



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**January 14, 2024**

# 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

"Choose your leaders with wisdom and forethought. To be led by a coward is to be controlled by all that the coward fears. To be led by a fool is to be led by the opportunists who control the fool. To be led by a thief is to offer up your most precious treasures to be stolen. To be led by a liar is to ask to be told lies. To be led by a tyrant is to sell yourself and those you love into slavery.

– Octavia E. Butler, *Parable of the Talents*

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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 Worship Service

5:30PM  
Greenfield Chapel  
3929 Coleman Street  
Pittsburgh PA, 15207

### Church Office

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# Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder David Bacon

## Call to Worship: Isaiah 40:9-11

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

Leader Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of  
good news; lift it up, fear not;

People **Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"**

Leader Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for  
him;

People **Behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense  
before him.**

Leader He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in  
his arms;

People **He will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those  
that are with young.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## Behold Him

*(Words & Music: Mitch Wong & Paul Baloche 2019)*

He who was before there was light  
Walked across the pages of time  
He who made every living thing  
Behold Him  
He who heard humanity's cry  
Left His throne to wake as a child  
He became like the least of us  
Behold Him

*Jesus Son of God Messiah  
The Lamb the roaring Lion  
Oh be still and behold Him*

He who dined with sinners and saints  
Healed the blind the lost and the lame  
Even now He is in our midst  
Behold Him  
He who chose a criminal's end  
Paid with blood to settle our debt  
Buried death as He rose to life  
Behold Him

*Jesus Son of God Messiah  
The Lamb the roaring Lion  
Oh be still and behold Him  
Jesus Alpha and Omega  
Our God the risen Savior  
Oh be still and behold Him*

Holy holy holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Worthy worthy worthy  
To receive all praise

## Scripture Reading: Psalm 23

## Wilderness

*(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke, Keith Watts, & Naaman Wood 2020)*

Ev'ry failure that we carry  
Is a load you long to take  
And redeem it for your glory  
With the lightness of your grace  
Though the wilderness is lonely  
Though our hope may seem to wear  
Still the wilderness is holy  
For we find you meet us there

Ev'ry trial and temptation  
Is a cross you call to bear  
That we know more of your patience  
And to feel your loving care  
Though the wilderness is lonely  
Though our faith may seem to bend  
In the wilderness you closely  
Guard our hearts unto the end

Ev'ry stain and imperfection  
You are making wholly new  
For our marks shall be reflections  
Of the scars you carry too  
Though the wilderness is lonely  
Though we wander and we roam  
Through the wilderness your only  
Path of love will lead us home

Blessed is his name  
Jesus Christ we sing  
Worthy to be praised  
Hallelujah!  
That Name to us is Love.

## Come Thou Fount

*(Words: Robert Robinson & Martin Madan; 1760 Music: Unknown)*

Come thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace.  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by thy help I'm come,  
And I hope by thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God.  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be.  
Let that grace now like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for thy courts above.

## **Call to Confession: Isaiah 53:6**

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Father, we have heard your voice speaking to us many times in your word. We have seen the greatness of your rescuing us and protecting us in Christ. But we confess that we have not always taken to heart your truth and your love. In our hearts we have questioned your ways and have many times chosen to go our own way. We have responded to your care with faithlessness and disobedience. We have scorned the promise of your shepherding hand. Make us a people who respond to you with trust. Make us a people whose hearts remain close to you and who walk in loving obedience to you. Do these things by the power of your Holy Spirit working in us, and lead us as our shepherd. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 2:24-25**

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

## **Corporate Prayer**

# Song of Renewal

*We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Please take a moment during the brief interlude to fill out your Care Card to submit prayer requests and reflections of gratitude. Cards and donations can be placed in offering bags. Giving can also be directed online ([cityreformed.org/give](http://cityreformed.org/give)) or sent via mail (3929 Coleman St., 15207).*

## Jesus Lover of My Soul

*(Words: Phillips Brooks 1868; Melody: English Traditional "Forest Green")*

Jesus lover of my soul  
Let me to Thy bosom fly  
While the nearer waters roll  
While the tempest still is high  
Hide me O my Savior hide  
Till the storm is past  
Safe into the haven guide  
Receive my soul at last

Other refuge have I none  
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee  
Leave ah leave me not alone  
Still support and comfort me  
All my trust on Thee is stayed  
Help from Thee I bring  
Cover my defenseless head  
The shadow of Thy wing

Thou O Christ art all I want  
More than all in Thee I find  
Raise the fallen cheer the faint  
Heal the sick and lead the blind  
Just and holy is Thy name  
I am all unrighteousness  
False and full of sin I am  
Thou full of truth and grace

Plenteous grace with Thee is found  
Grace to cover all my sin  
Let the healing streams abound  
Make and keep me pure within  
Thou of life the fountain art  
Let me take of Thee  
Spring Thou up within my heart  
To all eternity

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# Pastoral Prayer

*At this time, children ages 4-7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. Parents, please consider walking your children to their NEW classrooms during the month of January. Please pick them up after the sermon from Children's Church.*

## Sermon: Zechariah 9:16-10:5; 11:1-6

### "The Danger of Bad Shepherds"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

**O**n that day the LORD their God will save them,  
as the flock of his people;  
for like the jewels of a crown  
they shall shine on his land.

