



Sunday Morning Worship
October 17, 2021

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 came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

- Jesus, (The Gospel of John 10:10)

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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Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church
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Presider: Elder David Bacon

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1-7

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

Leader Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Leader For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

People **The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.**

Leader Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

People **For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

Prayer of Invocation

Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus

(Words: Louisa M. R. Stead 1882 - Music: William J. Kirkpatrick 1882)

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His word
Just to rest upon His promise
And to know thus saith the Lord

O how sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to trust His cleansing blood
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing cleansing flood

*Jesus Jesus how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus Jesus precious Jesus
O for grace to trust Him more*

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus
Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest and joy and peace

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee
Precious Jesus Savior Friend
And I know that Thou art with me
Wilt be with me to the end

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.

Scripture Reading

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

(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

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 confess that we live lives full of fear. We are afraid of what others think. We fear losing the things that make us comfortable. We are afraid of being alone, of being in need, of being weak. We are slow to go to you and to rest in you. We ask that you would humble us and cause us to see your mercy. Give us confidence to come to you because of our savior Jesus Christ. Help us to trust that you are working for us and that you are able to care for us. Be glorified as you bring your strength to our weakness. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

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).

Abide with Me

(Words: Henry Francis Lyte 1847; Music: Justin Smith 2007)

Abide with me fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless abide with me

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile
And, though rebellious and perverse meanwhile
Thou hast not left me oft as I left Thee
On to the close Lord abide with me

I need Thy presence every passing hour
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power
Who, like Thyself my guide and stay can be
Through cloud and sunshine abide with me

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death Where grave thy victory
I triumph still abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee
In life in death Lord abide with me

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: Matthew 13:53-14:12

The Gospel of Matthew, Part 3: Christ and His Kingdom

"Motives for Unbelief"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

And when Jesus had finished these parables, he went away from there, ⁵⁴and coming to his hometown he taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works? ⁵⁵Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? ⁵⁶And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" ⁵⁷And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household." ⁵⁸And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.

^{14:1}At that time Herod the tetrarch heard about the fame of Jesus, ²and he said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist. He has been raised from the dead; that is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ³For Herod had seized John and bound him and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, ⁴because John had been saying to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." ⁵And though he wanted to put him to death, he feared the people, because they held him to be a prophet. ⁶But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company and pleased Herod, ⁷so that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask. ⁸Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter." ⁹And the king was sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he commanded it to be given. ¹⁰He sent and

Creedal Response: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. § The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,* the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

§ Christ suffered God's wrath on the cross

* Universal church

Songs of Thanksgiving

Who Is This So Weak and Helpless

(Words: William W. How 1867 Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

Who is this, so weak and helpless,
Child of lowly Hebrew maid,
Rudely in a stable sheltered,
Coldly in a manger laid?
'Tis the Lord of all creation,
Who this wondrous path has trod;
He is Lord from everlast—ing,
And to everlasting God.

Who is this, a Man of Sorrows,
Walking sadly life's hard way,
Homeless, weary, sighing, weeping
Over sin and Satan's sway?
'Tis our God, our glorious Savior,
Who above the starry sky
Is for us a place prepar—ing,
Where no tear can dim the eye.

Who is this? Behold him shedding
Drops of blood upon the ground!
Who is this, despised, rejected,
Mocked, insulted, beaten, bound?
'Tis our God, Who gifts and graces
On His church is pouring down;
Who shall smite in holy ven—geance
All His foes beneath His throne.

Who is this that hangs there dying
While the rude world scoffs and scorns,
Numbered with the malefactors,
Torn with nails, and crowned with thorns?
'Tis our God Who lives forever
'Mid the shining ones on high,
In the glorious golden ci—ty,
Reigning everlastingly.

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

(Words & Music: Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman)

*Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship His holy name*

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Upcoming Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Evening Communion Service TONIGHT @ 5:30PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>We will be serving communion today at our weekly evening service.</p>
<p>Church Hayride Friday, October 22nd @6-8PM</p>	<p>Come join us for a hayride, bonfire, apples and s'mores at Simmons Farm. \$5 registration per person, \$20 per family open are open on Planning Center.</p>
<p>Women's Discipleship Mentor Lunch Sunday, 10/24</p>	<p>The Women's Discipleship Committee invites women of all ages to join us for a lunch of homemade soups, breads, and desserts immediately following the morning worship service. There will also be an opportunity to learn more about our mentor ministry. We will meet in the WT cafeteria and weather permitting, we will eat in the green space belonging to the upper campus of WT. Contact Sandy for more info. Sandy@cityreformed.org or RSVP at tinyurl.com/crpcmentorlunch21 Husbands of women attending the brunch are invited to meet together during this time. We will order in lunch and meet at a playground. Dads with kids welcome. Contact Joe Stehle: joestehle@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Pittsburgh Presbytery Women's Conference 11/5 and 11/6 Calvin Presbyterian Church, North Huntington PA</p>	<p>PCA National Trainer Chandra Oliver speaking on Thinking Biblically and Living Covenantally. This event is both in-person and virtual livestream. Fliers are on the table in the foyer for information to register and purchase tickets. Registration closes 10/31. Contact Callie: callie.miller@ruf.org</p>
<p>Older Adult Ministry Brainstorming Thursday, 10/21 @ 7PM Zoom</p>	<p>Anyone interested in prayerfully exploring a new ministry opportunity for and by older adults is invited to join in a zoom call on Thursday evenings, October 21 at 7PM. We will pray and look at a number of ideas developing for older adult ministries, and hopefully plan for some activities for us. Please contact Joe Stehle (joestehle@gmail.com) for questions. link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcolderadultministryplanning</p>

Volunteer Needs

<p>Musicians</p>	<p>Are you interested in serving on the CRPC music team? After a season of uncharted COVID precautions, we are happy to increase our flexibility and capacity to welcome new members. Please contact Daniel Snoke (dsnoke@ccojubilee.org) for more information on how you can apply.</p>
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Regular Events

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Wednesday Prayer Meetings Wednesdays 8:30- 9:30 AM	Join our staff as they pray for our church. Wednesday weekly prayer is held on Zoom at: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer
Global Missions Prayer Fridays @ 6:30- 7 AM	Please consider praying with us for our mission partners on Friday mornings. Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer Contact zachary@cityreformed.org for questions
NEW Women's Tuesday Bible Study Tuesday Mornings via Zoom @ 10-11:15AM Starting 10/26	Studying In His Image: 10 Ways God Calls Us to Reflect His Character, by Jen Wilkin. For more information, contact Patty Stehle (pjstehle@gmail.com) Study link: tinyurl.com/crpcwomenstuesdaystudy22

Groups

College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below: <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: Derek Bates (dbates@ruf.org), 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 listing of current groups, please refer to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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!

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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

Forest Hills*- Adam Schwab

Northside- Joe Bencoter & 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

*Childcare provided

** Kid's play area available

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