



**Sunday Communion Worship**  
**September 4, 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](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

"Without careful attention, faith-based organizations will inevitably drift from their founding mission."

– Peter Greer, *Mission Drift: The Unspoken Crisis Facing Leaders, Charities, and Churches*

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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  
3929 Coleman Street  
Pittsburgh PA, 15207

### Church Office

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Pittsburgh, PA 15207  
412-720-7014  
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[cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org)

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# Morning Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Elder David Bacon

## Call to Worship: John 1:1-5, 14, 16

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

Leader In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People **He was in the beginning with God.**

Leader All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

People **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it...**

Leader And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth...

People **For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.**

## Prayer of Invocation

### What a Beautiful Name

*(Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood 2016 [alternate 2nd verse by Daniel Snoko 2017])*

You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in you our Christ

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*What a beautiful name it is  
What a beautiful name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful name it is  
The name of Jesus*

The Light of Life shines in the darkness  
And darkness has not overcome  
Grace and truth have come through Jesus  
And now God has been made known

*What a wonderful name it is  
What a wonderful name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful name it is  
The name of Jesus*

Death could not hold You  
The veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and shame  
The heavens are roaring  
The praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival  
You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom  
Yours is the glory  
Yours is the name above all names

*What a powerful name it is  
What a powerful name it is  
The name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful name it is  
Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful name it is  
The name of Jesus*

## Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

*(Words & Music: Jordan Kauflin, Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Matthew Merker 2020)*

What is our hope in life and death  
Christ alone Christ alone  
What is our only confidence  
That our souls to Him belong  
Who holds our days within His hand  
What comes apart from His command  
And what will keep us to the end  
The love of Christ in which we stand

*O sing hallelujah  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul  
God is good God is good  
Where is His grace and goodness known  
In our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise  
Who stands above the stormy trial  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Unto the grave what will we sing  
Christ He lives Christ He lives  
And what reward will heaven bring  
Everlasting life with Him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord  
Then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore

## **Call to Confession: John 1:9-11**

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

## **Prayer of Confession:**

O God our Heavenly Father we confess to you that we do not do what you require of us: we do not do justice, we do not love kindness, and we do not walk humbly before you. Instead we dwell in darkness and in sin. But Eternal Word, we rejoice, because you entered into the darkness of our world. O True Light, we give thanks because you have overcome the darkness and have given light to everyone. You who made the world - though you were rejected by it - have given us the right to become children of God – not by our birth, nor by our work, but by your grace and mercy. We praise you, O God, and give you all glory and honor, for we have received grace upon grace through your only begotten Son; the Word made flesh, the Glorious One who is full of grace and truth.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon: John 1:12-13**

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

## **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).*

## Jesus with Thy Church Abide

*(Words: Thomas Pollock 1871 Music: Christopher Miner 1997)*

Jesus, with Thy Church abide,  
Be her Savior, Lord, and Guide,  
While on earth her faith is tried:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

Bid our strife and envy cease,  
Grant the lovely gift of peace:  
All her dreadful sin release.  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

Keep her life and doctrine pure,  
Help her, patient, to endure,  
Trusting in Thy promise sure:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

May she one in doctrine be,  
One in truth and charity,  
Winning all to faith in Thee:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

May she guide the poor and blind,  
Seek the lost until she find,  
And the broken hearted bind:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

May she thus all glorious be,  
Spotless and from sin borne free,  
Pure and bright, bring praise to Thee:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (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: | John 1:1-8

### "The Gospel in Community"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

**T**hat which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup>the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— <sup>3</sup>that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

<sup>6</sup>If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

## Additional Scripture

Genesis 1:1, 2:18 / In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth....Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone.

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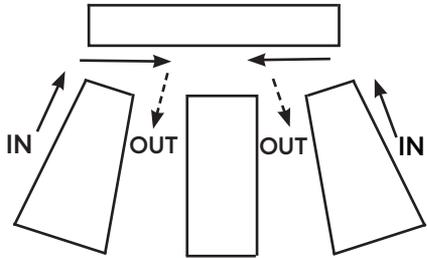
Ephesians 2:18-22 / For through [Christ] we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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## 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

## Isaiah 2 | Come Let Us Walk In The Light

*(Words & Music: Daniel Snoko 2019)*

Come to the mountain of the LORD  
A home for the nations  
Come to the hill above all hills  
Greater than kingdoms  
People from all the earth will flow  
Into his presence

*Come let us walk in the light of the LORD.  
Come let us walk in the light of the LORD.*

Let us go up to meet with God  
And follow his pathway  
Let the LORD teach us in the word  
That goes out from Zion  
The Law of the LORD will be the light  
That leads us to worship

Bring your dispute before the LORD  
And look for his justice  
Bring to our God your love for war  
Replace it with mercy  
Nations will lay their weapons down  
And take up forgiveness

## 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

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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  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### **O Praise The Name (Anástasis)**

*(Words & Music: Benjamin Hastings, Dean Ussher, and Marty Sampson 2015)*

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds His hands His feet  
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of heaven rose again  
O trampled death where is your sting  
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

## **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.

Amen

## **Prayer**

## **Announcements**

## **Benediction**

***Tonight's Worship Service: Reverend Nameun Cho will be preaching on 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, with a time of Q and A ("Grill the Preacher") immediately following.***