<sup>17</sup>For how great is his goodness, and how great his beauty!  
Grain shall make the young men flourish,  
and new wine the young women.

<sup>10:1</sup>Ask rain from the LORD  
in the season of the spring rain,  
from the LORD who makes the storm clouds,  
and he will give them showers of rain,  
to everyone the vegetation in the field.

<sup>2</sup>For the household gods utter nonsense,  
and the diviners see lies;  
they tell false dreams  
and give empty consolation.

Therefore the people wander like sheep;  
they are afflicted for lack of a shepherd.

<sup>3</sup>"My anger is hot against the shepherds,  
and I will punish the leaders;  
for the Lord of hosts cares for his flock, the house of Judah,  
and will make them like his majestic steed in battle.

<sup>4</sup>From him shall come the cornerstone,  
from him the tent peg,  
from him the battle bow,

from him every ruler—all of them together.

<sup>5</sup>They shall be like mighty men in battle,  
trampling the foe in the mud of the streets;  
they shall fight because the Lord is with them,  
and they shall put to shame the riders on horses....

<sup>11:1</sup>Open your doors, O Lebanon,  
that the fire may devour your cedars!

<sup>2</sup>Wail, O cypress, for the cedar has fallen,  
for the glorious trees are ruined!

Wail, oaks of Bashan,  
for the thick forest has been felled!

<sup>3</sup>The sound of the wail of the shepherds,  
for their glory is ruined!

The sound of the roar of the lions,  
for the thicket of the Jordan is ruined!

<sup>4</sup>Thus said the LORD my God: “Become shepherd of the flock doomed to slaughter. <sup>5</sup>Those who buy them slaughter them and go unpunished, and those who sell them say, ‘Blessed be the LORD, I have become rich,’ and their own shepherds have no pity on them. <sup>6</sup>For I will no longer have pity on the inhabitants of this land, declares the LORD. Behold, I will cause each of them to fall into the hand of his neighbor, and each into the hand of his king, and they shall crush the land, and I will deliver none from their hand.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## **Creedal Response:** Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q 26. How does Christ carry out the office of a king?

**A. Christ carries out the office of a king in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.**

## Additional Scripture

Zechariah 11:7-17 / So I became the shepherd of the flock doomed to be slaughtered by the sheep traders. And I took two staffs, one I named Favor, the other I named Union. And I tended the sheep. In one month I destroyed the three shepherds. But I became impatient with them, and they also detested me. So I said, "I will not be your shepherd. What is to die, let it die. What is to be destroyed, let it be destroyed. And let those who are left devour the flesh of one another." And I took my staff Favor, and I broke it, annulling the covenant that I had made with all the peoples. So it was annulled on that day, and the sheep traders, who were watching me, knew that it was the word of the LORD. Then I said to them, "If it seems good to you, give me my wages; but if not, keep them." And they weighed out as my wages thirty pieces of silver. Then the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter"—the lordly price at which I was priced by them. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD, to the potter. Then I broke my second staff Union, annulling the brotherhood between Judah and Israel. Then the LORD said to me, "Take once more the equipment of a foolish shepherd. For behold, I am raising up in the land a shepherd who does not care for those being destroyed, or seek the young or heal the maimed or nourish the healthy, but devours the flesh of the fat ones, tearing off even their hoofs. "Woe to my worthless shepherd, who deserts the flock! ,May the sword strike his arm and his right eye! Let his arm be wholly withered, his right eye utterly blinded!"

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John 10:11-15 / I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd....and I lay down my life for the sheep.

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Ephesians 4:11 / And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers.

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1 Peter 5:1-4 / So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

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# Songs of Thanksgiving

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

May her lamp of truth be bright,  
Bid her bear aloft its light  
Through the realms of endless night:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

Keep her life and doctrine pure,  
Grant 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)

