

## 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

"Worship ought not to be construed in a utilitarian way. Its purpose is not to gain numbers for our churches to be seen as successful. Rather, the entire reason for our worship is that God deserves it."

 Marva Dawn, A Royal "Waste" of Time: The Splendor of Worshiping God and Being Church for the World

#### **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

#### **Church Office**

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#### Church Center App:



#### **Donations**

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Church)

# Worship Service

**City Reformed Presbyterian Church** Sunday Morning Worship – January 16, 2022

Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

## Call to Worship: Psalm 98:1-6

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

Leader Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

People His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Leader The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

People He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

Leader All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

People Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Leader Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

People With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

## Prayer of Invocation

#### Joyful We Adore You

(Words: Henry van Dyke 1907 Melody: Ludwig van Beethoven 1824)

Joyful joyful we adore You
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You
Op'ning to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

All Your works with joy surround You Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays Stars and angels sing around You Center of unbroken praise Field and forest vale and mountain Flow'ry meadow flashing sea Chanting bird and flowing fountain Praising You eternally

You are giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Well-spring of the joy of living
Ocean-depth of happy rest
Loving Father, Christ our Brother
May Your Spirit in us shine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to Your joy divine

Mortals join the mighty chorus With the morning stars begin God's own love is reigning o'er us Humble love binds all in Him Christ we echo ever singing Victors in the midst of strife Joyful music we are bringing In the triumph song of life

## Scripture Reading: Psalm 121

#### Psalm 121

I to the hills will lift my eyes From whence shall come my aid My safety cometh from the LORD Who heav'n and earth has made

Thy foot he'll not let slide nor will He slumber that thee keeps Lo he that keepeth Israel He slumbers not nor sleeps

The LORD thee keeps the LORD thy shade On thy right hand doth stay The moon by night thee shall not smite Nor yet the sun by day

The LORD shall keep thee from all ill He shall preserve thy soul The LORD as thou shalt go and come Forever keeps thee whole

#### Jesus I Am Resting Resting

(Words & Music: David Hampton & Jean Sophia Pigott 1998)

Jesus I am resting resting
In the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee
And Thy beauty fills my soul
For by Thy transforming power
Thou hast made me whole

Jesus I am resting resting In the joy of what Thou art I am finding out the greatness Of Thy loving heart

Oh how great Thy loving kindness
Vaster broader than the sea
Oh how marvelous Thy goodness
Lavished all on me
Yes I rest in Thee Beloved
Know what wealth of grace is Thine
Know Thy certainty of promise
And have made it mine

Simply trusting Thee Lord Jesus
I behold Thee as Thou art
And Thy love so pure so changeless
Satisfies my heart
Satisfies its deepest longings
Meets supplies its ev'ry need
For he wraps me 'round with blessings
Thine is love indeed

Ever lift Thy face upon me
As I work and wait for Thee
Resting 'neath Thy smile Lord Jesus
Earth's dark shadows flee
Brightness of my Father's glory
Sunshine of my Father's face
Keep me ever trusting resting
Fill me with Thy grace

#### Call to Confession: Hebrews 4:12-13

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

## Prayer of Confession:

Father, we confess that we would rather hide in from presence than stand honestly before you. We are used to hiding. We often project constructed self images for people around us. We are prone to deceive ourselves about the reality of our own hearts. And yet, your word pierces us. It shines a light into the dark places of our hearts.

Instead of hiding, help us to look to Jesus. Help us to celebrate the redemption that he offers and take confidence in the righteousness that clothes us through faith in him. May Jesus be glorified as we deepen our trust in him. Give us confidence to draw near to him, seeking grace in our times of need.

#### Silent Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## Membership Vows: Peter Holt

## **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; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).

#### Wood and Nails

(Words & Music: Isaac Wardell, Keith Watts, & Madison Cunningham 2017)

O humble carpenter down on your hands and knees Look on your handiwork and build a house So you may dwell in me So you may dwell in me

The work was done with nothing but wood and nails In Your scar-borne hands O show me how to work and praise Trusting that I am Your instrument

O loving laborer with the sweat upon your face O build a table that I too may join you In the Father's place Oh in the Father's place

The kingdom's come and built upon Wood and nails gripped with joyfulness So send me out within Your ways Knowing that the task is finished

The dead will rise and give You praise
Wood and nails will not hold them down
These wooden tombs we'll break them soon
And fashion them into flower beds

The curse is done the battle won Swords bent down into plowshares Your scar-borne hands we'll join with them Serving at the table You've prepared

