



Sunday Morning Worship
January 23, 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 or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Reflections

"Only where hands are not too good for deeds of love and mercy in everyday helpfulness can the mouth joyfully and convincingly proclaim the message of God's love and mercy."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, "Life Together"

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

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Donations

Online: Church Center App (Give)
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Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

Call to Worship: Revelation 5:6-10

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

Leader And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

People **And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.**

Leader And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

People **And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals,**

Leader For you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,

People **And you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."**

Prayer of Invocation

Holy Holy Holy

(Words: Reginald Heber 1826 Music: John Bacchus Dykes 1823-76)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,
In earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Scripture Reading: Psalm 122

Isaiah 55 | So Shall His Word

(Words & Music: Liz Vice & Sandra McCracken)

So shall his Word that goes out, that goes out
Shall not return, not return empty

*It shall make a name for the LORD
It shall make a name for the LORD
Let the Light make a name for the LORD
In the dark*

Come all who thirst, laborers, lay it down
Come seek the Lord while he may be found

We shall go out, out with joy led in peace
Join in the song all creation sing

*We shall make a name for the LORD
We shall make a name for the LORD
Let the Light make a name for the LORD
In the dark*

Solid Rock (My Hope Is Built)

(Words: Edward Mote 1834 Music: William Batchelder Bradbury 1863)

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

His oath His covenant His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my Hope and Stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

Call to Confession: Titus 3:3

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray,
slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in
malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, help us to love you. Not just to respect you or just to obey you but to love you. Help us to love your Word, to love your ways, and to love your character, high and holy yet also near and gracious to the broken and contrite in heart. We love you because you first loved us. Help us to see your love for us, which seeks us out, and your eternal goodness. Help us to love your people who represent you, though imperfectly, and to love our neighbors who are made in your image. We fail in love; send your Holy Spirit to give us life and love, obedience and rest in you.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 2:19-22

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.

Missions Update: Jonathan and Vicky

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).

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)

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,
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: 1 Peter 2:4-10

90 Days of Worship

"Worship in Community"

- Reverend Matthew Koerber

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”

⁸and

“A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Exodus 19:5-6 / Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

Deuteronomy 7:6 / "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth."

Deuteronomy 10:15 / Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day.

Creedal Response: Westminster Confession of Faith 26.1

All saints are united to Jesus Christ their Head by his Spirit through faith, and have fellowship with him in his grace, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory. Being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obligated to the performance of such public and private duties as support their mutual good, both in the inward and outward person.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Living Stones | 1 Peter 2:1-12

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoko 2019)

May you keep your actions noble
May your neighbors see your love
When they speak about your failure
May they see your deeds and give God glory

*For you, you have been chosen
to be God's holy people
That he builds into his house like living stones
Full of the Spirit*

*And you, you have been chosen
to be God's holy people
That he builds into his house like living stones
Full of the Spirit of peace*

If you've seen that God is precious
If you've tasted that he's good
If you struggle with your passion
Come to rest your soul as God's beloved

Come to him, the stone rejected
Come to him and give your life
Put away your sin and slander
Come to Christ the Living Stone of Zion

His mercy calls you
From darkness into his glory
The day of the Lord will come

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

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

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

<p>Seminar: Carl Ellis Saturday, January 29th @7-8:30PM Greenfield</p>	<p>Dr. Carl Ellis, Jr., Senior Research Fellow and Provost's Professor of Theology and Culture at Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS), will join us on Saturday evening, January 29th, 2022, to discuss Critical Race Theory and how to interact with it faithfully from the Scriptures. Livestream will be available.</p>
<p>Annual Congregational Meeting Sun Jan 23rd</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Save the Date: Men's Retreat March 4-5</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Missions Committee Positions Open</p>	<p>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 interested.</p>
<p>Global Missions Prayer Survey FINAL WEEK</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Membership Class Friday 2/4 @7:30PM & Saturda 2/5@ 9-1PM</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Snow Camp: Middle School: Feb 11- 13 (registration closes Jan 24)</p>	<p>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.</p>

Volunteer and Employment Needs

<p>Employment: Children's Ministry Assistants</p>	<p>We are seeking two people to assist Becki in ministry. If you have a heart for the children of our church and 8-10 hours a week, we would love to have you! A sample job description can be found on the website under Employment, and the final job description will be tailored to reflect your gifts and strengths.</p>
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10 Minute Trainings	<p>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.</p> <p>January 23rd- No training- Congregational Meeting January 30th- No training (rescheduled) February 6th- Nursery and Children's Church Feb 13th- Setup and Tear Down</p>
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Regular Events

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Agora Forum Mon 1/24/22 @ 7PM 3929 Coleman St., 15207	<p>We will be beginning a new series on worship this winter. Dr. Snoke will lead the discussion this week. Contact Alex (amain8511@gmail.com).</p>
Youth Group 1PM-2:30PM Today	<p>Youth Group will begin to 1PM today due to the congregational meeting. We will still meet for lunch and activities from 1-2:30PM. All students grades 6-12 are welcome!</p>

Groups

<p>College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Agora Forum- Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)</i> • <i>Men's New Hope (Joseph@cityreformed.org)</i> • <i>Mommies' Group (Sandy@cityreformed.org)</i> • <i>Wednesday Morning Prayer (Zachary@cityreformed.org)</i> • <i>Men's Discipleship Committee (mdc@cityreformed.org)- MENTORS NEEDED!</i> • <i>Young Adult Women's Fellowship (Katelyn@cityreformed.org)</i>

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 Snoko

Baldwin/Greenfield*- Joseph Bianco

East Suburban- Joe Stehle

West End*- Jonathan Dodd

Thursday

Greenfield/North Oakland- Ben Chidester

Forest Hills*- Adam Schwab

*Childcare provided

** Kid's play area available

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