



Sunday Morning Worship
January 28, 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

"For this reason I do not object to what Augustine says, that our sacraments have flowed from Christ's side; for, when Baptism and the Lord's Supper lead us to Christ's side, that by faith we may draw from it, as from a fountain, what they represent, then are we truly washed from our pollutions, and renewed to a holy life, and then do we truly live before God, redeemed from death, and delivered from condemnation."

– John Calvin

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
Winchester Thurston Auditorium
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LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

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Welcome
Information:



Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:30PM
Greenfield Chapel
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Church)

Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Joe Stehle

Call to Worship: Isaiah 66:1-2

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

Leader Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is the place of my rest?.

People **All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the LORD.**

Leader But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word...."

Isaiah 64:1-4

People **Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—
...to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence!**

Leader Then you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

People **From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.**

Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 34 | Taste and See

(Words & Music: Joe Rigney & Shane Barnard 2015)

I sought the Lord and He answered me
And delivered me from ev'ry fear
Those who look on Him are radiant
They'll never be ashamed
They'll never be ashamed

This poor man cried and the Lord heard me
And saved me from my enemies
The Son of God surrounds His saints
He will deliver them
He will deliver them

*Magnify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name together
Glorify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name forever*

O taste and see that the Lord is good
O blessed is he who hides in Him
O fear the Lord O all you saints
He'll give you ev'rything
He'll give you ev'rything

Let us bless the Lord
Ev'ry day and night
Never ending praise
May our incense rise

Scripture Reading: Revelation 5:6–14

Is He Worthy

(Words & Music: Ben Shive and Andrew Peterson 2018)

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)
Do you know that all the dark won't stop
the light from getting through? (We do)
Do you wish that you could
see it all made new? (We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is)
Is a new creation coming? (It is)
Is the glory of the Lord to be
The light within our midst? (It is)
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)

*Is anyone worthy?
Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal
And open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah
who conquered the grave
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died
to ransom the slave
Is He worthy, is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this?
He is*

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)
And does Jesus our Messiah hold
Forever those He loves? (He does)
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does)

*Is anyone worthy?
Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal
And open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah
who conquered the grave
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died
to ransom the slave
From ev'ry people and tribe,
every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom
and priests to God
to reign with the Son
Is He worthy, is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy, is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this?*

Now Behold The Lamb

(Words & Music: Kirk Franklin 1995)

Now behold the Lamb
The Precious Lamb of God
Born into sin that I may live again
The Precious Lamb of God

Holy is the Lamb
The Precious Lamb of God
Why You love me so
Lord I shall never know
The Precious Lamb of God

Thank You for the Lamb
The Precious Lamb of God
Because of Your grace
I can finish this race
The Precious Lamb of God

Call to Confession: James 4:7-10

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Prayer of Confession:

Heavenly Father, when we consider you, the sovereign king and creator, it is hard to fathom that you would be mindful of us, or that you would care for us. As frail creatures that rebel against you, we try to set ourselves up as lords of the universe. We strive to be free from you and your Word; unshackled from your law. But in breaking free from you we find ourselves imprisoned by our sin. Gracious father forgive us for that pride. Forgive us for thinking that we don't need your word. Forgive us for acting like we know better than the one who made us. Humble us we ask. Help us to find our strength not in ourselves but in you the sovereign God and king, and in Christ our Lord who is the mighty one; the Son of Man who saves us and sets us free. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: James 4:5-6

The Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

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).

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 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 12:10-13:1

"A Fountain Opened"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

“**A**nd I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. ¹¹On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. ¹²The land shall mourn, each family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹³the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shimeites by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹⁴and all the families that are left, each by itself, and their wives by themselves.

^{13:1}“On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q 30: How does the Spirit apply the redemption purchased by Christ to us?

A: The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ by creating faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

Additional Scripture

Mark 2:17 / And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

John 7:37-39 / On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

John 19:37 / And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced."

1 Corinthians 10:4 / For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

Revelation 1:7 / Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

Revelation 22:1-2 / Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Notes

Songs of Thanksgiving

Come Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted

(Words: Joseph Swain 1785; Music: Kevin Twit 2013)

Come ye souls by sin afflicted
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down
By the broken law convicted
Through the cross behold the crown
Look to Jesus (3x)
Mercy flows through Him alone

Take His easy yoke and wear it;
Love will make your obedience sweet
Christ will give you strength to bear it
While His grace shall guide your feet
Safe to glory (3x)
Where His ransomed captives meet

Blessèd are the eyes that see Him
Blest the ears that hear His voice
Blessèd are the souls that trust Him
And in Him alone rejoice
His commandments (3x)
Then become their happy choice

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary
Light to newly opened eyes
Like full springs in deserts dreary
Is the rest the cross supplies
All who taste it (3x)
Shall to rest immortal rise

Look to Jesus (3x)
Mercy flows through Him alone

There Is A Fountain

(Words & Music: William Cowper & Lowell Mason 1772)

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains (3x)
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day
And there have I though vile as he
Washed all my sins away (3x)
And there have I though vile as he
Washed all my sins away

Dear dying Lamb thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power
And all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more (3x)
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Your flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die (3x)
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die

When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave
Then in a nobler sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save (3x)
Then in a nobler sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Joseph Bianco will be preaching from John 7:37-39, 19:31-37: "The God Who Can Be Pierced."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Adult Sunday School 9 - 10 AM, WT	The Adult Sunday School Spring class has restarted. 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: 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, & Jeff Winkler; WMC: Debbie Bacon, Irene Winkler & Amanda Moore.
Snow Camp @ Ligonier (LCCC): February 2-4	This year, we will 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. Register here: http://tinyurl.com/CRPC2024MensRetreat Contact Michael Peets at peetsno2@gmail.com
Follow our Ethiopia Team!	Our dear team left yesterday and are hoping you will follow along and pray for them! If you are interested: sign-up here: http://tinyurl.com/CRPC2024EthiopiaTeam

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. The next date is Feb 21 - 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 taylorlgilbride@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:

- CMU: Chris Bollinger (cwbollinger@gmail.com)
- 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

Set-Up and Tear-Down
Sunday AM @ WT

We really would love to have more folks on the list so we don't have to lean on the same folks almost every week. Please email office@cityreformed.org if you are willing to help!

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