



**Sunday Morning Worship
November 21, 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

"Begging in forbidden in the streets, but before the Lord I am a licensed beggar."

- Charles Spurgeon

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
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Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Reverend John McCombs

Call to Worship: Revelations 4:2, 5:6, 7:9-12

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

Leader At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne...

People **And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain...**

Leader After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

People **And crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"**

Leader And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God,

People **Saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."**

Prayer of Invocation

Gloria Patri

(Words: Anonymous 4th Century Music: Henry W. Greatorex 1813-58)

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be world without end
Amen Amen

What a Beautiful Name

(Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood 2016 [alternate 2nd verse by Daniel Snoke 2017])

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in you our Christ

*What a beautiful name it is
What a beautiful name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful name it is
The name of Jesus*

The Light of Life shines in the darkness
And darkness has not overcome
Grace and truth have come through Jesus
And now God has been made known

*What a wonderful name it is
What a wonderful name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus*

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and shame
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the name above all names

*What a powerful name it is
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus*

Scripture Reading Matthew 11:25-30

Come to Me

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2017)

You weighed down you are worried
Child I see you child I know you
Bring your burdens bring your labor
Come to me

*Come to me come to me
Come to me if you are weary
I will give you
I will give you my rest*

I am gentle I am humble
Let me teach you let me show you
Trade your burden mine is easy
Come to me

Rock of Ages

(Words: Augustus Toplady 1776 Music: Thomas Hastings 1853)

Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee
Let the water and the blood
From thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure
Save from wrath and make me pure

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's demands
Could my zeal no respite know
Could my tears forever flow
All for sin could not atone
Thou must save and thou alone

Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to the cross I cling
Naked come to thee for dress
Helpless look to thee for grace
Foul I to the fountain fly
Wash me Savior or I die

While I draw this fleeting breath
When mine eyes shall close in death
When I soar to worlds unknown
See thee on thy judgment throne
Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee

Call to Confession: Romans 7:21-25

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we come to you in prayer remembering that you have made peace in Jesus Christ. When we were your enemies you sent Jesus to die for our sins. You have taken away the hostility of sin and brought us near to you by your Spirit.

And yet we are still surrounded by sin. Our world is in conflict. Spiritual powers war against your church. Even in our own hearts there is a war between sin and holiness.

We pray that we would never make peace with sin, but that we would struggle after godliness. We pray that your Spirit would work in power among us. Cause your gospel to prosper and bring down the barriers of opposition to Christ. We pray that you would have increased victory even in our own hearts as you make us more and more like Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Deacons Update: Bob Simonelli

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).

Wilderness

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke, Keith Watts, & Naaman Wood 2020)

Ev'ry failure that we carry
Is a load you long to take
And redeem it for your glory
With the lightness of your grace
Though the wilderness is lonely
Though our hope may seem to wear
Still the wilderness is holy
For we find you meet us there there

Ev'ry trial and temptation
Is a cross you call to bear
That we know more of your patience
And to feel your loving care
Though the wilderness is lonely
Though our faith may seem to bend
In the wilderness you closely
Guard our hearts unto the end

Ev'ry stain and imperfection
You are making wholly new
For our marks shall be reflections
Of the scars you carry too
Though the wilderness is lonely
Though we wander and we roam
Through the wilderness your only
Path of love will lead us home

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 15:21-28

The Gospel of Matthew, Part 3: Christ and His Kingdom "Crumbs from the Table (Wrestling with God)"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Genesis 32:24-30 / And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

Creedal Response: Westminster Confession of Faith 13:1-2

2. This sanctification is throughout the whole person, yet imperfect in this life, because some remnants of corruption still remain in every part of the person, from which a continual and irreconcilable war arises, the flesh lusting against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.

3. In this war, although the remaining corruption may prevail for a time, yet through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, the regenerate part of the person wins, so that the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Jesus I Come

(Words: William Sleeper 1887 Music: Greg Thompson 2000)

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light
Jesus, I come to Thee,
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

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Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

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!

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Tonight's Communion Service: Elder Jim Partridge will be preaching on Judges 19 - 21.

Upcoming Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

Christmas Party Dec 4 @ 9:30-11:00AM Greenfield Chapel	Join us for Christmas cookie decorating, crafts, carols, chill time & challenges. Activities for children provided. Wreathmaking and gingerbread house competition specifically require sign-ups and have fees, but are not required activities. Family feud and other trivia, hot cider and live caroling at the end.
Thanksgiving Dinner Pairing	We are starting a Thanksgiving Dinner match this year to pair up people who are looking for a place to go for Thanksgiving dinner with people who would like to host extra guests. Signups can be found in the weekly email Contact Zachary@cityreformed.org with any questions.
No Sunday School Nov 28	We will not have our usual Sunday School classes next week, November 28th because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you to all our Sunday School teachers! We hope you enjoy a week off celebrating with your families.

Volunteer and Employment Needs

Employment: Building Maintenance	We are looking to hire an 8hr/wk position to help with maintenance of the Greenfield Chapel. Contact Zachary@cityreformed.org for more information
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Regular Events

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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 (pjestehle@gmail.com) Study link: tinyurl.com/crpcwomentuesdaystudy22
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

Groups

College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- 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 complete listing of current groups, please refer to the website.

- *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!*
- *Young Adult Women's Fellowship (Katelyn@cityreformed.org)*

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Men's Discipleship Committee: mdc@cityreformed

Women's Discipleship Committee: Sandy@cityreformed.org

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