



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**August 27, 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](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

"To worship the Lord is—in the world's eyes—a waste of time. It is, indeed, a royal waste of time, but a waste nonetheless. By engaging in it, we don't accomplish anything useful in our society's terms. Worship ought not to be construed in a utilitarian way. Its purpose is not to gain numbers for our churches to be seen as successful. Rather, the entire reason for our worship is that God deserves it."

- Marva Dawn

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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  
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Pittsburgh PA, 15207

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Church)

### Welcome Information:



# Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder David Bacon

## Call to Worship: Colossians 1:15-19

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

Leader He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

People **For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,**

Leader Whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

People **And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**

Leader And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

People **For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## All Creatures of Our God and King

*(Words: St. Francis of Assisi 1225; Music: Lasst Uns Erfreun 16-1900s)*

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise Him, Alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest us both warmth and light,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye souls of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God, and on Him cast your care,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him, Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in one,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Scripture Reading: James 3:13-18

### Prayer of St. Francis

*(Words & Music: Noah McLaren 2017)*

*Lord make me an instrument of your peace  
Lord make me an instrument of your peace*

Where there is hatred let me sow love  
Where there is injury pardon  
Where there is doubt let me sow faith  
Where there's despair Lord bring hope  
Help me shine in the darkness  
Where there is sadness bring joy

Where there is heartache pain or despair  
God may your servant draw nearer  
For when we give then we receive  
When we forgive we're forgiv'n  
When we die in the waters  
Then we are raised to new life

## Peace

*(Words & Music: Sherri Youngward 2008)*

Peace, be still.  
Lay all your worries down.  
Be still, O My soul  
Our God is in control.

And if God is for us,  
Then whom shall I fear?  
For our God is with us  
So lay down, be still.  
He is God.

*Hallelujah!*  
*Our God has overcome.*  
*Hallelujah!*  
*Our Lord, Jesus Christ has won.*  
*He is God.*

## **Call to Confession: Colossians 1:10-12**

...Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Father, you have delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of your beloved Son. We look to him alone for redemption, we look to the cross of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. We ask to be filled with the knowledge of your will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. Help us to walk in a manner that is pleasing to you and help us to be fruitful with good works. Strengthen us with all power according to your glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy. We give you thanks for the inheritance that you have prepared for us. We thank you that you are continuing to work for our good in all things to prepare us for our heavenly inheritance. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 1:13-14**

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**

# 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](http://cityreformed.org/give); 3929 Coleman St., 15207).*

## Psalm 34 | Taste and See

*(Words & Music: Joe Rigney & Shane Barnard 2015)*

I sought the Lord and He answered me  
And delivered me from ev'ry fear  
Those who look on Him are radiant  
They'll never be ashamed  
They'll never be ashamed

This poor man cried and the Lord heard me  
And saved me from my enemies  
The Son of God surrounds His saints  
He will deliver them  
He will deliver them

*Magnify the Lord with me  
Come exalt His name together  
Glorify the Lord with me  
Come exalt His name forever*

O taste and see that the Lord is good  
O blessed is he who hides in Him  
O fear the Lord O all you saints  
He'll give you ev'rything  
He'll give you ev'rything

Let us bless the Lord  
Ev'ry day and night  
Never ending praise  
May our incense rise

## 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 26:1-16**  
**"The Priority of Worship"**

- Reverend Matt Koerber

**W**hen Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, <sup>2</sup>“You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.” <sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, <sup>4</sup>and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. <sup>5</sup>But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”

<sup>6</sup>Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, <sup>7</sup>a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. <sup>8</sup>And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste? <sup>9</sup>For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.” <sup>10</sup>But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>11</sup>For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. <sup>12</sup>In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. <sup>13</sup>Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.”

<sup>14</sup>Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup>and said, “What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?” And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup>And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.

**Leader** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.



# **Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism**

Q 1. What is the main purpose of mankind?

**A. Mankind's main purpose is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.**

## **Songs of Thanksgiving**

### **Wonderful Merciful Savior**

*(Words & Music: Dawn Rodgers & Eric Wyse 1989)*

Wonderful merciful Savior  
Precious Redeemer and Friend  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could  
Rescue the souls of men  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

*You are the One that we praise  
You are the One we adore  
You give the healing and grace our  
Hearts always hunger for  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper  
Spirit we long to embrace  
You offer hope when our hearts have  
Hopelessly lost their way  
Oh we hopelessly lost the way

Almighty, infinite, Father,  
Faithfully loving Your own  
Here in our weakness You find us  
Falling before Your throne  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne

## To God Be The Glory

*(Words: Fanny Crosby 1875 & Music: W. Howard Doane 1875)*

To God be the glory great things He has done  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life gate that all may go in

*Praise the Lord praise the Lord  
Let the earth hear His voice  
Praise the Lord praise the Lord  
Let the people rejoice  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give him the glory, great things he has done*

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood  
To every believer the promise of God  
The vilest offender who truly believes  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

Great things He has taught us  
Great things He has done  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see

## Benediction

*At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Nameun Cho will be preaching from Acts 1:12-26 "Expectant Prayer."*

# Fall 2023



<b>9/10</b>	SUN	Sunday School Resumes
<b>9/10</b>	SUN	Welcome Picnic
<b>9/22-23</b>	FRI-SAT	Membership Class
<b>9/30</b>	SAT	Building Work Day
<b>10/7</b>	SAT	Women's Ministry Bible Study Training
<b>10/15</b>	SUN	Women's Ministry Mentor Lunch
<b>10/29</b>	SUN	Reformation Service
<b>11/3-4</b>	FRI-SAT	Women's Retreat
<b>11/11</b>	SAT	Thanksgiving Dinner
<b>12/2</b>	SAT	Wreath Making Event
<b>12/2</b>	SAT	"Forever Amen" - Album Release Evening of Worship
<b>12/17</b>	SUN	Youth Group Christmas Party
<b>12/24</b>	SUN	Christmas Eve Service
<b>12/31</b>	SUN	Homecoming Evening Service

