



Sunday Morning Communion Worship
July 2, 2023

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

"Thus have you heard that Christ is both David's Son, and David's Lord: David's Lord always, David's Son in time: David's Lord, born of the substance of His Father, David's Son, born of the Virgin Mary, conceived by the Holy Ghost. Let us hold fast both...He was made that which He made, that what He made might not perish. Very Man Very God; God and man whole Christ. This is the ... faith."

- Augustine

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
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Welcome Information:



Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder David Bacon

Call to Worship: John 3:10, 13-21

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

Leader Jesus answered him...No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

People **"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.**

Leader For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

People **And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.**

Leader For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

People **But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."**

Prayer of Invocation

God So Loved

(Words & Music: Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, and Scott Cash 2019)

Come all you weary
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners
Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for

*For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world*

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms

Praise God praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love

Rock of Ages

(Words: Augustus Toplady 1776 Music: Thomas Hastings 1853)

Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee
Let the water and the blood
From thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure
Save from wrath and make me pure

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's demands
Could my zeal no respite know
Could my tears forever flow
All for sin could not atone
Thou must save and thou alone

Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to the cross I cling
Naked come to thee for dress
Helpless look to thee for grace
Foul I to the fountain fly
Wash me Savior or I die

While I draw this fleeting breath
When mine eyes shall close in death
When I soar to worlds unknown
See thee on thy judgment throne
Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee

Call to Confession: 1 John 4:7-8, 11-12

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love... Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

Prayer of Confession:

Heavenly Father, we confess that we love far too little. We want people to affirm us, but we offer mere idle praise to others, not valuing all people as immortals made in the image of God. We want to win in the game of life, doing better than others in one type of success or another, whether in the affirmation of family, job, or cultural experiences; we want to use others so that we can gain control and so that we can be comfortable and at ease. Open our eyes to see people whom Christ died for and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We thank you that your love for us is everlasting and unchanging, and that you can fill us with your Holy Spirit to truly love others who are sinners like us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 4:9-10

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Take a moment and fill out your care card and please use offering bags or direct giving online or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).

Speak O Lord

(Words & Music: Stuart Townend and Keith Getty 2005)

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

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 from G8 after the sermon from Children's Church.

Sermon:

Matthew 22:34-45

"Questioning Jesus, Discovering More"

- Reverend Derek Bates

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ³⁷And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴²saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴"The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet"?"

⁴⁵If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?"

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scriptures

Psalm 2:10-12/ Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Isaiah 11: 1,10 / There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

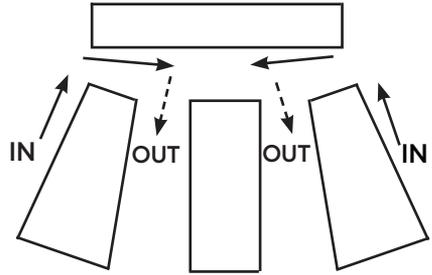
Matthew 16:13-15/ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

John 15:12-13 / "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

Communion

City Reformed Church invites all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sins and trust Christ alone for salvation, and who are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. Parents with non-communicating children are encouraged to bring their children forward during communion. The elders will lay a hand on their head and briefly pray for them as they serve you.

Communion is served with wine and with grape juice. The wine is placed in the two outer circles of the communion tray, and the grape juice is placed in the inner circle. Because Jesus used wine during the first communion service, we believe using real wine is beneficial. However, participants are welcome to choose. There is also gluten-free bread available on each plate.



Please join us in song as we celebrate Christ dwelling with his church in the sacrament of communion.

Songs of Communion

My Jesus I Love Thee

(Words: William Featherston 1864; Music: Adoniram Gordon 1876)

My Jesus I love Thee I know Thou art mine
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign
My gracious Redeemer my Savior art Thou
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

I'll love Thee in life I will love Thee in death
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

In mansions of glory and endless delight
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

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

I Love You Lord

(Words & Music: Laurie Klein 1978)

I love you, Lord
And I lift my voice
To worship you,
O my soul rejoice!
Take joy, my King,
In what you hear,
May it be a sweet,
Sweet sound in your ear.

Doxology

(Words: Thomas Ken 1674; Music: Louis Bourgeois 1510)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
(repeat)
Amen

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Gavin Breeden will be preaching from 2 Samuel 7:1-17, "A Tale of Two Houses"

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

VBS July 10-14!	If you haven't registered for VBS, now is the time! VBS is open to any 4 year old to rising 5th grader, and youth can serve as leaders! So, invite your friends to come and hear about God's mighty works in Daniel's life (and help them see Him working in their lives, too!). www.myvbs.org/CRPC
VBS Prep Party July 8th, 9 AM - 12 PM	Help us make decorations, organize crafts, create posters, and more - all while listening to VBS music and getting a sneak peek of the week. Lunch will be provided at 11:30, and all are welcome!
GriefShare Ministry at CRPC update	Weekly GriefShare support group meetings starting August 31, meeting at Greenfield Chapel, stay tuned for more details soon. Find others who have been in your shoes and discover you're not alone in your grief journey after your loss. Check out GriefShare.org . To learn more, contact Joe (joestehle@gmail.com) or Ginny (heaslberry@comcast.net) or Katrina (katrina.campbell.170@gmail.com).
Susannah Sonbare Farewell fellowship on July 4th barbeque from 5 - 8 pm:	All welcome for food and fellowship with Susannah and baby Josphine before their July 11 flight to India and transitions back, meeting at the home of Katrina & Bryan Campbell, 225 Sonni Ln, Mc Kees Rocks, PA 15136. Burgers/hotdogs provided, consider signing-up for other food items: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A44A9AA2DA3FF2-susannah
Mommies' Discipleship Group: Thursdays	Mommies' Discipleship Group meets twice a month on Thursday evening. Join us for a time of fellowship and encouragement as we pray for one another and study the book of Hebrews. Meeting in July on the 6th and 27th at 7pm. Contact Sandy for more info: sandy@cityreformed.org

Regular Events

<p>Agora Forum: Every other Monday @ 7PM 3929 Coleman St.</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 Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)</p>
<p>Bean Sprouts Ministry: Monthly</p>	<p>Although many of us are retired, anyone who is free for lunch, please join us (and bring a friend!) at 12pm once a month. Contact Joe Stehle: joestehle@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Mens Discipleship</p>	<p>Please contact Adam Schwab (ahs27@pitt.edu) if you are interested in getting more connected.</p>
<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 Hannah Nation. Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer.</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group</p>	<p>*New Leader & Location*: Wednesdays bi-weekly (beginning on July 19th) @ 7PM at Amelia Morrissey's Home on the North Side. For more info, contact Lindsay Karr (lindsay.karr@gmail.com) .</p>
<p>Ultimate Frisbee: Thursdays @ 6PM</p>	<p>Anyone who is interested in playing Ultimate Frisbee is welcome to join us Thursdays (6 PM) at McKnight Playground near the aviary. Contact Dan Toney, danielrtoney@gmail.com</p>
<p>Summer RUF @ Breeden Abode: Dinner at 6pm</p>	<p>Thursdays, starting on June 1st at the Breeden Abode, 414 Stratton Lane (Shadyside) Dinner at 6.00pm, Study + Discussion at 7.00pm. All college students, recent HS grads, and recent college grads are welcome to join us! Questions? Contact gavin.breeden@ruf.org or callie.miller@ruf.org</p>

Groups

College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

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- 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)
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