



**Sunday Morning Worship
November 1, 2020**

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

There's no place like home.

- Dorothy, "The Wizard of Oz"

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM

LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

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OR crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations

Sunday Evening Worship Service

SUNDAY 11/8 | 5PM & 6PM
Winchester Thurston School
5059 Ellsworth Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Church Office

3929 Coleman St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15207
412-720-7014
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Donations

Online: Church Center App (Give)
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Mail: Church Office address above "Attn: Allison" (please make checks payable to City Reformed Presbyterian Church)

Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

Call to Worship: Psalm 72:1-4, 17-19

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

Leader Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

People **May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!**

Leader Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!

People **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor! ...**

Leader May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun!

People **May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed!**

Leader Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

People **Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!**

Prayer of Invocation

O Worship The King

(Words: Robert Grant 1833; Music: Johann Haydn 1700's)

O worship the King all glorious above
And gratefully sing His power and His love
Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

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O tell of His might O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light whose canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail
In Thee do we trust nor find Thee to fail
Thy mercies how tender how firm to the end
Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend

O measureless might ineffable love
While angels delight to worship Thee above
The humbler creation though feeble their ways
With true adoration shall all sing Thy praise

Desert Song

(Words & Music: Brooke Fraser 2008)

This is my pray'r in the desert
When all that's within me feels dry
This is my pray'r in my hunger and need
My God is the God who provides

This is my pray'r in the fire
In weakness or trial or pain
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold
So refine me Lord through the flame

*I will bring praise, I will bring praise
No weapon formed against me shall remain
I will rejoice, I will declare
God is my victory and He is here*

This is my pray'r in the battle
When triumph is still on its way
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ
So firm on His promise I'll stand

All of my life in ev'ry season You are still God
I have a reason to sing I have a reason to worship

This is my pray'r in the harvest
When favour and providence flow
I know I'm filled to be emptied again
The seed I've received I will sow _____

Call to Confession: Psalm 70:4-5

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!" But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you are great! But, we confess that we are poor and needy. We feel our weakness and inability to control our surroundings. We confess that we often mask this reality with distraction. We confess that we sometimes use anger or deception to try to gain control. We humble ourselves before you. Restore us and renew our faith. You are our help and our deliverer. O Lord, do not delay! Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 34:18, 22

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit... The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

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 I My Cross Have Taken

(Words: Henry Lyte 1825; Music: Bill Moore 2001)

Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.

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Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me,
Show Thy face and all is bright.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,
Come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,
With Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father,
I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;
All must work for good to me.

Soul, then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee,
Child of heaven, canst thou repine?

Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee,
God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Hebrews 11:8-16

Journey by Faith to the City of God:
"God's Story and Our True Home"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Genesis 12:1-3 / Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 17:7-8 / "And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God."

Jeremiah 29:7 / But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Hebrews 13:12-14 / So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.

Revelation 21:1-5 / Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

Scriptural Response: 1 Peter 5:6-7, 10-11

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you... And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final songs if you are able.

Great Are You Lord

(Words & Music: Leslie Jordan & David Leonard 2012)

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore
Ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

*It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only*

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord

Psalm 24 | We Long to See You

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2015)

Almighty God, we long to see you.
Open our hearts and make them pure.
Spirit, we wash our hands in mercy.
Come teach our souls to love your truth.

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

(Words & Music: Elisha Albright Hoffman, Anthony J. Showalter, and Anthony Johnson Showalter)

What a fellowship what a joy divine
Leaning on the everlasting arms
What a blessedness what a peace is mine
Leaning on the everlasting arms

*Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
Safe and secure from all alarms
Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
Leaning on the everlasting arms*

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O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way
 Leaning on the everlasting arms
 O how bright the path grows from day to day
 Leaning on the everlasting arms

What have I to dread what have I to fear
 Leaning on the everlasting arms
 I have blessed peace with my Lord so near
 Leaning on the everlasting arms


Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

If you would like to contact a pastor, please email joseph@cityreformed.org.

