



**Sunday Morning Worship  
September 27, 2020**

# 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

What determines our brotherhood is what that man is by reason of Christ. Our community with one another consists solely in what Christ has done to both of us. This is true not merely at the beginning, as though in the course of time something else were to be added to our community; it remains so for all the future and to all eternity. I have community with others and I shall continue to have it only through Jesus Christ.

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, "Life Together"

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM

LIVESTREAM: [tinyurl.com/CRPCLive](http://tinyurl.com/CRPCLive)

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### Sunday Evening Worship Service

SUNDAY 9/27 | 5 PM & 6 PM

Winchester Thurston Parking Lot  
5059 Ellsworth Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

### Church Office

3929 Coleman St.  
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# Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

## Call to Worship: Psalm 133

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

Leader Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell  
in unity!

People **It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on  
the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the  
collar of his robes!**

Leader It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains  
of Zion!

People **For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life  
forevermore.**

## Prayer of Invocation

### Christ Is Able

*(Words: Joseph Hart 1759; Music: Mike Harland & Tommy Walker 2009)*

Come ye sinners poor and needy  
Come ye wounded, weak and worn.  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
Full of pity joined with pow'r.

Come ye needy, come and welcome  
God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance,  
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.

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*He is able. He is able.  
Christ is able doubt no more.  
Come ye sinners poor and needy,  
Christ is able still to save.*

Come ye weary, heavy laden,  
Bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry till you're better  
You will never come at all.

Come ye ransomed and forgiven.  
Come ye rescued from the grave,  
Rise and worship Christ our Savior,  
For the glory of His name.

## **Heal Us Emmanuel**

*(Words: William Cowper 1779; Music: Kevin Twit, Lucas Morton 2015)*

*Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are  
We long to feel Thy touch  
Deep wounded souls to Thee we fly  
O Savior hear our cry*

Our faith is feeble, we confess  
We faintly trust Thy word  
But will You pity us the less?  
Be that far from You Lord!

Remember him who once applied  
With trembling for relief  
"Lord, I believe," with tears he cried  
"O help my unbelief!"

She, too, who touched you in the press  
And healing virtue stole  
Was answered, "Daughter, go in peace  
Thy faith has made you whole."

Like her, with hopes and fears we come  
To touch You if we may  
O send us not despairing home  
Send none unhealed away

## **Call to Confession: James 5:16**

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Triune God, You are perfectly one, though three persons. You call us to be one body made up of many members. We are prone to divide, to promote ourselves, to venerate the strong and powerful, and to dismiss the weak and lowly. Father, forgive us. Jesus, thank you for breaking your body to establish and unite your church in love. Thank you that in you we have a unity that transcends all earthly boundaries. Thank you for the love and care you show to the weak, the humble, and the broken. Holy Spirit, help us to see and appreciate your work in others, honoring them more highly than ourselves. Remove our stony, self-centered hearts and give us hearts of flesh that love one another, despite our weaknesses and sins. Unite us by our Savior's work on the cross. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Revelation 5:9-10**

And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

**Baptisms:** Zackary & Alexis Bacon,  
children of Dave and Debbie Bacon

### **Question to the Congregation:**

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of these children?

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

## Psalm 85 | Speak Peace

*(Words & Music: Daniel Snoko & Paul Zach 2019)*

*Speak peace to your people  
Speak peace to your saints  
Speak peace to your people  
Speak peace to all the earth*

Surely his salvation is at hand  
Unfailing love and truth have met  
Righteousness will cover all the earth  
And his glory will fill the land

Lord revive your joy in us again  
And let us hear what you will say  
Will your anger always be on us  
Will you not restore us again

You have covered all our sin  
We have been restored again  
Show us your unfailing love  
Grant us salvation

## Pastoral Prayer

## Sermon: Hebrews 10:19-25

### Core Values in Hebrews Part 3: "Let Us Encourage"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

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Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### Additional Scripture

Galatians 5:25-6:2 / If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

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Ephesians 4:29 / Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

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## **Creedal Response:** Westminster Confession of Faith 26:1

All saints are united to Jesus Christ their Head by his Spirit through faith, and have fellowship with him in his grace, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory. Being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obligated to the performance of such public and private duties as support their mutual good, both in the inward and outward person.

