



Sunday Morning Worship
November 27, 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

"Marriage is not mainly about prospering economically; it is mainly about displaying the covenant-keeping love between Christ and his church. Knowing Christ is more important than making a living. Treasuring Christ is more important than bearing children. Being united to Christ by faith is a greater source of marital success than perfect sex and double-income prosperity."

- John Piper, This Momentary Marriage: A Parable of Permanence

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
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Welcome Information:



Morning Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Reverend Derek Bates

Call to Worship: Revelation 19:4-9

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

Leader And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" And from the throne came a voice saying,

People **"Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great."**

Leader Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

People **"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;**

Leader It was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me,

People **"Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb."**

Prayer of Invocation

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

(Rowland Hugh Prichard and Charles Wesley)

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free--
From our fears and sins release us:
Let us find our rest in thee--
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art
Dear desire of eve'ry nation,
Joy of eve'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee,
Day-spring from on high, appear--
Come thou promised Son of Jesse,
Of thy birth we long to hear--
O'er the hills the angels singing
News glad tidings of a birth
"Go to him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end--
By his life he brings us gladness,
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend--
Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall
This the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King--
Born to reign in us forever;
Now thy gracious Kingdom bring--
By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Joyful Joyful We Adore You

(Words: Henry van Dyke 1907; Melody: Ludwig van Beethoven 1824)

Joyful joyful we adore You
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You
Op'ning to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

All Your works with joy surround You
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays
Stars and angels sing around You
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain
Flow'ry meadow flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Praising You eternally

You are giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Well-spring of the joy of living
Ocean-depth of happy rest
Loving Father, Christ our Brother
May Your Spirit in us shine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to Your joy divine

Mortals join the mighty chorus
With the morning stars begin
God's own love is reigning o'er us
Humble love binds all in Him
Christ we echo ever singing
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music we are bringing
In the triumph song of life

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-10

Jesus Messiah

(Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves, and Chris Tomlin)

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

*Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all*

His body the bread, His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

Call to Confession: Ephesians 5:1-3

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we confess to you that you have given us blessing after blessing, but we have abused your blessings and taken them for granted. You created us in your image, but we have dulled that image by rebellion against you. You made us lords and caretakers over your creation, but we have neglected that creation and destroyed parts of it for our own short term desires. You gave us marriage and relationships so that we

would not be alone, but we have distorted our sexuality and broken our vows with others and have lost that sense of true intimacy which flows from your love. You gave us good works to do, but we have become lazy and self indulgent.

Father, we thank you that we can come to you empty handed, knowing that by your grace in Jesus Christ we can be wholly accepted and good in your sight, not by any merit of our own, but by the merit of his life in us. Grant that we may be ever more transformed to your image, to live our lives in obedience to your calling, and to love others as you have. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 54:4-5

Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth... For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Please use offering bags or direct giving online or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).

Hide Away in the Love of Jesus

(Melody and Lyrics: Steve & Vikki Cook 2008)

Come weary saints though tired and weak
Hide away in the love of Jesus
Your strength will return by His quiet streams
Hide away in the love of Jesus

Come wand'ring soul and find your home
Hide away in the love of Jesus
He offers the rest that you yearn to know
Hide away in the love of Jesus _____

*Hear Him calling your name
See the depths of His love
In the wounds of His grace
Hide away hide away*

Come guilty ones weighed down with sin
Hide away in the love of Jesus
The freedom you long for is found in Him
Hide away in the love of Jesus

Come hopeless hearts, do not despair
Hide away in the love of Jesus
For ten-thousand joys await you there
Hide away in the love of Jesus

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 2:11-12, 2:20-3:7 **"Holiness in the Home"**

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation...

²⁰But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.

²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins

in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

^{3:1}Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, ²when they see your respectful and pure conduct. ³Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— ⁴but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. ⁵For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, ⁶as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.

⁷Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

Matthew 22:2/ "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son,"

John 2:1/ On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

2 Cor 11:2/ For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.

Ephesians 5:31-33/ "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

1 Peter 1:14-16/ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

1 Peter 2:13-14/ Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.

1 Peter 2:18-21/ Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly...For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

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

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

O Day of Peace - Come to Him

(Music: Josh Garrels 2016; Words: Carl Daw 1982)

O day of peace that dimly shines
Through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
Guide us to justice, truth, and love
Delivered from our selfish schemes.

May swords of hate fall from our hands,
Our hearts from envy find release,
Till by God's grace our warring world
Shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
Nor shall the fierce devour the small
As beasts and cattle calmly graze,
A little child shall lead them all.

