



Sunday Morning Worship
April 28, 2024

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

"When anxious and distressing feelings arise, you can know you are not alone. You are in Christ."

*–Rankin Wilbourne,
Union with Christ: The Way to Know and Enjoy God*

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
Winchester Thurston Auditorium
5059 Ellsworth Ave
Pittsburgh PA, 15213
LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:30PM
Greenfield Chapel
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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)

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Information:



Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Matt Koerber

Call to Worship: Colossians 3:1-4

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

Leader If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

People **Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.**

Leader For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

People **When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.**

Prayer of Invocation

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

(Words: Charles Wesley 1747; Music: Lowell Mason 1839)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled chest!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest.
Take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver;
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
Till with heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 5:6–11

Christ Was Lower Still

(Words & Music: by Matt Maher, Kate Bluett, Doe Jones)

Breath in reach out
Touch the hem of your garment now
Help me heal me
My mind my body and soul

*Let the King descend
Living Word Made Flesh
Lift this heavy heart
To your throne O God
In your wounds I find
Room for all of mine
When from grace I fell
Christ was lower still*

Humbly lowly
Jesus waits in the valley
My savior suffers with me
With him I'll rise again

*Let the King descend
Living Word Made Flesh
Lift this heavy heart
To your throne O God
In your wounds I find
Room for all of mine
When from grace I fell
Christ was lower
'Till the earth is filled
Christ is lower still*

We lift it all up to you Lord
We lift it all up to you Lord

Psalm 24 | We Long to See You

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2015)

Almighty God, we long to see you.
Open our hearts and make them pure.
Spirit, we wash our hands in mercy.
Come teach our souls to love your truth.

Call to Confession: Colossians 2:6-7

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, you love the loveless and grant mercy to the guilty. You sent your Son Jesus to seek and to save the lost. When we were his enemies he died for us. We pray that you would remind us that we need grace. Teach us to extend that grace to others. Shape us and change us, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 1:12-14

The Father has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Corporate Prayer

Membership Vows:

Jeremy & Taylor Kilbride; Claire Josey; Matt Amy & Grace Hooper; Matt & Robin Malcolm

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Cards and donations can be placed in offering bags. Giving can also be directed online (cityreformed.org/give) or sent via mail (3929 Coleman St., 15207).

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

(Words & Music: Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, & Michael Farren 2018)

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Pastoral Prayer

At this time, children ages 4-7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. Please pick them up after the sermon from Children's Church.

Sermon: Psalm 46

Reflection on the 20th Anniversary of City Reformed Part 3: "Refuge"

- Reverend Rob Gray

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.

⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah

⁸Come, behold the works of the Lord,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.

¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Creedal Response: Heidelberg Catechism #1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Songs of Thanksgiving

How Firm a Foundation

(Words: R. Keene & George Keith 1787; Music: American Folk)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

In every condition, in sickness, in health;
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth;
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,
As thy days may demand, shall My strength ever be.

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow,
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply,
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not, desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to break,
I will never, no, never, no, never forsake."

