



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**September 5, 2021**

# 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

Christ would have us to be certainly persuaded that there will be a day of judgment, both to deter all people from sin and for the greater consolation of the godly in their adversity.

- Westminster Confession 33.3

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM Starting NEXT WEEK Sept 12  
Winchester Thurston Auditorium  
5059 Ellsworth Ave  
Pittsburgh PA, 15213

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

### Sunday Evening Service

Greenfield Chapel  
3929 Coleman Street  
Pittsburgh PA, 15207

*SUNDAYS starting Sept 12, 2021 | 5:30PM*

### Church Office

3929 Coleman St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15207  
412-720-7014  
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### Donations

Online: Church Center App (Give)  
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Mail: Church Office address above "Attn: Bookkeeper" (please make checks payable to City Reformed Presbyterian Church)

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# Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Worship – September 5, 2021

Presider: Elder David Bacon

## Call to Worship: Jeremiah 31:31, 33-34

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

Leader "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,

People **For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD:**

Leader I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.

People **And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

Leader And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD.

People **For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."**

## Prayer of Invocation

# Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

*(Words: John Newton 1774 Music: Laura Taylor 2001)*

Let us love and sing and wonder,  
Let us praise the Savior's name,  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame,  
He has washed us with his blood (3x),  
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us,  
Pitied us when enemies.  
Called us by his grace and taught us  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.  
He has washed us with his blood (3x),  
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptations  
Threaten hard to bear us down.  
For the Lord our strong salvation  
Holds in view the conqueror's crown  
He who washed us with his blood (3x),  
Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store.  
When through grace in Christ our trust is  
Justice smiles and asks no more.  
He who washed us with his blood (3x),  
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high.  
Here they trusted him before us  
Now their praises fill the sky.  
You have washed us with your blood (3x),  
You are worthy, Lamb of God

# 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

## **Call to Confession: Jeremiah 17:9-10**

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? "I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."

## **Prayer of Confession**

Father, you are wise beyond our understanding and unlimited in your knowledge. True wisdom comes from honoring you. And yet we confess that we are often wise in our own eyes. We ask questions that keep you at a distance. We exalt ourselves and boast in our learning. We also become lazy in our thinking and shallow in our understanding. Forgive us and change us. Teach us to be truly wise as we live in Christ. Give us new eyes to see the world and new hearts that we would love you with all of our mind and all of our strength. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Ezekiel 36:25-26, 33**

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh..."Thus says the Lord God: On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities."

## **Corporate Prayer**

### **Testimonial: Mell Jones Missionary in Zimbabwe**

# 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; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).*

## O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

*(Words and 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

## Pastoral Prayer

*At this time, children ages 4-7 would usually be dismissed for Children's Church, but will remain in the service today for our all-age service.*

## Sermon: Matthew 12:33-42

### The Gospel of Matthew Part 3: "Christ and His Kingdom" "Signs and Judgment"

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- Reverend Matt Koerber

**E**ither make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. <sup>34</sup>You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. <sup>35</sup>The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. <sup>36</sup>I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, <sup>37</sup>for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

<sup>38</sup>Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, “Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.” <sup>39</sup>But he answered them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. <sup>40</sup>For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. <sup>41</sup>The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. <sup>42</sup>The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**





# Additional Scripture

Acts 17:30-31 / "The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

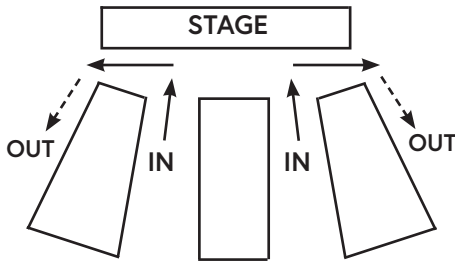
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# Communion

*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. If you have non-communing children, the elders will lay a hand on their head and briefly pray for them as they serve you.*

*Communion is served by elders, using grape juice and wafers in individually packaged containers. There is also gluten-free wafers available on each plate. When you are ready, please proceed up using either of the two interior isles.*

*Please join us in song as we celebrate Christ dwelling with his church in the sacrament of communion.*



# Songs of Communion

## Psalm 16 | Faces of the Saints

*(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke & Naaman Wood 2019)*

Preserve me God in you I take my refuge  
I have no good without your daily presence  
You are my hope my portion and my substance  
And you are making me a pleasant home

*I see eternity in faces of the saints  
And you will not abandon us to hopelessness and death  
For we are resurrected with the presence of your breath  
Your full delight you'll give to those who wait  
Your full delight you give forevermore*

I set the LORD in ev'ry way before me  
And in the night my heart proclaims your counsel  
When you are near then I will not be shaken  
My heart, my mind, and body sing with joy

Those who run to other gods will suffer  
I will not follow in their greedy worship  
No other name but yours is my devotion  
I bless the LORD again I bless the LORD  
I bless the LORD again I bless the LORD

