



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**February 27, 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

"But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word."

- Isaiah 66:2

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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 – February 27, 2022

Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

## Call to Worship: Colossians 3:15-17

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

Leader And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

People **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,**

Leader Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

People **And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## **Psalm 104 | Rejoice in All Your Works**

*(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2014)*

Every mouth that cries for food,  
Every lung that yearns for breath,  
Every eye that searches through the dark for light—  
All creation looks to you  
For its breath and for its food.  
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

*Oh rejoice in all your works,  
King of Heaven, King of Earth!  
Every creature you have made declares your praise.  
We rejoice in all you've made,  
God of all-sustaining grace!  
With the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise!*

Every tree that thirsts for rain,  
Every bird that seeks its nest,  
Every heart that waits in hope to be made glad—  
All creation looks to you  
For its breath and for its food.  
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied

May the pond'rings of my heart,  
And the song upon my lips,  
With the chorus of creation join in praise:  
To the God who made all things,  
To the Spirit who sustains,  
To the Son who over all creation reigns!

## **Isaiah 55 | So Shall His Word**

*(Words & Music: Liz Vice & Sandra McCracken)*

So shall his Word that goes out, that goes out  
Shall not return, not return empty

*It shall make a name for the LORD  
It shall make a name for the LORD  
Let the Light make a name for the LORD  
In the dark*

Come all who thirst, laborers, lay it down  
Come seek the Lord while he may be found

We shall go out, out with joy led in peace  
Join in the song all creation sing

*We shall make a name for the LORD  
We shall make a name for the LORD  
Let the Light make a name for the LORD  
In the dark*

## **Scripture Reading:** John 1:1-5

### **What a Beautiful Name**

*(Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood 2016 alternate 2nd verse by Daniel Snoke 2017)*

You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in you our Christ

*What a beautiful name it is  
What a beautiful name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful name it is  
The name of Jesus*

The Light of Life shines in the darkness  
And darkness has not overcome  
Grace and truth have come through Jesus  
And now God has been made known

*What a wonderful name it is  
What a wonderful name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful name it is  
The name of Jesus*

Death could not hold You  
The veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and shame  
The heavens are roaring  
The praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival  
You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom  
Yours is the glory  
Yours is the name above all names

*What a powerful name it is  
What a powerful name it is  
The name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful name it is  
Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful name it is  
The name of Jesus*

## **Call to Confession:** John 15:4-5

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Lord Jesus, you have called us to abide in you, but we confess that we are prone to wander astray. We could be fruitful branches, but instead we walk proudly in our own ways and wither. Forgive us for our wandering hearts and take and seal them for your courts above. Thank you that you are the true blessed man who walked in the way of righteousness , even the way that led to the Cross. May we the Church, your beloved Bride, not wither, but be like fruitful branches of your vine, and may her spiritual children be many, like olive shoots around the table you have prepared for us.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon:** Isaiah 53:10-11

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

### **Mission Update:** Brayan and Ashley Jimenez

## **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).*

## 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: Isaiah 55:1-13

### Elements of Worship

#### "The Life Giving Power of God's Word"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live;  
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,  
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on  
him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall break forth into singing,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall make a name for the LORD,  
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Additional Scripture

Exodus 32:4-10 / And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD." And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play. And the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" And the LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you."

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John 15:3,7 / "Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you... If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

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2 Timothy 3:16-17 / All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

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## **Creedal Response:** Westminster Confession of Faith 21:1

The light of nature shows that there is a God who has lordship and sovereignty over all, is good and does good to all, and is therefore to be feared, loved, praised, called on, trusted in, and served with all one's heart, with all one's soul, and with all one's might. But the acceptable way of worshiping the true God is instituted by himself and is limited to his own revealed will. Therefore he may not be worshiped according to the imaginations and inventions of mankind or the suggestions of Satan, in any visible representation, or in any other way not prescribed in the holy Scriptures.

## **Songs of Thanksgiving**

### **We Are Listening**

*(Words & Music: Jeremy Quillo 2006)*

Father, I long to be wise.  
To see you with new eyes,  
The truth that was written by your hand.  
Father speak truth into me  
Because I still believe  
That you always help me understand.

*We are listening to your word.  
We are listening to your word.*

*Morning and evening we come  
To delight in the word of our God.  
Give us eyes to see.  
Give us faith to hear,  
That the Lord has come,  
That the Lord is here.*

Father, I long to see Christ:  
The truth and new life,  
Your word that has made the universe.  
Father speak, now I believe.  
I have been set free  
By the word that lived and died for me.

