



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**October 24, 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](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

- Jesus (John 10:11)

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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

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Worship – October 24, 2021

Presider: Elder Andy Leuenberger

## Call to Worship: Isaiah 40:9-11

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

Leader Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice with strength,

People **O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not;  
say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"**

Leader Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules  
for him;

People **Behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense  
before him.**

Leader He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the  
lambs in his arms;

People **He will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those  
that are with young.**

## 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.*

## **Scripture Reading** Revelation 5:1-10

### **Lion and the Lamb**

*(Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, & Leeland Mooring 2015)*

He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord almighty

*Our God is the Lion  
The Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power  
And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him*

*Our God is the Lamb  
The Lamb that was slain  
For the sin of the world  
His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
And every knee will bow before Him*

So open up the gates  
Make way before the King of kings  
Our God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord almighty

Who can stop the Lord almighty  
Who can stop the Lord almighty

## **Sing Hallelujah**

*(Linda Stassen 1974)*

Sing Hallelujah to the Lord (echo)  
Sing Hallelujah to the Lord (echo)  
Sing Hallelujah! sing Hallelujah!  
Sing Hallelujah to the Lord.

Jesus is risen from the dead. (echo)  
Jesus is risen from the dead. (echo)  
Jesus is risen! Jesus is risen!  
Jesus is risen from the dead.

Jesus is coming once again. (echo)  
Jesus is coming once again. (echo)  
Jesus is coming! Jesus is coming!  
Jesus is coming once again.

## **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 that we live lives full of fear. We are afraid of what others think. We fear losing the things that make us comfortable. We are afraid of being alone, of being in need, of being weak. We are slow to go to you and to rest in you. We ask that you would humble us and cause us to see your mercy. Give us confidence to come to you because of our savior Jesus Christ. Help us to trust that you are working for us and that you are able to care for us. Be glorified as you bring your strength to our weakness. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 53:4-5**

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 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 Testimony & Vows: Elizabeth Schwab**

## **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).*

## Hide Away in the Love of Jesus

*(Melody and Lyrics: Steve & Vikki Cook 2008)*

Come weary saints though tired and weak  
Hide away in the love of Jesus  
Your strength will return by His quiet streams  
Hide away in the love of Jesus

Come wand'ring soul and find your home  
Hide away in the love of Jesus  
He offers the rest that you yearn to know  
Hide away in the love of Jesus

*Hear Him calling your name  
See the depths of His love  
In the wounds of His grace  
Hide away hide away*

Come guilty ones weighed down with sin  
Hide away in the love of Jesus  
The freedom you long for is found in Him  
Hide away in the love of Jesus

Come hopeless hearts, do not despair  
Hide away in the love of Jesus  
For ten-thousand joys await you there  
Hide away in the love of Jesus

## 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 13:53-14:12

### The Gospel of Matthew, Part 3: Christ and His Kingdom

#### "(More) Motives for Unbelief"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

And when Jesus had finished these parables, he went away from there, <sup>54</sup>and coming to his hometown he taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works? <sup>55</sup>Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? <sup>56</sup>And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" <sup>57</sup>And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household." <sup>58</sup>And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.

<sup>14:1</sup>At that time Herod the tetrarch heard about the fame of Jesus, <sup>2</sup>and he said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist. He has been raised from the dead; that is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>3</sup>For Herod had seized John and bound him and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, <sup>4</sup>because John had been saying to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." <sup>5</sup>And though he wanted to put him to death, he feared the people, because they held him to be a prophet. <sup>6</sup>But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company and pleased Herod, <sup>7</sup>so that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask. <sup>8</sup>Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter." <sup>9</sup>And the king was sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he commanded it to be given. <sup>10</sup>He sent and had John beheaded in the prison, <sup>11</sup>and his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her



mother. <sup>12</sup>And his disciples came and took the body and buried it, and they went and told Jesus.

**Leader** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

## Additional Scripture

Matthew 3:1-2/ In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

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Matthew 16:21/ From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

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Mark 6:17-20/ For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

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## **Creedal Response:** Westminster Confession of Faith 13:2-3

**Sanctification is throughout the whole person, yet imperfect in this life, because some remnants of corruption still remain in every part of the person, from which a continual and irreconcilable war arises, the flesh lusting against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh. In this war, although the remaining corruption may prevail for a time, yet through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, the regenerate part of the person wins, so that the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.**

## Notes

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# Songs of Thanksgiving

## See What We've Done

(Original: Joy Day 2005 Music & Lyrics: Daniel Snoko 2010)

Oh my soul! Oh Lord Jesus,  
Judas sold you for silver.  
I neglect you for less.  
Oh my soul! You, my Savior,  
Felt the kiss of betrayal  
From the lips of a friend.

