



Sunday Morning Communion Worship
September 3, 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

"All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."

- *The Apostle Paul, 2nd Corinthian Letter, Chapter 5*

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
3929 Coleman Street
Pittsburgh PA, 15207

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Donations

Online: Church Center App (Give)
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Church)

Welcome Information:



Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

Call to Worship: 2 Corinthians 3:4-10,17-18

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

Leader Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit.

People **For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.**

Leader Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory?

People **For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory.**

Leader Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it.

People **Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.**

Leader And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.

People **For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.**

Prayer of Invocation

Saved My Soul

(Words & Music: Dustin R. Smith, James Ferguson, & Rich Thompson 2016)

*You my God have saved my soul
I am Yours forevermore
I won't be moved of this I'm sure
You are my God and You saved my soul*

I was lost when You came for me
Held in chains by the enemy
But You broke them in victory
Now I'm free I am free

You're my joy and You are my hope
I am saved by Your grace alone
I will sing of Your love for me
I am free I am free

Now I stand with the King of Kings
He has paid for my every sin
And from now through eternity
I am free I am free

What once was dead is now alive
You gave to me the breath of life
You brought me up out from the grave
I'm bursting out with songs of praise

Holy Spirit

(Words & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend 2006)

Holy Spirit living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see

Call to Confession: 2 Corinthians 7:10

For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

Prayer of Confession: Adapted from "Continual Repentance"

The Valley of Vision

O God of Grace, You have imputed my sin to my substitute, and you have imputed his righteousness to my soul, clothing me with a bridegroom's robe and decking me with jewels of holiness. But in my Christian walk I am still in rags; my best prayers are stained with sin; my penitential tears are full of impurity; my confessions of wrong are themselves corrupt; my reception of the Spirit is tainted with selfishness.

I need to repent of my repentance; I need my tears to be washed; I have no robe to cover my sins, no loom to weave my own righteousness; I am always standing clothed in filthy garments, and by grace I am always receiving a change of clothing, for you always justify the ungodly.

Every morning let me wear the righteousness of Christ, every evening return in it, go out to the day's work in it, be married in it, be wound in death in it, stand before the great throne of the judgment in it, enter heaven in it shining as the sun. Grant that I may never lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, and the exceeding wonder of grace. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 2 Corinthians 5:14-15,21

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised...For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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).

All Things New

(Words: Horatius Bonar 1779; Music: Clint Wells 2009)

Come Lord and tarry not
Bring the long-looked-for day
O why these years of waiting here
These ages of delay?

Come for your saints still wait
Daily ascends their sigh
The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come;"
Do you not hear our cry?

*O come and make all things new
Come and make all things new
Come and make all things new
Build up this broken earth
Come and make all things new
All things new*

Come for creation groans
Impatient while you stay
Worn out in labor pains of hope
Still bound by earth's decay

Come for love waxes cold
Its steps are faint and slow
Our faith is pressed by unbelief
Hope's lamp burns dim and low

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: 2 Corinthians 4:5-15

Our Core Values: "A Church for Others"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

¹³Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

2 Corinthians 4:1-2 / Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

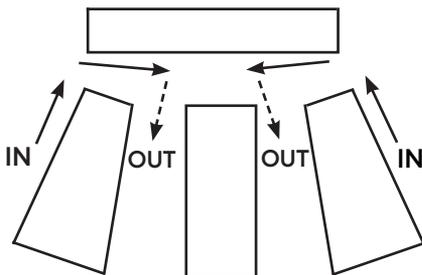
Matthew 28:18-20 / And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Acts 1:8 / "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

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

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

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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

Isaiah 55 | So Shall His Word

(Words & Music: Liz Vice & Sandra McCracken)

So shall his Word that goes out, that goes out
Shall not return, not return empty

*It shall make a name for the LORD
It shall make a name for the LORD
Let the Light make a name for the LORD
In the dark*

Come all who thirst, laborers, lay it down
Come seek the Lord while he may be found

We shall go out, out with joy led in peace
Join in the song all creation sing

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

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, Elder Dave Snoke will be preaching from Acts 2:1-18 "The Pouring Out of the Spirit."

