



Sunday Morning Worship
August 14, 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 or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Reflections

"Jesus stood still. At the voice of prayer, the Sun of righteousness paused in his progress. Believing cries can hold the Son of God by the feet. He called them: and this because they had called him."

– Charles Spurgeon

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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Pittsburgh PA, 15207

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Morning Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

All Age Sunday Morning Worship – July 31, 2022

Presider: Elder David Bacon

Call to Worship: Psalm 146:5-10

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

Leader Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

People **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;**

Leader who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

People **the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

Leader The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

People **The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!**

Prayer of Invocation

Rising Sun

(Words & Music: Leslie Jordan, Kyle Lee, and David Leonard 2012)

Praise Him all you sinners
Sing oh sing you weary
Oh praise Him all you children of God

We lift high His glory
Shown throughout our stories
We praise Him as the children of God

*Our great Redeemer glorious Savior
Your Name is higher than the rising sun
Light of the morning You shine forever
Your Name is higher than the rising sun
Jesus you're greater than the rising sun*

Praise His Name forever
Speak it loud and clear now
Oh praise Him all you children of God

I Stand Amazed

(Words & Music: Charles H. Gabriel 1905)

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner condemned unclean

For me it was in the garden
He prayed not My will but Thine
He had no tears for His own griefs
But sweat drops of blood for mine

*How marvelous how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous how wonderful
Is my Saviour's love for me*

In pity angels beheld Him
And came from the world of light
To comfort Him in the sorrows
He bore for my soul that night _____

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He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me

Scripture Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-17

Sing Over Your Children

(Words & Music: Matt Maher 2008)

*I flirt with the world
It steals my love for You
My fear grips my faith
And I am left unmoved*

*Your gaze stops my heart
Your voice fills the dark
Your love is the spark
That lights this life and so we rise*

*Out of the depths You cry
Come and be satisfied
Father You sing
Father You sing over Your children*

You quiet the storm
Inside my shipwrecked soul
Your Spirit will lead
It calls the wayward home

At the sound of Your name
Our sin is washed away
In Christ we're crucified
In You we die in You we rise

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*Out of the depths You cry
Come and be satisfied
Father You sing
Father You sing over Your children
Let us see through Your eyes
We are Your great delight
Father You sing over Your children*

Call to Confession: Psalm 18:25-27

With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; with the purified you show yourself pure; and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous. For you save a humble people, but the haughty eyes you bring down.

Prayer of Confession:

Heavenly Father we confess this truth: You are light and in you no darkness can dwell. Yet Lord we acknowledge that even as children of the light, we still delight in darkness; we still run after the things our sinful heart's desire. We stumble around blindly after things that do not satisfy, and things that cause us destruction. O Savior we desire to live in the light; to be in fellowship with you! Oh God forgive us for our fickle hearts; forgive our sin, we ask. Help us! Change us! By your Spirit, draw us into the light that we might stand as radiant reflections of you in this dark world. For we ask these things through the Light of the World, your son and our savior, Jesus

Christ. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 18:28-30

For it is you who light my lamp; the Lord my God lightens my darkness. For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

Missions Update: Pittsburgh Regional International Student Ministry (PRISM)

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Please use offering bags or direct giving online or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).

Before the Throne of God Above

(Words: Charitie Lees Bancroft Music: Vikki Cook 1997)

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in Heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart (2x)

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me (2x)

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God (2x)

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 20:29-21:11

"The Nearsighted King"

- Reverend Joseph Bianco

And as they went out of Jericho, a great crowd followed him. ³⁰And behold, there were two blind men sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was passing by, they cried out, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" ³¹The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be silent, but they cried out all the more, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" ³²And stopping, Jesus called them and said, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³³They said to him, "Lord, let our eyes be opened." ³⁴And Jesus in pity touched their eyes, and immediately they recovered their sight and followed him.

^{21:1}Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵"Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Additional Scripture

Isaiah 60:1/ Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Luke 11:34/ Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness.

John 1:5/ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 / And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

1 John 2:11/ But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

Creedal Response: Westminster Larger Catechism Question 28

Q. What are the punishments of sin in this world?

A. The punishments of sin in this world are either inward, as a blindness of mind, a reprobate sense, strong delusions, hardness of heart, horror of conscience, and vile affections; or outward, as the curse of God on the creatures for our sakes, and all the other evils that befall us in our bodies, names, states, relations, and employment, together with death itself.

Songs of Thanksgiving

His Mercy Is More

(Words & Music: Matt Boswell & Matt Papa 2016)

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

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

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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

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Tonight's Worship Service: Reverend Gavin Breeden will be preaching on 2 Samuel 16:1-4,19:24-30 with a time of Q and A ("Grill the Preacher") immediately following.