Life Together

<p>Attend Morning Service "In-Person" Sundays @ 10:15AM WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</p>	<p>Register on your Church Center App (go to Events), or online: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations. Contact Sol (sol@cityreformed.org). Morning Service Livestream continues indefinitely.</p>
<p>Open Evening Communion Services Next Sun 11/8 @ 5 & 6 PM WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</p> <p>Church Center App:</p> 	<p>In-person service held twice, with communion served both times. Review instructions for attending at: cityreformed.org/open-service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WT requires health screening before entering the building. On the day you are attending, please submit this form: tinyurl.com/WTSscreening (one form per Sunday per household). • ** BRING MASKS ** <i>Mandatory mask policy for everyone over 2 yrs old.</i> • Check in on your Church Center app (go to Check-In), or we will check you in when you arrive.
<p>Building Work Day Sat 11/14 @ 9AM - 3PM 3929 Coleman St, 15207</p>	<p>Help lay carpet, sand drywall, or organize the basement. Sign up online: bit.ly/3orTyIW. Contact Gary (building@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p>Adult CE Webinar by Carl Trueman on "City of God" Sat 11/21 @ 10 - 11:30AM</p>	<p>Dr. Trueman will discuss sections of <i>The City of God</i> by Augustine about how Christians should live in this world with an eye to the eternal city.</p>

<p>Day of Fasting and Prayer Sat 11/21 - Sun 11/22</p>	<p>Begin after dinner on Saturday until dinner on Sunday. Those who are able to join us for the communion service Sunday night will essentially break their fast with the Lord's Supper. See Pastor Matt's note online: cityreformed.org/covid19.</p>
<p>Men's Discipleship Committee</p>	<p>MEN who are interested in discipleship through a mentoring relationship, contact Adam (ahs27@pitt.edu).</p>
<p>Virtual Game Night Mon 11/9 @ 6PM</p>	<p>Restarting the virtual board game nights with Shawn Patton's "Mischief at the Museum". Contact Gary (gatcheson@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Parenting Seminar by Julie Lowe, <i>Child Proof: Parenting by Faith, Not Formula</i> Fri 2/5 @ 7 - 9PM & Sat 2/6 @ 9AM - 12PM WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</p>	<p>Julie Lowe, counselor and faculty at the Christian Counseling & Educational Foundation. Register on your Church Center App (go to Events) or: tinyurl.com/childproof2021. \$15/person ~ Early Bird Discount: \$10/person until 11/30! Julie will teach on how to know, love, and disciple our children using biblical principles and practical wisdom. Contact Charis (charis@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p>Bethany Food Bank and Master's Kitchen Service Thurs @ 9AM - 1PM or 4 - 6PM Fri @ 12 - 1PM</p>	<p>Volunteer to help transport and package food with Bethany Community Ministries. Contact Donna at Bethany: 412.251.1227 or any of the Deacons (deacons@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p>Adult Class: Introduction to Christianity OFF TODAY - RESUMES 11/8 WT Dining Hall</p>	<p>In-person class taught by Dr. David Snoke; bring a lunch. Register on your Church Center App (go to Events), or online: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations. Contact David (snoke@pitt.edu).</p>
<p>Hiring CRPC Staff Position: Director of Sound & Design</p>	<p>Hiring part-time staff to oversee our A/V and web needs. Contact Daniel (dsnoke@ccojubilee.org) or Nameun (nameun@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p>Volunteer Babysitting: Serve & Connect with Our Church Families!</p>	<p>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, help care for children as families navigate these challenging times! Please complete: tinyurl.com/CityBABYSIT. PARENTS, Becki is away until 11/2 and will connect babysitters with families upon returning.</p>
<p>Wednesday Morning Prayer @ 8:30AM tinyurl.com/prayCRPC</p>	<p>Join others in the church to pray for the needs of our community and world. Please send prayer requests to prayer@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Caring for Each Other and the Deacon's List</p>	<p>Please update the deacons if you have needs or if you have abilities and resources to share with others. Contact Nik (nik@alum.wustl.edu) or any of the deacons.</p>

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We are glad to have you join us for worship today. If you are new, we would love to meet you! And, if you would like more information about our ministries, resources, and ways to engage, please fill out the visitor's card below or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Visitor's Card

We would love to get to know you. Please contact us at office@cityreformed.org with the following information.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request, we will pray for you. Please send prayer requests to Pastor Joseph through prayer@cityreformed.org.
