace, Community, and Mission around the Table*

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

Church Office

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Donations

Online: Church Center App (Give)
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payable to City Reformed Presbyterian
Church)

Welcome Information:



Morning Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Reverend Nameun Cho

Call to Worship: Isaiah 52:7-10

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

Leader How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

People **The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.**

Leader Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.

People **The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

Prayer of Invocation

Joyful Joyful We Adore You

(Words: Henry van Dyke 1907; Melody: Ludwig van Beethoven 1824)

Joyful joyful we adore You
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You
Op'ning to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

All Your works with joy surround You
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays
Stars and angels sing around You
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain
Flow'ry meadow flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Praising You eternally

You are giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Well-spring of the joy of living
Ocean-depth of happy rest
Loving Father, Christ our Brother
May Your Spirit in us shine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to Your joy divine

Mortals join the mighty chorus
With the morning stars begin
God's own love is reigning o'er us
Humble love binds all in Him
Christ we echo ever singing
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music we are bringing
In the triumph song of life

Scripture Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

Behold Him

(Words & Music: Mitch Wong & Paul Baloche 2019)

He who was before there was light
Walked across the pages of time
He who made every living thing
Behold Him
He who heard humanity's cry
Left His throne to wake as a child
He became like the least of us
Behold Him

*Jesus Son of God Messiah
The Lamb the roaring Lion
Oh be still and behold Him*

He who dined with sinners and saints
Healed the blind the lost and the lame
Even now He is in our midst
Behold Him
He who chose a criminal's end
Paid with blood to settle our debt
Buried death as He rose to life
Behold Him

*Jesus Son of God Messiah
The Lamb the roaring Lion
Oh be still and behold Him
Jesus Alpha and Omega
Our God the risen Savior
Oh be still and behold Him*

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Worthy worthy worthy
To receive all praise

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

Call to Confession: Isaiah 53:6

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we confess our willful disobedience and stubborn sin. Like sheep we have gone astray.

We look to Jesus our Lord and savior. He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. Like a lamb, he was led to the slaughter. He was pierced for our transgressions, and upon him was laid the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, he poured out his soul to death, and he was cut off from the land of the living. He bore the sins of many.

Help us to experience the peace that he has brought to us, and bring healing through his wounds. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Membership Vows: Andrew Casile, Stetson & Katherine Fenster, Logan Francis, James & Torie Lettow, Darilang Mawrie

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).

Abide with Me

(Words: Henry Francis Lyte 1847; Music: Justin Smith 2007)

Abide with me fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless abide with me

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile
And, though rebellious and perverse meanwhile
Thou hast not left me oft as I left Thee
On to the close Lord abide with me

I need Thy presence every passing hour
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power
Who, like Thyself my guide and stay can be
Through cloud and sunshine abide with me

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death Where grave thy victory
I triumph still abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee
In life in death Lord abide with 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: I Peter 1:13-2:3

Series = I Peter: In Exile with Jesus

"The Blessing of Holiness, Part 2: Love"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." ¹⁷And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

"All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever."

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

^{2:1}So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. ²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Additional Scripture

Isaiah 25:6-8/ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the LORD God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

Matthew 22:2/ And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son."

Hebrews 12:22-23/ But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect...

Revelation 3:20/ 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.

Revelation 19:9/ And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

Scriptural Response: Isaiah 2:1-5

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Psalm 16 | Faces of the Saints

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke & Naaman Wood 2019)

Preserve me God in you I take my refuge
I have no good without your daily presence
You are my hope my portion and my substance
And you are making me a pleasant home

*I see eternity in faces of the saints
And you will not abandon us to hopelessness and death
For we are resurrected with the presence of your breath
Your full delight you'll give to those who wait
Your full delight you give forevermore*

I set the LORD in ev'ry way before me
And in the night my heart proclaims your counsel
When you are near then I will not be shaken
My heart, my mind, and body sing with joy

Those who run to other gods will suffer
I will not follow in their greedy worship
No other name but yours is my devotion
I bless the LORD again I bless the LORD
I bless the LORD again I bless the LORD

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

(Words & Music: Sandra McCracken 2015)

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Tonight's Worship Service: Elder Dave Snoke will be preaching on 1 Cronithians 14, "Speaking in Tongues?" Please join us! *Grill the Preacher immediately following.

Upcoming Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

WT Guest Info	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!
2022 Women's Retreat Friday, November 4, 5:30 PM - Saturday, November 5, 7:00 PM Ligonier Camp & Conference Center	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. Questions? Contact Sarah Winkler (sarahditch@gmail.com).
Annual PPWM Fall 2022 Event	The women of City Reformed are invited to gather with women from the Pittsburgh Presbytery on Saturday, Nov. 12th, from 11:00-1:30 pm at New Life Presbyterian Church in Harrison City, PA for a time of Songs and Stories of Praise and Thanksgiving with guest speaker, Nancy Capper of Faith Presbyterian Church, MD. Lunch will follow. To register: https://www.pcapittsburgh.org/upcoming-events
Agora Forum Mon 10/24/22 @ 7PM 3929 Coleman St., 15207	We will be continuing our series on predestination. David Snoke will lead a discussion "Can we believe in hell?" Contact Alex (amain8511@gmail.com).
Reformation Service: October 30, 5:30PM	Please join us as we celebrate Reformation Day with several other congregations. We will be worshipping at Bellefield Presbyterian Church on 5th Ave at 5:30PM.

Employment and Volunteer Needs

www.cityreformed.org/employment

Sound Volunteers Needed	If you are interested in serving on sound team for either the morning or evening service, please contact Pat Spallinger at pat@cityreformed.org . Prior experience preferred!
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Regular Events

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<p>Wednesday Prayer Meetings 8:30-9:30 AM</p>	<p>Join our staff as they pray for our church. Wednesday weekly prayer is held on Zoom at: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer</p>
<p>Global Mission Prayer Mondays @9PM</p>	<p>Join our church in prayer for our mission partners We will be praying for City Presbyterian Church in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer</p>
<p>College Shuttle The college shuttle for Fall semester.</p>	<p>Pickup (details upon request!) 9:30AM- Point Park University 9:45- Pitt 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>Youth Group Wednesday Nights Next mtg: 11/2 (6:30-8:30 pm) EVO 250 S. Pacific Ave., Pittsburgh, PA, 15224.</p>	<p>Calling all 6th-12th graders at City Reformed! 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, 11/16, 11/30, and 12/14. Hope to see you there!</p>
<p>Church Directory</p>	<p>http://crpc.churchcenter.com/directory -- email: chrissee@cityreformed.org for help accessing!</p>

Groups

College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- 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*

Specialty Groups meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, learning, and service.

- *Agora Forum- Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)*
- *Men's New Hope (Joseph@cityreformed.org)*
- *Mommies' Group (Sandy@cityreformed.org)*
- *Wednesday Morning Prayer (Nameun@cityreformed.org)*
- *Men's Discipleship Committee (mdc@cityreformed.org)*
- *Young Adult Women's Fellowship (Katelyn@cityreformed.org)*
- *Informal frisbee (danielrtoney@gmail.com)*
- *Board Game Gatherings (gatcheson@gmail.com)*

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.