FALL 2023 SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL (3 - 4 years old)

Taught by Sarah DeCubellis and Kyle McMillan

LOWER ELEMENTARY (K - 1st grades)

Taught by Jonathan Heins and Neil Friedrich

MIDDLE ELEMENTARY (2nd - 3rd grades)

Taught by Craig Kozminski, Jerrod Poe and Nate Moore

UPPER ELEMENTARY (4th - 5th grades)

Taught by Rachael Leuenberger and Karen Schen

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6th - 8th grades)

Taught by James Lettow

HIGH SCHOOL (9th - 12th grades)

Taught by Rev John McCombs

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Taught by Seulgi Byun

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>College Shuttle Schedule</p>	<p>9:30AM- Point Park University: 201 Wood St, 15222 (intersection of Wood Street & Boulevard of the Allies) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact: Kaia J (kaianoeljohnson@gmail.com) <p>9:45AM- Pitt: 4024 O'Hara St, 15213 (on O'Hara Street near University Place) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact: Maya K (mayakang523@gmail.com) or David T (DGT12@pitt.edu) </p> </p>
<p>Fellowship in Regent Square September 3rd 12:30-4pm Snoke Home: 955 LaClair St, 15218</p>	<p>Come and enjoy an afternoon of hot dogs, lawn games, and time together <i>hosted by</i> the Regent Square CG. 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: kathrynlwatt@gmail.com</p>
<p>Sunday School Kick-Off! September 10!</p>	<p>Sunday School resumes for both Adult Education and Children/Youth Ministries (9:00-9:50am).</p>
<p>Welcome Picnic & CG Fair: September 10th! Immediately after service</p>	<p>Please join us for our annual Welcome Picnic and Community Group Fair, NEXT week in the WT parking lot. We will provide food and an opportunity to meet folks from our community groups. Bring chairs / blankets to sit on!</p>
<p>Membership Class: September 22-23 Fri PM & 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 nameun@cityreformed.org for more information</p>
<p>Women's Bible Study Thursdays 9:30 AM -11:30 AM Greenfield Chapel 3929 Coleman St</p>	<p>Begins at the Greenfield Building starting September 7th. Paige Brown Benton of WECC in Nashville, TN will be leading a study on the book of Jonah. The 6 week long study will include watching the weekly lecture by Paige followed by group discussion. Contact Luda Bates for more information: luda.bates@gmail.com</p>
<p>Newcomers Lounge, 9/17 & 9/24</p>	<p>If you're visiting our church and would like to connect with other leaders/members after the service, please join us in room G8 for a dedicated welcoming space. Coffee, refreshments, and a warm smile will be provided!</p>

Regular Events

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<p>Agora Forum: Every other Monday @ 7PM: 3929 Coleman</p>	<p>We discuss theology and popular culture topics from a Christian perspective. The next meeting is September 18. 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>

Mommies' Discipleship Group: 2nd & 4th Thursdays	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 .
Men's Discipleship	Please contact Adam Schwab (ahs27@pitt.edu) if you are interested in getting more connected.
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 take a break for Labor Day. Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer .
CRPC GriefShare Thursdays @ 6:30 PM 3929 Coleman St.	Contact katrina.campbell.170@gmail.com or check out www.griefshare.org for more information about this biblically-based grief support group. Register at: https://www.griefshare.org/groups/170387
Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group	*New Leader & Location*: Wednesdays bi-weekly @ 7PM at Amelia Morrissey's Home on the North Side. For more info, contact Lindsay Karr (lindsay.karr@gmail.com) .
Youth Group Wednesdays @6:30-8:30 PM @ EVO 250 S. Pacific Ave., Pittsburgh, PA, 15224.	Youth group will be starting back up on Wednesday September 13th, and continuing bi-weekly (more or less) throughout the fall. All middle and high school youth are welcome to join us, 6th through 12th grade. Please contact Amy Channell (amylee012012@gmail.com), Elizabeth McMillan (elizabeth.mcmillan20@gmail.com) or Pastor John (john@cityreformed.org) for more information. FYI, future fall dates are 9/27, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, and 12/6

Employment & Volunteer Needs

Sound Director Need	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).
Sunday Ministry Volunteer Needs	We're looking for various help in the following ministries: Set-up/Tear Down, Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Prayers, Stream Techs & Coffee Team. If you would like to serve in any of these areas, please contact Nameun (nameun@cityreformed.org) or sign up at the Welcome Table in the foyer.
College Ministry Needs	We're looking for volunteers to serve in a variety of capacities to our ministries at CMU & Point Park starting this fall. If you are interested, please contact Nameun (nameun@cityreformed.org)

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

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)
- **Young Women's Discipleship Group** (lindsay.karr@gmail.com)
- **Ultimate Frisbee** (danielrtoney@gmail.com)
- **Board Game Gatherings** (gatcheson@gmail.com)

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