



Easter Morning Worship
April 4, 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 or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Reflections

"Even though it seems that death removes all memory of us when we leave this world, the fact remains that God always acknowledges us as his own... it is impossible for us not to live [eternally] if this is in his will."

- John Calvin

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Services

Starting *SUNDAY 4/11* | 9AM & 11AM

LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

SIGN-UPS: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations

Sunday Evening Communion Service

Winchester Thurston Parking Lot
5059 Ellsworth Ave
Pittsburgh PA, 15213

SUNDAY 4/11 | 5PM

Church Office

3929 Coleman St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15207
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Church Center App:



Donations

Online: Church Center App (Give)
OR cityreformed.org/give

Mail: Church Office address above "Attn: Allison" (please make checks payable to City Reformed Presbyterian Church)

Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church
Easter Morning Worship – April 4, 2021
Presider: Elder Andy Leuenberger

Traditional Easter Greeting:

Leader He is risen!

People He is risen indeed!

Call to Worship: Colossians 3:21-22

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

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

(Words: Charles Wesley 1739; Music John Walsh 1708)

Christ the Lord is risen today - Alleluia
Sons of men and angels say - Alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high - Alleluia
Sing ye heav'ns and earth reply - Alleluia

Love's redeeming work is done - Alleluia
Fought the fight the battle won - Alleluia
Lo the Sun's eclipse is o'er - Alleluia
Lo He sets in blood no more - Alleluia

Vain the stone the watch the seal - Alleluia
Christ has burst the gates of hell - Alleluia
Death in vain forbids Him rise - Alleluia
Christ has opened paradise - Alleluia

Lives again our glorious King - Alleluia
Where, O death, is now thy sting - Alleluia
Once He died our souls to save - Alleluia
Where thy victory O grave - Alleluia

Hail the Lord of earth and Heaven - Alleluia
Praise to Thee by both be given - Alleluia
Thee we greet triumphant now - Alleluia
Hail the resurrection thou - Alleluia

O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

(Words & Music: Benjamin Hastings, Dean Ussher, and Marty Sampson 2015)

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

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: The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 1:21-22

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him...

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).

I Know That My Redeemer Lives - Glory Hallelujah

(Words: Samuel Medley 1775; Music: Southern Harmony American Folk Melody 1900's)

I know that my redeemer lives
Glory hallelujah
What comfort this sweet sentence gives
Glory hallelujah

*Shout on pray on we're gaining ground
Glory hallelujah
The dead's alive and the lost is found
Glory hallelujah*

He lives he lives who once was dead
Glory hallelujah
He lives my everlasting Head
Glory hallelujah

He lives to bless me with his love
Glory hallelujah
He lives to plead for me above
Glory hallelujah

He lives all glory to his name
Glory hallelujah
He lives my Jesus still the same
Glory hallelujah

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: 1 Peter 1:3-9

90 Days Through the Story of Scripture:

"Christ's Resurrection and Ours"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In 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

1 Corinthians 15:20-22 / But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Ephesians 2:4-7 / But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Creedal Response: Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. § The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,* the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

§ Christ suffered God's wrath on the cross

* Universal church

Song of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final song if you are able.

Crown Him With Many Crowns

(Words: Matthew Bridges 1951; Music: George Job Elvey 1868)

Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of love
Behold His hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight
But downward bends each burning eye
At mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of peace
Whose pow'r a sceptre sways
From pole to pole
That wars may cease
And all be prayer and praise
His reign shall know no end
And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet

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Crown Him the Lord of years
The Potentate of time
Creator of the rolling spheres
Ineffably sublime
All hail Redeemer hail
For Thou hast died for me
Thy praise shall never never fail
Throughout eternity

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

If you would like to contact a pastor, please email joseph@cityreformed.org.

Life Together

Easter Children's Activity & Lesson TODAY: Children are invited to join in an egg hunt and short in-person lesson immediately following each traditional worship service. If you choose to participate in the children's activity and lesson, please sign up with Charis (Charis@cityreformed.org).

- No pre-recorded Children's Bible Lesson as part of the 9AM livestream service
- Parents please escort your children outside to the field immediately after service.
- Please wear masks and remain socially distanced as households.

[In the case of inclement weather, parents please escort your children to the Dance Studio (G8) down the hall from the WT auditorium instead.]

Attending Services

"In-Person"

Sundays

Winchester Thurston (WT)

5059 Ellsworth, 15213

Sign Up on your Church Center App (go to Events), or online: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations.

Contact Sol@cityreformed.org. *****CHECK IN WITH A GREETER IN-PERSON** upon arrival.***

Morning Service Livestream continues indefinitely.

