



Sunday Morning Worship
December 18, 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

"No one knows you more deeply and fully than your Savior, so no one offers you help formfitted for your deepest needs like he does."

- Paul David Tripp

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:



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Online: Church Center App (Give)
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Church)

Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Andy Leuenberger

Call to Worship: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-10, 14-16

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

Leader He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

People I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust..."

Leader Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge

People No evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent...

Leader "Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name."

People When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

Prayer of Invocation

O Come All Ye Faithful

(Words & Music: John F. Wade 1841)

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him,
Born the King of angels:

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord.*

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God,
Glory in the highest:

Yea, Lord we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:

To Thee We Run

(Words & Music: Eric J. Marshall 2012)

When these days of shadow pass
And suffering is no more
A fire in the dark will glow
And Christ our souls restore

*O Light Heaven shine down on earth
O Joy Come and break the curse
We praise the name above every name
A light has come and Christ to Thee we run*

Holy child of mystery
Please set ablaze our hearts
With grace unending love so pure
And pierce the ancient dark

As the tide of heaven's wrath
Is washed beneath the sea
A Living Stream shall quench our thirst
For all eternity

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Peace

(Words & Music: Sherri Youngward 2008)

Peace, be still.
Lay all your worries down.
Be still, O My soul
Our God is in control.

And if God is for us,
Then whom shall I fear?
For our God is with us
So lay down, be still.
He is God.

Hallelujah!
Our God has overcome.
Hallelujah!
Our Lord, Jesus Christ has won.
He is God.

Call to Confession: Galatians 5:1, 25

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery....If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Prayer of Confession:

Heavenly Father, we walk in the valley of the shadow of death. We face hostility in the world and persistent temptations. Our minds and bodies are weak. Sin lurks in our own desires and threatens us from within.

And yet, you pursue us with goodness and mercy. We look with hope to Christ our savior. He is able to understand our weak condition. In his death he pardoned our sin. He rose victorious over all powers in heaven and on earth. We rejoice as the Holy Spirit brings power and freedom into our lives. We yearn for the return of Christ and the renewal of all things. We long to dwell in your house forever. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Membership Vows: Emily Deemer, Daniel Maienschein,
Bethany Thomson

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).

Amen Amen

(Words & Music: Kate Robins and Neil Robins 2007)

Let every creature rise and bring
Their grateful praises to our King
Angels descend with songs again
And earth repeats a loud amen

Amen amen

Amen amen

I found my life

I found my life in him

Amen amen

Peace like a river from His throne
Will flow to nations yet unknown
His word a light where hope is dim
And tribes unite to cry amen

And in this Child we'll find our rest
And all the meek and lowly blessed
An Infant tongue could sing the hymn
Of hallelujah and amen

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 4:1-11

"Tempted as We Are"

- Reverend Nameun Cho

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written,

“Man shall not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,’

and “On their hands they will bear you up,

lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God

and him only shall you serve.”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

Hebrews 4:14-16 / Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Creedal Response: Westminster Larger Catechism Q #48

Q. #48. How did Christ humble himself in his life?

A. Christ humbled himself in his life by subjecting himself to the Law, which he perfectly fulfilled, and by struggling with the indignities of the world, the temptations of Satan, and the infirmities in his flesh, whether common to the nature of mankind or particularly accompanying his low condition

Notes

Songs of Thanksgiving

O Sing A Song of Bethlehem

(Words: Louis F. Benson 1889; Music: English Traditional Unknown)

O sing a song of Bethlehem,
Of shepherds watching there,
And of the news that came to them
From angels in the air.
The light that shone on Bethlehem
Fills all the world today.
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth
The angels sing alway.

O sing a song of Nazareth,
Of sunny days of joy;
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath,
And of the sinless boy.
For now the flowers of Nazareth
In every heart may grow.
Now spreads the fame of his dear name
On all the winds that blow.

O sing a song of Galilee,
Of lake and woods and hill,
Of him who walked upon the sea
And bade its waves be still.
For though, like waves on Galilee,
Dark seas of trouble roll,
When faith has heard the Master's word,
Falls peace upon the soul.

O sing a song of Calvary,
Its glory and dismay,
Of him who hung upon the tree,
And took our sins away.
For he who died on Calvary
Is risen from the grave,
And Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored,
Is mighty now to save.

Joy to the World

(Words: Isaac Watts 1719; Music: Lowell Mason's 1800's adaption of George Handel's "Messiah" 1742 Rowland Hugh Prichard and Charles Wesley)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods,
Rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrow grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

Benediction

*Tonight's Worship Service: Reverend John McCombs will be continuing a series on Advent, preaching on Philippians 4:4-9 "The Peace of God & the God of Peace" *Grill the Preacher immediately following.*

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Advent LEGO: Week 4	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! Contact Becki for more info: becki@cityreformed.org
Today - Youth Group!	This Sunday (12/18), immediately after the morning service, you are welcome to join us for a White Elephant Youth Christmas Party upstairs in the WT library. Gifts <\$10 please, and the quirkier the better! All are welcome, even if you don't have a gift. Expect a few snacks & refreshments too!
Snow Camp February 3-5, 2023	Ligonier Camp & Conference Center, \$95, scholarships available (write Pastor John). Registration deadline is January 13th, and the link to register is here: https://tinyurl.com/RegisterSnowCamp2023 . T-shirt design contest is open, with the theme of God as our Rock (deadline January 6th for the t-shirt designs).
Christmas Eve Services: 4-5pm & 5:30-6:30pm	We will be holding two Christmas Eve Services Saturday, December 24th. Please join us!
Christmas Day: No PM	There will be no PM Service on December 25th, Christmas Day.

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: Mondays, 3929 Coleman St.	We discuss theology and popular culture topics from a Christian perspective. We meet every other Monday at the Greenfield Chapel at 7pm (3929 Coleman St). 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/crpctuesdayprayer
Global Mission Prayer Mondays @9PM	Join our church in prayer for our mission partners We will be praying for Dean and Kyria. Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crpccglobalprayer
Youth Group Wednesday Nights (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, the last date of this semesster 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 Breedon & Callie Miller (gavin.breedon@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)
- *Young Adult Women's Group* (Katelyn@cityreformed.org)
- *Informal frisbee* (danielrtoney@gmail.com)
- *Board Game Gatherings* (gatcheson@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 Benscoter & Nathan Schartner
Friendship**- Michael Hilton
Morningside** - Jeff Winkler
West Hills*- Jonathan Dodd

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Shadyside - Ben Chidester

*Childcare provided

** Kid's play area available