## Psalm 103:1 | Bless the Lord

*(Taizé: Jacques Berthier 1923-1994)*

Bless the Lord, my soul  
And bless God's holy name  
Bless the Lord, my soul  
Who leads me into life

## **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**

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

## Life Together

<b>Evening Service</b> Sunday, September 12 @ 5:30PM 3929 Coleman St. Pittsburgh, PA 15207	Weekly indoor evening services resume September 12th. There is NO evening service tonight, September 5th. All indoor worship services will be masked.
<b>Global Missions Prayer</b> Fridays @ 6:30- 7 AM	Please consider praying with us for our mission partners on Friday mornings. NEW Zoom link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer</a> Contact <a href="mailto:zachary@cityreformed.org">zachary@cityreformed.org</a> for questions
<b>Part-Time Positions at City Reformed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Children's Ministry Coordinator</b> oversees all ministry for children Kindergarten through 5th grade. 28 Hours/week.</li><li>• <b>Bookkeeper</b> - 15 hours a week!</li></ul> Job descriptions are found at: <a href="http://cityreformed.org/employment.html">cityreformed.org/employment.html</a>
<b>Membership Class</b> Friday 9/24 @ 7-9:30 PM& Saturday 9/25 @ 9-1PM	Join us at our next class to learn more about the church and/or become a member. Please RSVP on your Church Center App (go to Events) or online: <a href="https://registrations.planningcenteronline.com/signups/987408">https://registrations.planningcenteronline.com/signups/987408</a> Contact <a href="mailto:Nameun@cityreformed.org">Nameun@cityreformed.org</a>
<b>Welcome Picnic</b> Sunday, September 26th Location: WT Parking Lot	Join us for lunch after our morning service to celebrate a new school year! Food will be provided. Please bring a camp chair.
<b>Sunday School Disciplers NEEDED!</b>	If you would like to serve in Sunday School in the Fall, please contact <a href="mailto:becki@cityreformed.org">becki@cityreformed.org</a> Teachers, Co-Teachers, and Subs needed Clearances required.
<b>Men's &amp; Women's Discipleship Committees</b>	Get Connected! Men and women who are interested in discipleship through a mentoring relationship, contact Adam at <a href="mailto:mdc@cityreformed.org">mdc@cityreformed.org</a> or Sandy at <a href="mailto:Sandy@cityreformed.org">Sandy@cityreformed.org</a>
<b>Nursery</b> Sundays 9AM	<i>INFANT Nursery (0-23 months) will be upstairs in Room 112 &amp; TODDLER Nursery (2-3 yrs) will be upstairs in Room 114. Please continue to preregister: <a href="http://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations">crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations</a>.</i>

<p><b>Congregational Prayers Needed</b></p>	<p>Would you consider being added to our Congregational Prayer Rotation list? It's a beautiful opportunity to serve those around us by hearing various voices lifting our requests to our Lord. Contact <b><i>Chrissie@cityreformed.org</i></b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday Prayer Meetings</b> Wednesdays 8:30- 9:30 AM</p>	<p>Join our staff as they pray for our church. Wednesday weekly prayer is held on Zoom at: <b><i>https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer</i></b></p>
<p><b>Young Adult Women's Fellowship</b></p>	<p>Informal gatherings of young adult women in the church with the purpose to do life together, get to know each other, and to foster a sense of community. Contact <b><i>Katelyn@cityreformed.org</i></b>.</p>
<p><b>Ladies Monday Bible Study</b> Mondays @ 6-7:30PM <i>Cathy Taylor's House,</i> <i>1532 Williamsburg Place</i></p>	<p>Every other Monday: Becoming A Woman of Purpose (Biblical Growth Towards Peace and Fulfillment). Contact Cathy Taylor (<b><i>lawyerdad5@aol.com</i></b>)</p>
<p><b>Bethany Food Bank and Master's Kitchen Service</b> Thurs @ 9AM - 1PM or 4 - 6PM; Fri @ 12 - 1PM</p>	<p>Volunteer to help transport and package food with Bethany Community Ministries. Contact Donna at Bethany: 412.251.1227 or any of the <b><i>Deacons@cityreformed.org</i></b>.</p>

**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:

- [cityreformed.org/community-groups](http://cityreformed.org/community-groups)

**Specialty Groups** meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, and service. For a listing of current groups, please refer to:

- [cityreformed.org/prayer--specialty-groups](http://cityreformed.org/prayer--specialty-groups)

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

- CCO at CMU: Nameun Cho (ncho@ccojubilee.org)
- CCO at PPU: Katelyn Spallinger (kspallinger@ccojubilee.org)
- RUF at Pitt: Derek Bates (dbates@ruf.org), Callie Miller (callie.miller@ruf.org)
- [cityreformed.org/collegestudents](http://cityreformed.org/collegestudents)

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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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