## **Songs of Thanksgiving**

*Please stand for the final songs if you are able.*

### **Living Stones | 1 Peter 2:1-12**

*(Words & Music: Daniel Snoko 2019)*

May you keep your actions noble  
May your neighbors see your love  
When they speak about your failure  
May they see your deeds and give God glory

*For you, you have been chosen  
to be God's holy people  
That he builds into his house like living stones  
Full of the Spirit  
And you, you have been chosen  
to be God's holy people  
That he builds into his house like living stones  
Full of the Spirit of peace*

If you've seen that God is precious  
If you've tasted that he's good  
If you struggle with your passion  
Come to rest your soul as God's beloved

Come to him, the stone rejected  
Come to him and give your life  
Put away your sin and slander  
Come to Christ the Living Stone of Zion

His mercy calls you  
From darkness into his glory  
The day of the Lord will come \_\_\_\_\_



## **We Will Feast in the House of Zion**

*(Words & Music: Sandra McCracken 2015)*

*We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the Lord our God  
We are not consumed by the flood  
Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn  
My soul be not afraid  
For the promised morning oh how long?  
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the Faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together bring shalom


## **Prayer**

## **Announcements**

## **Benediction**

If you would like to contact a pastor, please email [joseph@cityreformed.org](mailto:joseph@cityreformed.org).

# Life Together

<p><b>Roses</b></p>	<p>Celebrate the birth of Andrew &amp; Amy Iseminger's son, Levi, on September 16th, and the adoption of Dave &amp; Debbie Bacon's children, Zackary &amp; Alexis on September 18th.</p>
<p><b>Attend Morning Service "In-Person"</b> Sundays @ 10:15 AM WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</p>	<p>There are plenty of spots—don't hesitate to sign up! Sign up on your Church Center App or online: <a href="http://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events">crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events</a>. Contact Sol (<a href="mailto:sol@cityreformed.org">sol@cityreformed.org</a>). Morning Service Livestream continues indefinitely.</p>
<p><b>New Adult Class on Introduction to Christianity</b> In-Person (masks &amp; socially distanced) TODAY, 15 min after service WT Dining Hall</p>	<p>8-week in-person class taught by Dr. David Snoke; bring a lunch. Space is limited—register on your Church Center App or online: <a href="http://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events">crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events</a>. Appropriate for young adults, those new to Christianity, and those having doubts. Contact Dave (<a href="mailto:snoke@pitt.edu">snoke@pitt.edu</a>).</p>
<p><b>Open Evening Installation &amp; Communion Services</b> TONIGHT @ 5 &amp; 6 PM WT Parking Lot 5059 Ellsworth Ave, 15213</p> 	<p><b>Pastor Joseph</b> will be installed as Associate Pastor <b>outdoors</b>, socially distanced, <b>in-person</b>, with <b>communion</b> served both times. Please review instructions for attending at: <a href="http://cityreformed.org/open-service">cityreformed.org/open-service</a>. A few reminders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If able to attend either, last names <b>A-J attend 5PM &amp; K-Z the 6PM</b>.</li><li>• <b>** BRING MASKS **</b> <i>Mandatory mask policy for everyone over 2 yrs old.</i></li><li>• Bring your own <b>seating</b>.</li><li>• Check in on your <b>Church Center app</b>. Scan the QR code to the left for the Church Center app if you haven't already downloaded it!</li><li>• Continue all <b>CDC recommended behavior</b> (sanitize hands, cough into your sleeve, avoid handshakes/hugs, etc.), maintain social distance by remaining 6 ft apart from the nearest person who is not part of your household group.</li><li>• If you would like to <b>access the building for restrooms</b>, Winchester Thurston requires self-assessment screening and you should submit this form, <a href="http://tinyurl.com/WTSscreening">tinyurl.com/WTSscreening</a>, before entering the building - one form per Sunday per household.</li></ul>