Upcoming Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Young Professionals Get Together</p>	<p>We will be meeting at Highland Park this evening, 8/14, at 5pm to enjoy live jazz in the park! Bring a picnic dinner, and a blanket/chair! Contact Ben Lind for more info or with questions: benlind@gmail.com</p>
<p>Women's Bible Study Training, September 24th, 9AM-noon Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>Women of CRPC! Mark your calendars and join WMC on Saturday morning, Sept. 24 from 9:00am -12 noon as Shelly Scott leads us in learning how to study the Bible using the inductive manuscript method. Shelly is a seasoned teacher in her role with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. She is passionate about the Word of God and her calling to help others encounter God through personal Bible study and in community settings. This seminar is designed for people with all levels of Bible study experience. We are so excited about this opportunity to learn and grow together and hope you will join us! Registration is required by Sept.18 at tinyurl.com/crpcbiblestudy</p>
<p>Crates for Ukraine Assembly, August 20th</p>	<p>Come help us assemble our Crates for Ukraine! We will meet at the Greenfield building on the evening of August 20th to pack the crates. Any help is appreciated! Contact Debbie Schwab for more information (asunlithurricane@gmail.com)</p>
<p>Crates for Ukraine Update and Prayer Meeting August 24th, 7:30- 8:30PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>We will meet with the MTW Ukraine coordinator, Jon Eide, who will be the courier for our crates. Come hear more about MTW's work in Ukraine and pray for the crates we will send. Dessert will be provided.</p>

Children's Ministry

<p>Block Schedule Complete</p>	<p>Nursery Disciplers, check your emails! The block schedule has been set for September - December. If you are unable to serve on the date you are scheduled for, refer to the master schedule on Planning Center and arrange a swap!</p>
<p>Infant Nursery UPDATE</p>	<p>Disciplers return to the Infant Nursery next week!</p>
<p>Teacher Training August 28th at 9 AM, WT Cafeteria</p>	<p>Sunday School Teachers and Children's Church Disciplers - this is for you! Please mark your calendars for this mandatory training and join us as we prepare to kick off a new year this fall. A light breakfast will be provided, and kids are welcome! Please let Becki know if you cannot attend (becki@cityreformed.org)</p>

Employment and Volunteer Needs

www.cityreformed.org/employment

Program Manager Job Posting	This position oversees the church communications, coordination of all-church events, and logistics for Sunday mornings. The position is currently posted as 20hr/wk, but this is flexible depending on the situation of the applicant. Applicants should send a resume and two referenece to Nameun@cityreformed.org
Youth Ministry Job Posting	This position works primarily with middle schoolers, teaching Sunday School, discipling youth, and coordinating youth group activities. The position is currently posted as 20hr/wk, but this is flexible depending on the situation of the applicant. Applicants should send a resume and two referenece to Nameun@cityreformed.org
Coffee Servers Needed	We need more baristas! This is a great way to see eveyrone during the fellowship time, while serving a very tangible need of the congregation. Baristas serve approximately once a month. No coffee making experience is required. Contact kara@kargwyn.com for further details and to set up training.

Regular Events

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Wednesday Prayer Meetings 8:30-9:30 AM	Join our staff as they pray for our church. Wednesday weekly prayer is held on Zoom at: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer
Global Mission Prayer Mondays @9PM	Join our church in prayer for our mission partners We will be praying for City Presbyterian Church in Zimbabwe Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer
Women's Thursday Bible Study First & Third Thursday evenings via Zoom @ 6:00 -7:30PM:	Studying the topic Heart Renewal: Finding Spiritual Refreshment Contact Cathy Taylor (lawyerdad5@aol.com)

Groups

<p>College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCO at CMU: Nameun Cho (ncho@cco jubilee.org) • CCO at PPU: Katelyn Spallinger (kspallinger@cco jubilee.org) • RUF at Pitt: Callie Miller (callie.miller@ruf.org) • cityreformed.org/collegestudents
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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**

Sunday

Fox Chapel*- Watson Barker

North Hills**- David Bacon

Tuesday

Northside- Joe Benscoter & Nathan Schartner

Morningside*- Jeff Winkler

West Hills*- Jonathan Dodd

Wednesday

Near East Suburban- Jim Partridge

Regent Square- David Snoke

Baldwin/Greenfield*- Joseph Bianco

East Suburban- Joe Stehle

Thursday

Shadyside - Ben Chidester

Forest Hills*- Adam Schwab

*Childcare provided

** Kid's play area available

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