# Upcoming Events

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

<p><b>College Shuttle Resumes</b></p> <p>The college shuttle this week for the duration of the Fall semester.</p> <p>Contact Zachary (zachary@cityreformed.org) for more information.</p>	<p>Pickup            9:30AM- pickup at Point Park University 201 Wood St, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 (intersection of Wood Street and Boulevard of the Allies)            9:45- Pitt 4024 O'Hara St, Pittsburgh, PA 15213 (on O'Hara Street near University Place)            9:55- Carnegie Mellon University 5032 Forbes Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213 (Driveway in between UC and East Garage across from Devon Rd)            Return:            12:00 pickup at WT            12:05 Carnegie Mellon drop off            12:15- Pitt drop off            12:30- Point Park drop off</p>
<p><b>Newcomers Lounge</b></p>	<p>Sundays in September! Are you new to City Reformed? Please join us after the service in the Dance Studio G8 for a dedicated space to welcome new visitors. Coffee, bagels, and a warm smile will be made available!</p>
<p><b>College Pizza Social</b> September 11th</p>	<p>9/11 immediately after the morning service. Calling all college students! Join us for a time of FREE PIZZA, fellowship, and learning more about our church. WT Middle School Library (Rm. 224/225, 3rd floor).</p>
<p><b>Welcome Picnic</b> September 18th</p>	<p>9/18 immediately after the morning service. Join us for our annual welcome picnic outside in the WT parking lot. Food will be provided.</p>
<p><b>How to Study the Bible, Women's Seminar</b> 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: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/crpcbiblestudy">tinyurl.com/crpcbiblestudy</a></p>
<p><b>Youth Communicant's Class</b></p>	<p>Are you or do you have a youth in your family looking to take membership vows? Join us as we host a class to study the process of professing faith and becoming communicant members in the church. Email all questions and interests to <a href="mailto:nameun@cityreformed.org">nameun@cityreformed.org</a>.</p>

# Children's Ministry

<b>ONE Week until Sunday School!</b>	Sunday school classes from Toddler - Adult will resume at 9 AM on September 11th. No advance registration is required. See you there! Reach out to Becki (becki@cityreformed.org) with any questions.
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# Missions Committee

<b>Missions Committee Positions Open</b>	The missions committee is looking for two new members. Contact Jim Partridge (jim@cityreformed.org) for more details.
<b>Zimbabwe Missions Trip</b>	The missions committee is planning a two week missions trip to Zimbabwe in the summer of 2023. More details to come soon. Contact Jim Partridge (jim@cityreformed.org) if you are interested in receiving more information.

# Employment and Volunteer Needs

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

<b>Program Manager Job Posting</b>	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 hours are flexible depending on the situation of the applicant. Applicants should send a resume and two references to Nameun@cityreformed.org
<b>Youth Ministry Job Posting</b>	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 hours are flexible depending on the situation of the applicant. Applicants should send a resume and two references to Nameun@cityreformed.org
<b>Coffee Servers Needed</b>	We need more baristas! Baristas serve approximately once a month. No coffee making experience is required. Contact kara@karagwyn.com for further details and to set up training.

# Regular Events

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

<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 Dean and Kyria <b>Zoom link:</b> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer</a></p>
<p><b>Women's Thursday Bible Study</b> First &amp; Third Thursday evenings via Zoom @ 6:00 - 7:30PM:</p>	<p>Studying the topic Heart Renewal: Finding Spiritual Refreshment Contact Cathy Taylor (lawyerdad5@aol.com)</p>
<p><b>Young Adult Women's Bible Study</b> Every Other Wednesday Evening, 7PM</p>	<p>Join us for an 8 session summer study of Proverbs at Katelyn Spallinger's Home (1815 Sarah Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203). Contact Katelyn Spallinger (katelyn@cityreformed.org).</p>

# Groups

<p><b>College Students</b> please refer to campus ministry contacts below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCO at CMU: Nameun Cho (ncho@ccojubilee.org)</li> <li>• CCO at PPU: Katelyn Spallinger (kspallinger@ccojubilee.org)</li> <li>• RUF at Pitt: Gavin Breeden &amp; Callie Miller (gavin.breeden@ruf.org, callie.miller@ruf.org)</li> <li>• <a href="http://cityreformed.org/collegestudents">cityreformed.org/collegestudents</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Community Groups</b> meet in different parts of the city and suburbs offering an opportunity to look more deeply into Scripture and practices of faith in a beautifully diverse community. Please see our website for CGs that are currently meeting or contact Pastor Joseph at <a href="mailto:joseph@cityreformed.org">joseph@cityreformed.org</a></p>
<p><b>Specialty Groups</b> meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, learning, and service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Agora Forum- Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)</i></li> <li>• <i>Men's New Hope (Joseph@cityreformed.org)</i></li> <li>• <i>Mommies' Group (Sandy@cityreformed.org)</i></li> <li>• <i>Wednesday Morning Prayer (Zachary@cityreformed.org)</i></li> <li>• <i>Men's Discipleship Committee (mdc@cityreformed.org)</i></li> <li>• <i>Young Adult Women's Fellowship (Katelyn@cityreformed.org)</i></li> <li>• <i>Informal frisbee (danielrtoney@gmail.com)</i></li> <li>• <i>Board Game Gatherings (gatcheson@gmail.com)</i></li> </ul>

# 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

Friendship\*- Jeff Winkler

Morningside - Michael Hilton

West Hills\*- Jonathan Dodd

Near East Suburban- Jim Partridge

## Wednesday

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