Then enemies shall learn to love,
All creatures find their true accord
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
For all the earth shall know the Lord

Come to Him with all your heart
Come and lay your burdens down

For peace He came to give
And Joy shall be the crown
And Joy shall be the crown

Benediction

*Tonight's Worship Service: Elder Dave Snoke will be beginning a series on Advent, preaching on Isaiah 7:1-23, 9:1-7, "Understanding Isaiah's Prophecies" Please join us & help us decorate! *Grill the Preacher immediately following.*

<p>Rose</p>	<p>A rose this Sunday for Alden James Dodd born to Jamie and Jonathan Dodd on November 5th, 2022. Congratulations!</p>
<p>Advent LEGOs: Week 1</p>	<p>If you are 5 years old through 5th grade, come visit our table in the fellowship area after church to crack the LEGO Code, answer the question, and earn a prize! And don't forget - the Advent readings and LEGO building challenges start THIS Thursday, Dec 1st!</p>
<p>Volunteer Opportunity: Dec 3rd</p>	<p>Help make food for RUF at Pitt's Christmas Party: Interested in helping feed some college students a lovely meal as we gather just before end-of-semester projects and exams? Food can be delivered to the Greenfield building Sat, December 3rd, 4-6pm, or drop off arranged with Callie. Sign up here: https://tinyurl.com/bdewmphp; talk to Sarah Gould, or contact Callie Miller (callie.miller@ruf.org)</p>
<p>Advent/Christmas Decorating: Tonight! November 27th</p>	<p>Tonight after the PM service. We're looking to decorate the Greenfield building after the evening service on the first Sunday of Advent. If you'd be willing to help make our space look festive, please come! Refreshments will be made available.</p>
<p>Christmas Wreath Making Event: Saturday, December 3rd - 10 am to 12 pm</p>	<p>Women of all ages are invited to come for a morning of fellowship at the Greenfield building to decorate a wreath. This event requires pre-registration to order the wreaths; cost is \$15 per wreath. Please sign up here (https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1513476) by Sunday November 27th. Please bring a snack or treat to share, drinks will be provided. For more information, contact Linda Kephart (lindaskep@gmail.com)</p>
<p>Greenfield Christmas Parade and carol sing! Friday, December 2nd</p>	<p>We are inviting our community into our building for a Christmas Carol sing along following Greenfield's annual holiday Parade! Please join us! Parade starts at 7pm.</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Christmas Party</p>	<p>Young adult women, please join us on December 10th at 7pm for a Christmas party at Rebecca Pollard's home. Please bring a Christmas recipe to share and a white elephant gift of no more than \$10. For more information and to RSVP, contact Katelyn Spallinger (katelyn@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p>Meet and Greet with Andrew and Amy: Dec 11th</p>	<p>Andrew and Amy will be departing with their family for North Africa early next year. They would love to share more about who they are, the work they will be doing, and how God has been at work in sending them and affirming their plans. Please join us for light refreshments immediately following the service in room G8 at Winchester Thurston.</p>

Night of Prayer with China Partnership: Dec 9th	China Partnership is hosting a time of prayer for the Chinese church on the anniversary of the arrests of members of the Early Rain Church in 2018. This church, and many others in China, have been experiencing intense persecution. We will be gathering for about an hour to pray through a guided list of needs and concerns. We will be meeting at 5904 Wellesley Avenue, Pittsburgh 15206 at 7:30PM. For more information, please contact Emily Schartner at emilyrschartner@gmail.com
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Employment and Volunteer Needs

www.cityreformed.org/employment

Youth Ministry Need	We are recruiting a man to work part-time with middle and/or high schoolers, discipling young men and building intentional relationships. The position is currently posted as 7hrs/wk, but hours are flexible depending on the situation of the applicant. Applicants should send a note to Nameun@cityreformed.org.
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Regular Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

Agora: Nov 28, 7PM 3929 Coleman St.	We discuss theology and popular culture topics from a Christian perspective. We will conclude our series on predestination, as David Snoke answers the question "Can I know I'm predestined to salvation?" Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)
Wednesday Prayer Meetings 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 Mission Prayer Mondays @9PM	Join our church in prayer for our mission partners We will be praying for Jone's and City Pres., Bulawayo Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer
Youth Group Wednesday Nights Next mtg: 11/30 (6:30-8:30 pm) EVO 250 S. Pacific Ave., Pittsburgh, PA, 15224.	Calling all 6th-12th graders at City Reformed! Join us at Seeds 4 the City, City Reformed's combined youth group with Fourth Presbyterian Church (EPC) and Seeds of Hope Anglican Church. We'll be meeting at Earthen Vessels Outreach (EVO). Light snacks, fellowship, games, prayer, and a variety of interactions with God's Word fill our time together. Contact Pastor John with questions at john@cityreformed.org, or 412-737-8959. FYI, future dates for our every other Wednesday gatherings are currently, 11/30, and 12/14. Hope to see you there!

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: 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- Alex Main (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)*
- *YA Women's Discipleship Group (Katelyn@cityreformed.org)*
- *Informal frisbee (danielrtoney@gmail.com)*
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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

Monday

Forest Hills*- Adam Schwab

Tuesday

Northside- Joe Bencoter & Nathan Schartner
Friendship**- Michael Hilton
Morningside** - Jeff Winkler
West Hills*- Jonathan Dodd

Wednesday

Regent Square- David Snoke
Baldwin/Greenfield*- Joseph Bianco
East Suburban- Joe Stehle
Near East Suburban- Jim Partridge

Thursday

Shadyside - Ben Chidester

*Childcare provided

** Kid's play area available

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