



**Christmas Sunday Morning Worship
December 25, 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

" 'It seems, then,' said Tirian, smiling himself, 'that the Stable seen from within and the Stable seen from without are two different places.'

" 'Yes,' said the Lord Digory. 'Its inside is bigger than its outside.'

" 'Yes,' said Queen Lucy. 'In our world too, a Stable once had something inside it that was bigger than our whole world.' It was the first time she had spoken, and from the thrill in her voice, Tirian now knew why."

- From the Last Battle, by C. S. Lewis

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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Pittsburgh PA, 15207

Church Office

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Welcome Information:



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Morning Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

Christmas Morning Worship – December 25, 2022

Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

Call to Worship: Isaiah 52:7-10, 13-14

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

Leader How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

People **The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.**

Leader Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.

People **The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God...**

Leader Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.

People **As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—**

Prayer of Invocation

Joy to the World

(Words: Isaac Watts 1719; Music: Lowell Mason's 1800's adaptation of George Handel's "Messiah" 1742)

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.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 53:1-5

Joy Joy

(Words & Music: Mason Neely & Isaac Wardell 2009 Based on 17th Century French Melody "Ente Le Boeuf Et Lane Gris")

Under the baby's head she held
Love, love, sing Emmanuel
Lending at His birth
Peace on all the earth
See His mother Mary weeping
Love, love, love

Over the shepherds, angels tell
Joy, joy called Emmanuel
Born in Bethlehem
Good will unto men
Bend before His cradle singing
Joy, joy, joy

Down from His throne He came to dwell
Light, light, came Emmanuel
Covered in our flesh
Swaddled in our dress
Wise men see His coming chasing
Light, light, light

Onto the ground his blood He spilled
Peace, peace, cried Emmanuel
Sinners dark and vile
God to reconcile
Spilling love and joy and light and
Peace, peace, peace

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:

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 are in desperate need of your salvation. We know that we cannot stand in your judgment on our own. We have sinned and we have gone astray. We place our hope in your mercy through Jesus. He was crushed and put to grief when he willingly gave his life as an offering for sin. He was righteous, yet bore our iniquities. This is our hope and prayer. Jesus our substitute, our savior. Open our eyes to see this grace, to delight in it and to share it with others. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 53:11

Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

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).

Mary's Song (Our King Of Peace)

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2014)

My soul magnifies the Lord
My spirit rejoices in God
My Savior has seen his servant in need
And behold the great things he has done

*Oh behold my Savior has come
And my soul will tell of his praise
For he who is strong has come to the weak
And at last he will reign as our King of Peace*

He scatters the proud and rich
He lifts up the humble and weak
The kings of the earth he casts from their thrones
And the hungry he welcomes to feast

From now to the end of time
The nations will know me as blest
For God has made new his promise of love
And mercy through Abraham's seed

Prayer of Remembrance

We pause to remember those that have passed & the grief that is before us.

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: Mark 6:1-6

"Offended by the Carpenter's Son"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." ⁵And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Scriptural Response: 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.

Notes

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.

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

(Words: Charles Wesley 1739; Music: Felix Mendelssohn 1840)

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem

*Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King*

Come, Desire of nations, come,
Fix in us thy humble home;
Now display thy saving power,
Ruined nature now restore;
Let us Thee, though lost, regain,
Thee, the life, of mortal Man:
O! to all thyself impart,
Give to each believing heart.

Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail th'incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun of righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth

Benediction

No Evening Service tonight!

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Advent LEGO: Last Week	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
Christmas Day: No PM	There will be no PM Service on December 25th, Christmas Day.
New Years Day: Jan 1, 2023	No Sunday School before church this Sunday.

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: Monday, Dec 12, 7PM 3929 Coleman St.	We discuss theology and popular culture topics from a Christian perspective. We meet every other Monday at the Greenfield Chapel at 7 pm (3929 Coleman St). The next meeting is December 12. This week, for the last meeting of the year we will depart from our usual discussion and have a board game night! 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 Dean and Kyria. Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer
Youth Group Wednesday Nights Next mtg: 12/14 (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 semester 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)
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- 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)*
- *Young Women's Discipleship 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 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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