# Announcements

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

<p><b>Rose</b></p>	<p>Kieran Emory Kai Rong to Melanie and Rauhit Seah-Ashar on August 11. Welcome to our world!</p>
<p><b>Sunday Ministry Volunteer Needs.</b></p>	<p>We're looking for various help in the following ministries: Set-up/Tear Down, Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Prayers, Stream Techs &amp; Coffee Team. If you would like to serve in any of these areas, please contact Nameun (<a href="mailto:nameun@cityreformed.org">nameun@cityreformed.org</a>).</p>
<p><b>College Ministry Needs</b></p>	<p>We're looking for volunteers to serve in a variety of capacities to our ministries at CMU &amp; Point Park starting this fall. If you are interested, please contact Nameun (<a href="mailto:nameun@cityreformed.org">nameun@cityreformed.org</a>)</p>
<p><b>College shuttle resumes</b> Sunday 8/27</p>	<p>Pickups: 9:30AM- Point Park University: 201 Wood St, 15222 (intersection of Wood Street &amp; Boulevard of the Allies)  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact: Kaia J (<a href="mailto:kaianoeljohnson@gmail.com">kaianoeljohnson@gmail.com</a>)</li> </ul>           9:45AM- Pitt: 4024 O'Hara St, 15213 (on O'Hara Street near University Place)  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact: Maya Kang (<a href="mailto:mayakang523@gmail.com">mayakang523@gmail.com</a>) or David Teklea (<a href="mailto:DGT12@pitt.edu">DGT12@pitt.edu</a>)</li> </ul> </p>
<p><b>Fellowship in Regent Square</b> September 3rd 12:30-4pm Snoke Home: 955 LaClair Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15218</p>	<p>Come and enjoy an afternoon of hot dogs, lawn games, and time together hosted by the Regent Square community group on Sunday, 9/3 from 12:30-4pm. Please bring a side dish, drinks, or snacks to share, lawn chairs or a blanket, and your favorite lawn game if you have one! Contact Kathryn Watt for a ride or more info: <a href="mailto:kathrynlwatt@gmail.com">kathrynlwatt@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>Fall Ministry Kick-Off!</b> September 10!</p>	<p><b>Sunday School</b> resumes for both Adult Education and Children/Youth Ministries (9:00-9:50am). <b>Welcome Picnic</b> after the morning service in the WT Parking Lot. We'll be hosting our <b>Community Group Fair</b> in conjunction with the Picnic. More details to come!</p>
<p><b>Membership Class:</b> September 22-23 Fri PM &amp; Sat AM</p>	<p>Are you new to City Reformed? Would you like to learn more about our church? Are you interested in becoming a member? Join us as we give a broad overview of our ministry, theology, and church structure! Contact <a href="mailto:nameun@cityreformed.org">nameun@cityreformed.org</a> for more information</p>
<p><b>Pittsburgh Presbytery Men/Father-Son Retreat:</b> September 22-23</p>	<p>Join Mike Peets and others at the Pittsburgh Presbytery Father-Son Retreat at Ligonier Camp and Conference Center on 9/22-23. Great food, fun and fellowship for very low price. For details and registration, visit: <a href="https://www.pcapittsburgh.org/event-details/pittsburgh-presbyterys-mens-retreat">https://www.pcapittsburgh.org/event-details/pittsburgh-presbyterys-mens-retreat</a> or contact Michael Peets at <a href="mailto:peetsno2@gmail.com">peetsno2@gmail.com</a>.</p>

# Regular Events

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<p><b>Agora Forum:</b> 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 (3929 Coleman St). The next meeting is Septmeber 18. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com).</p>
<p><b>Bean Sprouts Ministry:</b> 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><b>Mommies' Discipleship Group:</b> 2nd &amp; 4th Thursdays</p>	<p>August dates are 8/10 and 8/24. Join us for a time of fellowship and encouragement as we pray for one another and study the book of Hebrews. Contact Sandy for more info: sandy@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p><b>Men's Discipleship</b></p>	<p>Please contact Adam Schwab (ahs27@pitt.edu) if you are interested in getting more connected.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday Prayer Meetings:</b> 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>Global Mission Prayer:</b> Mondays @9PM</p>	<p>Join our church in prayer for our mission partners. We will be praying for Donnie and Kara Williams. <b>Zoom link:</b> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer</a>.</p>
<p><b>CRPC GriefShare</b> Thursdays @ 6:30 PM 3929 Coleman St.</p>	<p>Contact katrina.campbell.170@gmail.com or check out <a href="http://www.griefshare.org">www.griefshare.org</a> for more information about this biblically-based grief support group. Register at: <a href="https://www.griefshare.org/groups/170387">https://www.griefshare.org/groups/170387</a></p>
<p><b>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group</b></p>	<p><i>*New Leader &amp; Location*:</i> 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><b>Ultimate Frisbee:</b> 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>

# Employment and Volunteer Needs

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

<p><b>Sound Director Need</b></p>	<p>City Reformed is looking for a part-time Sound Director to begin as soon as possible. Job description available, please send resume and interest to Nameun Cho (nameun@cityreformed.org).</p>
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# Groups

**College Students** please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- CMU: Nameun Cho (nameun@cityreformed.org)
- 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](http://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)
- **Men's Discipleship Committee** (mdc@cityreformed.org)
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