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

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Nameun Cho will be preaching from Acts 8:26-40, "The Gospel's Reach Expanded."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Women's Prayer Group: Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:30 AM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>Women's prayer group, meeting on Thursday mornings from 10:30-11:30 at Greenfield building. Come pray with us! If you plan to come, please contact Luda so we can add your prayer requests prior to meeting: 314-229-2023.</p>
<p>Gym Worship Dates: TODAY WT 10:15AM</p>	<p>Instead of our normal Auditorium space, prepare your backs for worship in the bleachers of the Gym on these dates, due to WT's production! On the 28th, there will be no bagels nor coffee, and Children's Church will also shift to the 2nd floor that date: Little Pillars will meet in 115 and Teach Me To Worship will meet in 119. Thank you for flexing with us!</p>
<p>Christian Scientific Society: May 4 Webinar</p>	<p>David Snoke will join with physicist Andrew Jordan to give a webinar on Saturday, May 4, "Quantum Mechanics for Non-Experts". See this link for details and to register. https://christianscientific.org/schedule-and-abstracts-for-the-upcoming-webinar-on-quantum-mechanics-for-non-experts/</p>
<p>Marathon NEXT Sunday! May 5</p>	<p>The marathon will impact almost everyone's ability to get to church unless you live "inside the loop!" We will have more information in our weekly email about how to get there. Please reach out to chrisie@cityreformed.org if you have any questions.</p>
<p>Children's Ministry Assistant, Women's Ministry & Office NEEDS</p>	<p>We are seeking part-time women's ministry, office, and children's ministry assistants to care for our church. Jobs will be tailored to reflect the gifts and strengths of the individual filling this role and a sample job description will be provided upon request. For Children's Ministry need, contact: Becki@cityformed.org and for women's and office needs, please contact office@cityreformed.org</p>
<p>Save the Date: VBS July 15-19</p>	<p>We are excited to announce that VBS will be held July 15-19, 2024 at the Vietnam Veterans Pavilion! Mark your calendars now - more information will be shared soon.</p>

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

Regular Events

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<p>Agora Forum: Every other Monday 7 PM: 3929 Coleman</p>	<p>We discuss theology and popular culture topics from a Christian perspective. We meet every other Monday at the Greenfield Chapel at 7 pm (3929 Coleman St). The next meeting is April 29. We will continue our series on art and aesthetics. Jeremy Pavlosky will lead the discussion. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Bean Sprouts Ministry 3rd Wednesday 12PM</p>	<p>Although many of us are retired, anyone who is free for lunch once a month is welcome. Contact Joe Stehle for more information: joestehle@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Mommies' Discipleship Group: 2nd & 4th Thursdays 7-9 PM</p>	<p>Join us for a time of fellowship and encouragement as we pray for one another and study the book of Colossians. Contact Sandy for more info: sandy@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Additional Mommies Discipleship Group: 3rd Saturday of each month, 9:30AM - 11AM</p>	<p>This summer (May-August), Emily Schartner will be hosting at 1111 Morningside Avenue and we will be studying the Psalms together. On nice days, Dads are encouraged to bring their kids to the Highland Park Super Playground for a playdate! Please note that the first meeting is May 25th to avoid a scheduling conflict.</p>
<p>Wednesday Prayer Meetings: 8:30-9:30 AM</p>	<p>All are welcome to join our Wednesday prayer community. We begin with Scripture, move to a general opening prayer of adoration/thanksgiving, then share specific prayer requests and pray through them. Held on Zoom at: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer.</p>
<p>Global Missions Prayer: Mondays @ 9 PM</p>	<p>Join our church in prayer for missions partners. This week we will be praying for PRISM. Held on Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer.</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group: Bi-Weekly Wednesdays @ 7 PM</p>	<p>Meets at Amelia Morrissey's Home on the North Side. Current study is: "Delight: A Walk through Psalms 1-30." For more info, contact Lindsay Karr (lindsay.karr@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Youth Group: Bi-Weekly Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 PM</p>	<p>All middle and high school youth are welcome to join us, 6th through 12th grade. Please contact Pastor John (john@cityreformed.org) for more information.</p>
<p>CRPC Storytime: Greenfield Chapel Every other Monday</p>	<p>Final Spring toddler/preschooler storytime and free play at the Greenfield chapel is 4/29 from 10-11:30 am! SUMMER storytime for ALL kids will meet at Bartlett playground at 10 am on the second Monday of each month (5/13, 6/10, 7/8, 8/12, 9/9). Contact Taylor at taylorgkilbride@gmail.com.</p>

College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- CMU: Chris Bollinger (cwbollinger@gmail.com)
- CCO at PPU: Matt Koerber (pastormatt@cityreformed.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 (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 Women's Discipleship Group (lindsay.karr@gmail.com)*
- *Ultimate Frisbee (danielrtoney@gmail.com)*
- *Board Game Gatherings (gatcheson@gmail.com)*

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