



Sunday Morning Worship
January 21, 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 or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Reflections

"I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

– Paul, *Letter to the Philippians*

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
Winchester Thurston Auditorium
5059 Ellsworth Ave
Pittsburgh PA, 15213
LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

Sunday Evening Worship Service

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

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Church)

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Information:



Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Nameun Cho

Call to Worship: Colossians 1:15-20, 28-29

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

Leader He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

People And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Leader And he is the head of the body, the church.

People He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

Leader For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven,

People Making peace by the blood of his cross.

Leader Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

People For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Prayer of Invocation

Endless Light

(Words & Music: Karl Cashwell & Dean Ussher 2011)

From the highest throne to the earth below
You laid down Your life for the likes of us
Great is the love of the Savior
From a wounded heart to a life made whole
Every human heart will declare as one
Great is the love of the Savior

*Lord of endless light
Let Your glory shine forever
All the earth
All the earth will sing Your praise
Hope of every heart
Let Your Name be lifted higher
All our hearts
All our hearts will sing Your praise*

From the mountain heights to the valleys low
All created things given life to show
Jesus we live for Your glory
From the rising sun to the still of night
Every waking moment for Your delight
Jesus we live for Your glory

God be exalted
God be exalted in everything
We live for Your glory
Live for Your glory

Scripture Reading: Revelation 5:6–14

I Stand Amazed

(Words & Music: Charles H. Gabriel 1905)

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner condemned unclean

For me it was in the garden
He prayed not my will but thine
He would not yield to his own grief
But sweat drops of blood for mine

*How marvelous how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous how wonderful
Is my Saviour's love for me*

In pity angels beheld Him
And came from the world of light
To comfort Him in the sorrows
He bore for my soul that night

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me

Agnus Dei / Sanctus

(Words & Music: Michael W. Smith 1990)

Alleluia alleluia

For the Lord God Almighty reigns

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For the Lord God Almighty reigns

Alleluia

Holy holy

Are You Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb

Worthy is the Lamb

You are holy holy

Are You Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb

Worthy is the Lamb

Amen

Call to Confession: Colossians 1:10-11

Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy...

Prayer of Confession: *Based on Paul's prayer in Colossians 1:9-14*

Father, you have delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of your beloved Son. We look to him alone for redemption, we look to the cross of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. We ask to be filled with the knowledge of your will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. Help us to walk in a manner that is pleasing to you and help us to be fruitful with good works. Strengthen us with all power according to your glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy. We give you thanks for the inheritance that you have prepared for us. We thank you that you are continuing to work for our good in all things to prepare us for our heavenly inheritance. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 1:12-14

Thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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) or sent via mail (3929 Coleman St., 15207).

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

(Words & Music: Jonny Robinson & Rich Thompson 2015)

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name
But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

*And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore*

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore

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 12:1-9

"Strengthened By God"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

The oracle of the word of the LORD concerning Israel: Thus declares the LORD, who stretched out the heavens and founded the earth and formed the spirit of man within him: ²“Behold, I am about to make Jerusalem a cup of staggering to all the surrounding peoples. The siege of Jerusalem will also be against Judah. ³On that day I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples. All who lift it will surely hurt themselves. And all the nations of the earth will gather against it. ⁴On that day, declares the LORD, I will strike every horse with panic, and its rider with madness. But for the sake of the house of Judah I will keep my eyes open, when I strike every horse of the peoples with blindness. ⁵Then the clans of Judah shall say to themselves, ‘The inhabitants of Jerusalem have strength through the LORD of hosts, their God.’

⁶“On that day I will make the clans of Judah like a blazing pot in the midst of wood, like a flaming torch among sheaves. And they shall devour to the right and to the left all the surrounding peoples, while Jerusalem shall again be inhabited in its place, in Jerusalem.

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⁷“And the LORD will give salvation to the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem may not surpass that of Judah. ⁸On that day the LORD will protect the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the feeblest among them on that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the angel of the LORD, going before them. ⁹And on that day I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q 35. What is sanctification?

A. Sanctification is the work of God's free grace by which we are renewed in our whole person in the image of God and by which we are enabled more and more to die to sin and live to righteousness.

Additional Scripture

Colossians 1:28-29 / Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Notes

Songs of Thanksgiving

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

(Words: Kate Wilkinson 1925; Music: Daniel Snoko 2018)

May the mind of Christ my Savior
Live in me from day to day
By his love and pow'r controlling
All I do, all I say.

May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour' to hour
So that all may see I triumph
Only through his love and pow'r
Only through his love and pow'r.

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea.
Him exalting, self removing,
This is my victory.
May the peace of God, my father,
Rule my life in ev'rything,
That I may be quick to comfort
All the sick and sorrowing,
All the sick and sorrowing.

May his beauty rest upon me,
As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel,
Seeing him, only him.
May I run the race before me,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward with him go,
As I onward with him go.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

(Words: Thomas Obediah Chisholm; Music: William Marion Runyan 1923)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Benediction

At tonight's Communion Worship Service, Elder Dave Snoke will be preaching from Ephesians 2:11-22: "How are Israel and the Church Related?"

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Adult Sunday School Restarted this Morning!! 9 - 10 AM, WT	The Adult Sunday School Spring class began THIS 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.
Serve in Children's Church:	Children's Church now has two classes! We are still in need of 7 Lead Teachers and 5 Teacher Aides to have a full team. There are needs in Teach Me To Worship (for 6-7 year olds) and in Little Pillars (for 4-5 year olds). If you are interested in serving, please contact Becki: becki@cityreformed.org.
Women's Bible Study: 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: luda.bates@gmail.com
Congregational Meeting: 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.
Snow Camp @ Ligonier (LCCC): February 2-4	Registration is officially open for Presbytery-wide camp for MS and HS! (https://www.pcapittsburgh.org/event-details/snow-camp-2024)! 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 john@cityreformed.org.
Jubilee Professional: 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— www.jubileeprofessional.com
Men's Retreat: LCCC February 23-24	Save the date for the men's retreat, which is open to men and boys of all ages. Registration due by Feb 9. More details to follow. Contact Michael Peets at peetsno2@gmail.com

Regular Events

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College Shuttle Schedule	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
Agora Forum: 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).
Bean Sprouts Ministry:	Although many of us are retired, anyone who is free for lunch once a month, please join us! Joe Stehle: joestehle@gmail.com.
Mommies' Discipleship Group: 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.
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	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: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer .
Global Mission Prayer: Mondays @ 9 PM	Join our church in prayer for missions partners. This week we will be praying for Hannah Nation and her work with China Partnership and Center for House Church Theology. Held on Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer .
Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group: 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.
Youth Group: 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.
CRPC Storytime: 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 taylorgkilbride@gmail.com.

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

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

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.

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