## **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: Exodus 20:8-11 90 Days of Worship "Rest and Worship"

- Reverend Matthew Koerber

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## Additional Scripture

Hebrews 4:4-11 / For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest." Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

## Creedal Response: Westminster Confession of Faith 21.7

As it is the law of nature that, in general, a due proportion of time be set apart for the worship of God, so God has particularly appointed one day in seven for a Sabbath to be kept holy to him, by a positive, moral, and perpetual commandment in his Word, binding all people in all ages. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, this was the last day of the week, and after the resurrection of Christ it was changed into the first day of the week, which is called in Scripture the Lord's Day, and is to be continued to the end of the world as the Christian Sabbath.

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## Songs of Thanksgiving

#### 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

On Jordan's Stormy Banks (Words: Samuel Stennett 1787 Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, And cast a wishful eye To Canaan's fair and happy land, Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains, Shines one eternal day; There God the Son forever reigns, And scatters night away.

> I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound) I am bound for the promised land! (2x)

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath Can reach that healthful shore: Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place, And be forever blessed? When shall I see my Father's face, And in His bosom rest?

## Prayer

#### Announcements

#### Benediction

Tonight's Communion Service: Reverend Nameun Cho will be preaching on Psalm 13 " How Long, O Lord?"

# **Upcoming Events**

#### www.cityreformed.org/events

Annual Congregational Meeting Sun Jan 23rd	All members of our congregation are encouraged to attend, as we will be voting on pertinent church decisions such as the election of elders, deacons, and women's ministry council members.
Save the Date: Men's Retreat March 4-5	The men's discipleship committee is planning to host our annual men's retreat this year on March 4th and 5th at Ligonier Camp and Conference Center. Contact Jim@cityreformed.org for more information.
Missions Committee Positions Open	The Missions Committee is looking to add two new members. The Missions Committee serve as the liaisons between our mission partners and our congregation, and promote global missions within our church. Contact Jim@cityreformed.org if you are intersted.
Global Missions Prayer Survey	The missions committee is considering changing the time of global missions prayer. If you are interested in joining us as we pray for our mission partners, please fill out this availability survey: https://bit.ly/globalprayer22
Membership Class Friday 2/4 @7:30PM & Saturda 2/5@ 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: https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1142606 Contact Nameun@cityreformed.org
Snow Camp: Middle School: Feb 11- 13 (registration closes Jan 24)	The theme of this year's camp is "The Everyday Gospel". Both camps cost \$95 per person, which can be paid on Planning Center. Contact Zachary@cityreformed.org or John@cityreformed.org for information on scholarships.

# Volunteer and Employment Needs

Children's Church Assistants and Teachers	We are currently looking to add Lead Teachers to our Children's Church volunteer team! Adding 5 people to this team would allow Lead Teachers to make the one month commitment, once a year.  Contact AllisonH@cityreformed.org
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10 Minute Trainings	We will be conducting quick refresher sessions for our volunteer teams in January. We will have one volunteer team a week gather in the cafeteria following service for 10 minutes of refreshers and questions. If you are interested in joining a volunteer team, this is a great way to get some more information.
	January 16th- Greeters January 23rd- No training- Congrefational Meeting January 30th- Setup and Tear Down

February 6th- Nursery and Children's Church

## **Regular Events**

#### www.cityreformed.org/events

Resumes today	We will be resuming our weekly shuttle from Point Park, Pitt, and CMU next week. We are excited to welcome our college students back to the city!

#### 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: Callie Miller (callie.miller@ruf.org)
- cityreformed.org/collegestudents

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

- Agora Forum- Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)
- Men's New Hope (Joseph@cityreformed.org)
- Mommies' Group (Sandy@cityreformed.org)
- Wednesday Morning Prayer (Zachary@cityreformed.org)
- Men's Discipleship Committee (mdc@cityreformed.org)- MENTORS NEEDED!
- Young Adult Women's Fellowship (Katelyn@cityreformed.org)

## **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 Morningside\*- Jeff Winkler

## Wednesday

Near East Suburban- Jim Partridge Regent Square- David Snoke Baldwin/Greenfield\*- Joseph Bianco East Suburban- Joe Stehle West End\*- Jonathan Dodd

## **Thursday**

Greenfield/North Oakland- Ben Chidester Forest Hills\*- Adam Schwab

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All scripture verses are the English Standard Version (ESV), unless otherwise noted.

<sup>\*</sup>Childcare provided

<sup>\*\*</sup> Kid's play area available