## 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  
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

## Benediction

# Announcements

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

<b>Ethiopia Commissioning PM Service:</b> Tonight 5:30 PM Greenfield Chapel	The CRPC Missions Committee invites the congregation to send off our Ethiopia team to Addis Abbaba with worship this evening at Greenfield Chapel. Light refreshments will be served with the opportunity to encourage the team immediately after the service.
<b>Adult Sunday School Restarts!</b> 9 - 10 AM, WT	The Adult Sunday School Spring class will begin on Sunday, January 21, 9-10am. Dr. Seulgi Byun will lead a host of presenters as we discuss the history of spiritual renewals in the church.
<b>Women's Bible Study:</b> Mondays beginning January 15: 12-2 PM	Paige Brown Benton of West End Community Church in Nashville, TN will be leading a study on the book of Daniel. This 7 week long study will include watching the weekly lecture by Paige followed by group discussion. Contact Luda Bates for more information: <a href="mailto:luda.bates@gmail.com">luda.bates@gmail.com</a>
<b>A Praying Church Seminar:</b> January 19-20 Greenfield Chapel	This is the week! Come to the Praying Church Seminar. Pnline registrattion ends the 17th. Seminar cost is only \$20 and registration is open! To register: <a href="https://City_APC.eventbrite.com">https://City_APC.eventbrite.com</a> . Walk in registrations will be allowed. Contact <a href="mailto:jim@cityreformed.org">jim@cityreformed.org</a>
<b>Congregational Meeting:</b> February 4, immediately after service	Please join us as we report in on various ministries of CRPC and celebrate what the Lord is doing in the midst of our community. We will be voting on elections and re-elections of Elders: David Bacon, Ben Chidester, Luke Kephart and Craig Kozminski; Deacons: Don McMillan, Kyle McMillan & Jeff Winkler; WMC: Debbie Bacon, Irene Winkler & Amanda Moore.
<b>Snow Camp @ Ligonier (LCCC):</b> February 2-4	Registration is officially open for Presbytery-wide camp for MS and HS! ( <a href="https://www.pcapittsburgh.org/event-details/snow-camp-2024">https://www.pcapittsburgh.org/event-details/snow-camp-2024</a> )! The deadline to register is Jan 19. \$105 for the whole weekend or \$65 just for Saturday. Scholarships available. This year, we'll be thinking together about "Who is My Neighbor?" and Pastor Gavin Breeden (Pitt RUF) will be the main speaker. Questions? Contact Pastor John at <a href="mailto:john@cityreformed.org">john@cityreformed.org</a> .
<b>Jubilee Professional:</b> February 16, 1:30-7PM Westin Hotel Pittsburgh	JP brings together Christian professionals and thought leaders from across the country to ask a single question: What does my work have to do with the Kingdom of God? Your work matters— <a href="http://www.jubileeprofessional.com">www.jubileeprofessional.com</a>
<b>Men's Retreat:</b> LCCC February 23-24	Save the Date for the Men's Retreat! Registration will be due 2 weeks before the retreat. More details to follow.

# Regular Events

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<b>College Shuttle Schedule</b>	9:30AM- PPU: 201 Wood St; Contact: Kaia: kaianoeljohnson@gmail.com 9:45AM- Pitt: 4024 O'Hara St; Contact: Maya: mayakang523@gmail.com or David: DGT12@pitt.edu
<b>Agora Forum:</b> Every other Monday 7 PM: 3929 Coleman	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 January 22. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com).
<b>Bean Sprouts Ministry:</b> January 17th	Although many of us are retired, anyone who is free for lunch, please join us! Joe Stehle: joestehle@gmail.com.
<b>Mommies' Discipleship Group:</b> 2nd & 4th Thursdays 7-9 PM	Join us for a time of fellowship and encouragement as we pray for one another and study the book of Colossians. Contact Sandy for more info: sandy@cityreformed.org.
<b>Men's Discipleship</b>	Please contact Adam Schwab (ahs27@pitt.edu) if you are interested in getting more connected.
<b>Wednesday Prayer Meetings:</b> 8:30-9:30 AM	All are welcome to join our Wednesday prayer community. We begin with Scripture, move to a general opening prayer of adoration/thanksgiving, then share specific prayer requests and pray through them. Held on Zoom at: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer</a> .
<b>Global Mission Prayer:</b> Mondays @ 9 PM	Join our church in prayer for missions partners. This week we will be praying for Jeff and Jamie in Asia. Held on Zoom: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer</a> .
<b>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group:</b> Bi-Weekly Wednesdays @ 7 PM	Meets at Amelia Morrissey's Home on the North Side. For more info, contact Lindsay Karr (lindsay.karr@gmail.com). The group is on break in January and will resume meeting in early February.
<b>Youth Group:</b> Bi-Weekly Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 PM	All middle and high school youth are welcome to join us, 6th through 12th grade. Please contact Pastor John (john@cityreformed.org) for more information.
<b>CRPC Storytime:</b> Greenfield Chapel Every other Monday	Toddler/Preschooler Storytime and free play at the Greenfield Chapel. SPRING Semester Dates: January 22, February 5, 19, March 4, 18, April 1, 15, 29. (10-11:30 AM). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Taylor Kilbride taylorlgkilbride@gmail.com.

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

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- 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** (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)

## Employment and Volunteer Needs

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

### Women's Ministry Need

Full-time: We have posted a job description of the new opening on the website. If you or someone you know would like to be considered for the position, please email nameun@cityreformed.org.

## Leadership

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