## **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**

*Tonight's Service: Reverend John McCombs will be preaching on Psalm 73, "Come Into the Sanctuary of God"*

# Upcoming Events

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

Rose	Celebrating Katie and Keith Dufendach's son Lucas Allen, born January 22,2022
<b>Seeking Wisdom: Uniquely Christian Perspectives on the Intersection of Sexuality and Gender</b> March 23 @ 7-8:30PM Greenfield Chapel	Jim Weidenaar from Harvest USA will be leading a seminar discussing the theological and pastoral dynamics of the PCA's recent study paper on human sexuality. Jim served on the PCA's Ad Interim Committee on Human Sexuality, which published the paper on human sexuality.
<b>Women's Choice Network Baby Bottles</b>	Once again we are participating in Women's Choice Network's Baby Bottle Campaign. We are collecting donations through the Month of February. You can pick up a bottle to fill at church or you can give online by clicking "give" at ebottle.org and selecting City Reformed. Please return the bottles by February 27th.
<b>Coffee Resumes Next Week</b>	We will be resuming our after-church coffee service starting next week!
<b>Women's Ministry Council Bible Study Training, March 19th</b> 9AM-noon Greenfield Chapel	Are you interested in receiving training to lead/colead a Women's Bible Study? The Women's Ministry Council will be leading a workshop to explore the purpose of small group Bible studies, practical suggestions for facilitating discussions well, and the common challenges that leaders face on Saturday, March 19th. This interactive, hands-on training will let you practice various skills in small settings and attending is not a commitment to lead. Contact Rachel Leuenberger (Raleuen@gmail.com).

# Volunteer Needs

<b>Easter Breakfast Helpers</b>	Though the winter still prevails around us, we are starting to look towards planning for our Easter services. We hope to provide a breakfast for our congregation between the sunrise service and regular AM worship service. We are seeking volunteers to help plan and serve the breakfast. If you are interested, contact Zachary@cityreformed.org.
<b>Missions Committee Position Open</b>	The Missions Committee has another open position. Contact Jim Partridge (jim@cityreformed.org) if you are interested in serving on the committee.

# Regular Events

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<p><b>Global Mission Prayer time CHANGE Mondays @9PM</b> Zoom <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer</a></p>	<p>The Missions Committee would like to invite you to join our church in prayer for our mission partners on Monday evenings at 9PM. We hope this new time will allow more people to join us in prayer. We will be praying for RUF's upcoming missions trip to Sacred Road Ministries in Yakima, Washington.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday Prayer Meetings</b> Wednesdays 8:30- 9:30 AM</p>	<p>Join our staff as they pray for our church. Wednesday weekly prayer is held on Zoom at: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer</a></p>
<p><b>Hymn Sing</b> Fri, March 18th @ 6:30PM Greenfield</p>	<p>Join us for the first meeting of a new specialty group that will gather to sing hymns together. Contact Elizabeth Schwab (<a href="mailto:alyaeru@gmail.com">alyaeru@gmail.com</a>)</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 (<a href="mailto:ncho@ccojubilee.org">ncho@ccojubilee.org</a>)</li> <li>• CCO at PPU: Katelyn Spallinger (<a href="mailto:kspallinger@ccojubilee.org">kspallinger@ccojubilee.org</a>)</li> <li>• RUF at Pitt: Callie Miller (<a href="mailto:callie.miller@ruf.org">callie.miller@ruf.org</a>)</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 (<a href="mailto:amain8511@gmail.com">amain8511@gmail.com</a>)</i></li> <li>• <i>Men's New Hope (<a href="mailto:Joseph@cityreformed.org">Joseph@cityreformed.org</a>)</i></li> <li>• <i>Mommies' Group (<a href="mailto:Sandy@cityreformed.org">Sandy@cityreformed.org</a>)</i></li> <li>• <i>Wednesday Morning Prayer (<a href="mailto:Zachary@cityreformed.org">Zachary@cityreformed.org</a>)</i></li> <li>• <i>Men's Discipleship Committee (<a href="mailto:mdc@cityreformed.org">mdc@cityreformed.org</a>)- MENTORS NEEDED!</i></li> <li>• <i>Young Adult Women's Fellowship (<a href="mailto:Katelyn@cityreformed.org">Katelyn@cityreformed.org</a>)</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

West End\*- Jonathan Dodd

## Wednesday

Near East Suburban- Jim Partridge

Regent Square- David Snoke

Baldwin/Greenfield\*- Joseph Bianco

East Suburban- Joe Stehle

## Thursday

Greenfield/North Oakland- Ben Chidester

Forest Hills\*- Adam Schwab

\*Childcare provided

\*\* Kid's play area available

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