******STARTING NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 11TH ******

TWO Morning Worship Services in the WT Auditorium following current Sunday morning protocols:

- First at **9AM | In-Person — PLEASE SIGN UP**
- Second at **11AM | In-Person & Livestream — PLEASE SIGN UP**

ONE Evening Communion Service at 5PM in the WT Parking Lot starting on Sunday 4/11 continuing Every Other Sunday

***No Advance Sign-Ups required

*****CHECK IN WITH A GREETER IN-PERSON** upon arrival

- Before attending, self-assess the **health and recent activities** of you and your household.
- **** Bring your own seating ****
- **Mandatory MASK policy (all over 2 yrs old)**
- Please maintain social distancing between households.
- For **restroom access to the building**, WT requires self-assessment screening. Submit this form: tinyurl.com/WTSscreening before entering the building (one form per Sunday per household).

Leadership Installation & Ordination Service

Next Sunday 4/11 @ 5PM

WT Parking Lot

5059 Ellsworth, 15213

City Reformed will install leaders as part of our evening communion service located outside at Winchester Thurston. We will install our new WMC members and ordain our new elder and deacon. We will conclude with communion.

"Serve at City"

One of the main constraints for our reopening plan (e.g. children's ministry) is to determine how many volunteers are able to help. Please consider serving by completing the "Serve at City" google form: tinyurl.com/ServantCity.

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Building Work Day Saturday 4/17 @ 9AM-3PM bit.ly/3uk8uFr	We will be laying carpet, painting, and working in the basement. <i>SIGN-UP online: bit.ly/3uk8uFr.</i> Contact Gary (building@cityreformed.org).
PPWM Spring Event Sat 4/24 @ 10:15AM First Reformed PCA 12900 Frankstown Rd Penn Hills 15235	Join the women of our presbytery for a morning of teaching and encouragement from 1 Thessalonians. Sandy Snoke from our church will be the keynote speaker! Limited in-person attendance is available as well as a livestream option — please register! Contact Callie Miller (callie.miller@ruf.org).
SAVE-THE-DATE!! Vacation Bible School (VBS) July 26-30	We are moving ahead with plans for an in-person VBS 2021! Children 4 yrs old to rising 5th graders. Registration and more VBS details are coming soon! Mark your calendars! Contact Charis@cityreformed.org.
Women's Evening Bible Study Mondays @ 6-7:30PM	Join us Monday evenings over Zoom for "Becoming a Women of Purpose." Contact Cathy Taylor (Lawyerdad5@aol.com).
Tuesday's Ladies Study Tuesdays @ 10-11:15AM	Ladies, join us Tuesday mornings over Zoom. Contact Tracy (partridge.ta@gmail.com).
Global Missions Prayer Fridays @ 6:30AM tinyurl.com/CRPCmissionsprayer	Join CRPC Missions Committee weekly for 30 min Zoom prayer. Contact Abbey Mae (methodam1@gmail.com) or Susan (susan@thealexanders.ws).
NEED: Church Maintenance Position	We are looking to hire a part-time maintenance person for the building (~8 hr/mo). Contact Gary (building@cityreformed.org).
NEED: Mosaic Afterschool Program Teachers & Teachers Aids Begins Mon 3/15 227 S. 4th Street Jeannette, PA 15644	Mosaic Community Church is looking to hire two teachers and two teachers aids to provide homework help and individualized tutoring tailored to students' specific need. 3:30-6:30pm Monday-Thursday. Compensation included. If interested, contact Pastor Nate Keisel: nate@jeannettechurch.com .
Young Adult Women's Fellowship Every other Saturday	This is an informal gathering of women in the Church. The purpose is for us to do life together, get to know each other, and to foster a sense of community. You can expect, zoom conversations, zoom workouts, hikes, service etc. Contact Zenny@cityreformed.org.
Men's Discipleship Committee	MEN who are interested in discipleship through a mentoring relationship, contact Adam at mhc@cityreformed.org .

Bethany Food Bank and Master's Kitchen Service Thurs @ 9AM - 1PM or 4 - 6PM; Fri @ 12 - 1PM	Volunteer to help transport and package food with Bethany Community Ministries. Contact Donna at Bethany: 412.251.1227 or any of the Deacons@cityreformed.org.
Caring for Each Other and the Deacon's List	Please update the deacons if you have needs or if you have abilities and resources to share with others. Contact Nik (nik@alum.wustl.edu) or any of the deacons.
Make Connections via Online Media	As the Covid-19 restrictions limit our ability to connect with other people, we need to work harder to develop healthy relationships through alternative means. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To learn more about community groups (CGs) contact Joseph (joseph@cityreformed.org) • To learn about how to connect with other women in the church (including small groups or CGs) contact Sandy (sandy@cityreformed.org) • To learn about men's discipleship programs contact Adam at mdc@cityreformed.org.

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:

- cityreformed.org/community-groups

Specialty Groups meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, and service. For a listing of current groups, please refer to:

- cityreformed.org/prayer--specialty-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: Derek Bates (dbates@ruf.org), Callie Miller (callie.miller@ruf.org)
- cityreformed.org/collegestudents

Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us for worship today. If you are new, we would love to meet you! And, if you would like more information about our ministries, resources, and ways to engage, please fill out the visitor's card below or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Visitor's Card

We would love to get to know you. Please contact us at office@cityreformed.org with the following information.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request, we will pray for you. Please send prayer requests to Pastor Joseph through prayer@cityreformed.org.