<p><b>Women's Mentor Ministry Fall Picnic</b>  Sunday 10/4 @ 12:30 PM  <i>Bartlett Shelter, Schenley Park</i></p>	<p>Women of all ages interested in learning more about the role of a mentor or being paired with a mentor are invited to come and enjoy time to connect with old and new friends. Picnic lunch provided. Bring a mask, blanket or chair. RSVP to Sandy (<a href="mailto:sandy@cityreformed.org">sandy@cityreformed.org</a>) or Zenny (<a href="mailto:zenny@cityreformed.org">zenny@cityreformed.org</a>).</p>
<p><b>Agora Forum</b>  Mon 9/28 @ 7PM  3929 Coleman St., 15207</p>	<p>Continuing our discussion on uniquely American experiences in economics and wealth - a quick history of events and influencers. In-person or <a href="http://tinyurl.com/CRPCAgora">tinyurl.com/CRPCAgora</a>. Contact Kathryn: <a href="mailto:klclaudy@gmail.com">klclaudy@gmail.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Hiring CRPC Staff Position: Director of Sound, Tech, Design</b></p>	<p>CRPC is looking to hire a part-time Director of Sound, Tech, and Design to oversee our A/V and web needs. Contact Daniel (<a href="mailto:dsnoke@ccojubilee.org">dsnoke@ccojubilee.org</a>) or Nameun (<a href="mailto:nameun@cityreformed.org">nameun@cityreformed.org</a>).</p>
<p><b>Volunteer Babysitting: Serve &amp; Connect with Our Church Families!</b></p>	<p>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, help care for children as families navigate these challenging times! Please complete: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/CityBABYSIT">tinyurl.com/CityBABYSIT</a>. PARENTS, if you need a babysitter or a parent helper, contact Becki (<a href="mailto:becki@cityreformed.org">becki@cityreformed.org</a>).</p>
<p><b>Men's Discipleship Committee</b></p>	<p>MEN, interested in discipleship through a mentoring relationship, contact Adam (<a href="mailto:ahs27@pitt.edu">ahs27@pitt.edu</a>).</p>
<p><b>Parenting Seminar 2021</b>  Fri 2/5 Evening &amp;  Sat 2/6 Morning  SAVE-THE-DATE!</p>	<p>Guest speaker: Julie Lowe, counselor and faculty at the Christian Counseling &amp; Educational Foundation. Visit <a href="http://tinyurl.com/JulieLowe">tinyurl.com/JulieLowe</a> to learn more about her. Contact Charis@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday Morning Prayer @ 8:30AM</b>  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/prayCRPC">tinyurl.com/prayCRPC</a></p>	<p>Note NEW LINK. Join others in the church to pray for the needs of our community and world. Send prayer requests to <a href="mailto:prayer@cityreformed.org">prayer@cityreformed.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>Caring for Each Other and the Deacon's List</b></p>	<p>Please update the deacons if you have needs or if you have abilities and resources to share with others. Contact Nik (<a href="mailto:nik@alum.wustl.edu">nik@alum.wustl.edu</a>) or any of the deacons.</p>
<p><b>Make Connections via Online Media</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To learn more about community groups (CGs) contact Joseph (<a href="mailto:joseph@cityreformed.org">joseph@cityreformed.org</a>)</li> <li>• To learn about how to connect with other women in the church (including small groups or CGs) contact Sandy (<a href="mailto:sandy@cityreformed.org">sandy@cityreformed.org</a>)</li> <li>• To learn about men's discipleship programs contact Jim (<a href="mailto:partridge.jeb6@gmail.com">partridge.jeb6@gmail.com</a>).</li> </ul>

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## 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](http://cityreformed.org).

### Visitor's Card

We would love to get to know you. Please contact us at [office@cityreformed.org](mailto: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](mailto:prayer@cityreformed.org).

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