*Oh my God, see what we've done  
Your Son, Jesus, betrayed.  
Oh my God, see what we've done  
Your Son, Jesus, denied.  
Oh my God, see what we've done  
Your Son Jesus, destroyed..*

Oh my soul! Oh my Savior,  
Three times Peter denied you,  
Fearing man more than God.  
Oh my Lord! When they mock you  
I say, "I do not know him",  
And try to prove that I don't.

Oh my soul! Oh Lord Jesus,  
You were crushed and destroyed with  
The weight of sin and our guilt.  
Oh my soul! Oh my Savior,  
You accomplished salvation.  
"It is finished" for all.

## **Solid Rock (My Hope Is Built)**

*(Words: Edward Mote 1834 Music: William Batchelder Bradbury 1863)*

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name

When darkness veils His lovely face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand*

His oath His covenant His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my Hope and Stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
O may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne

## **Prayer**

## **Announcements**

## **Benediction**

*Tonight's Evening Service: Reverend Joseph Bianco will be preaching  
"Jesus, Lord of my Life" on Judges 11-12.*



CRPC Celebrates Fall Harvest  
October 31, 2021

Sunday, October 31, 2021

9:00a - Sunday School

10:15a – Sunday AM Worship (All- Age Service)

11:40-1:00p - *Family Fun Harvest Party (WT Parking Lot)*

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6:00p - *Community Reformation Service (Geneva College)*  
<https://www.geneva.edu/pastors-churches/reformation-worship-service>

5:30p – Sunday PM Worship Cancelled

5:00-7:00p – *Church open to the community and snack handout  
(contact Matt K)*

7:00-8:00p – Missions Presentation: Dave Culmer, Team leader  
MTW, Bulgaria (Greenfield)

## Upcoming Events

[www.cityreformed.org/events](http://www.cityreformed.org/events)

<p><b>Women's Discipleship Mentor Lunch</b> Sunday, 10/24</p>	<p>The Women's Discipleship Committee invites women of all ages to join us for a lunch of homemade soups, breads, and desserts immediately following the morning worship service. There will also be an opportunity to learn more about our mentor ministry. We will meet in the WT cafeteria and weather permitting, we will eat in the green space belonging to the upper campus of WT. Contact Sandy for more info. <b>Husbands of women attending the brunch are invited to meet together during this time. We will order in lunch and meet at a playground. Dads with kids welcome. Contact Joe Stehle</b></p>
<p><b>Pittsburgh Presbytery Women's Conference</b> 11/5 and 11/6 Calvin Presbyterian Church, North Huntington 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. <b>Registration closes 10/31</b> Contact Callie: <a href="mailto:callie.miller@ruf.org">callie.miller@ruf.org</a></p>
<p><b>City This Month Relaunch</b> 11/7</p>	<p>We will be restarting our monthly newsletter, City This Month (CTM), starting on November 7th. CTM is a great way to learn about ministries and events of our church! <b>BULLETIN BOARD:</b> If you have opportunities or requests to share with the church body, please contact <a href="mailto:Zachary@cityreformed.org">Zachary@cityreformed.org</a></p>

## Volunteer Needs

<p><b>Musicians</b></p>	<p>Are you interested in serving on the CRPC music team? After a season of uncharted COVID precautions, we are happy to increase our flexibility and capacity to welcome new members. Please contact Daniel Snoke (<a href="mailto:dsnoke@cco jubilee.org">dsnoke@cco jubilee.org</a>) for more information on how you can apply.</p>
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## Regular Events

[www.cityreformed.org/events](http://www.cityreformed.org/events)

<p><b>Agora Forum</b> Monday, 10/25 @ 7PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>We will be watching the movie "Sophie Scholl: The Final Days". This movie is about a Christian who was a member of the White Rose group, a non-violent resistance movement in Germany during the second World War. Contact Alex (<a href="mailto:amain8511@gmail.com">amain8511@gmail.com</a>).</p>
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<b>Youth Group TODAY</b> <b>12:30-2:30PM</b>	We invite all youth grades 6-12 to join us for lunch and games at the Greenfield building TODAY 12:30-2:30PM.
<b>NEW Women's Tuesday Bible Study</b> Tuesday Mornings via Zoom @ 10-11:15AM <b>Starting 10/26</b>	Studying In His Image: 10 Ways God Calls Us to Reflect His Character, by Jen Wilkin. For more information, contact Patty Stehle (pjstehle@gmail.com) Study link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcwomenstuesdaystudy22">tinyurl.com/crpcwomenstuesdaystudy22</a>
<b>Global Missions Prayer</b> Fridays @ 6:30- 7 AM	Please consider praying with us for our mission partners on Friday mornings. Zoom link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer</a> Contact <a href="mailto:zachary@cityreformed.org">zachary@cityreformed.org</a> for questions

## 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: Derek Bates (dbates@ruf.org), Callie Miller (callie.miller@ruf.org)</li> <li>• <a href="https://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 listing of current groups, please refer to:</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> </ul>

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**Men's Discipleship Committee:** mdc@cityreformed

**Women's Discipleship Committee:** Sandy@cityreformed.org

**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](http://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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