



Sunday Morning Worship
February 26, 2023

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

"History is Christ written large, because all history is from him, through him, and to him."

- Wang Yi, *Faithful Disobedience*

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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Church)

Welcome Information:



Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend John McCombs

Call to Worship: Psalm 22:25-28

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

Leader From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

People **The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!**

Leader All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

People **For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.**

Prayer of Invocation

Behold Him

(Words & Music: Mitch Wong & Paul Baloche 2019)

He who was before there was light

Walked across the pages of time

He who made every living thing

Behold Him

He who heard humanity's cry

Left His throne to wake as a child

He became like the least of us

Behold Him

Jesus Son of God Messiah

The Lamb the roaring Lion

Oh be still and behold Him

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He who dined with sinners and saints
Healed the blind the lost and the lame
Even now He is in our midst
Behold Him
He who chose a criminal's end
Paid with blood to settle our debt
Buried death as He rose to life
Behold Him

*Jesus Son of God Messiah
The Lamb the roaring Lion
Oh be still and behold Him
Jesus Alpha and Omega
Our God the risen Savior
Oh be still and behold Him*

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Worthy worthy worthy
To receive all praise

Lenten Scripture Reading: Micah 6:6-8

Isaiah 2 | Come Let Us Walk In The Light

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke 2019)

Come to the mountain of the LORD
A home for the nations
Come to the hill above all hills
Greater than kingdoms
People from all the earth will flow
Into his presence

*Come let us walk in the light of the LORD.
Come let us walk in the light of the LORD.*

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Let us go up to meet with God
And follow his pathway
Let the LORD teach us in the word
That goes out from Zion
The Law of the LORD will be the light
That leads us to worship

Bring your dispute before the LORD
And look for his justice
Bring to our God your love for war
Replace it with mercy
Nations will lay their weapons down
And take up forgiveness

King of Kings

(Words & Music: Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, Scott Ligertwood 2018)

In the darkness we were waiting without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered
death
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me

Call to Confession: 1 Peter 5:6-7

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.

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, you have come to us with tenderness and compassion, but we have turned our backs on your kindness. You offer us peace in your presence and fellowship in your Spirit, but we hastily pursue every other distraction. We fail to believe that you really intend the best for us and grow weary manipulating the details of our lives. Forgive us for our sins and meet us in our weakness. Cause us to see the wonderful plans that you have in store for us. Renew our hearts with a desire for holiness and divine fellowship. Strengthen us that we may trust you in the decisions of our daily lives, and cause your glory to be reflected in our actions. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 1:18-21

[Know] that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Baptism: Talitha Rise Bianco

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Take a moment and fill out your care card and please use offering bags or direct giving online or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).

Behold Our God

(Words & Music: Jonathan, Meghan, & Ryan Beird, & Stephen Altrogge 2011)

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

*Behold our God, seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

You will reign forever! (2x)
(Let your glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever! (2x)
(Let your glory fill the earth)

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 from G8 after the sermon from Children's Church.

Sermon:

50 Days Through Revelation: Hope, Conflict and Heavenly Vision Revelation 5:1-10

"Jesus, Lord of History"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll

and to open its seals,

for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God

from every tribe and language and people and nation,

¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scriptures

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 / "As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened....I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Matthew 24:6-8 / And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

Revelation 3:1 / "And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: 'The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars.'"I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead."

Revelation 6:1-2 / Now I watched when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice like thunder, "Come!" And I looked, and behold, a white horse! And its rider had a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering, and to conquer.

Credal Response: Westminster Confession of Faith 5.1

God the great Creator of all things upholds, directs, disposes, and governs all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest to the least, by his most wise and holy providence, according to his certain foreknowledge and the free and immutable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Is He Worthy

(Words & Music: Ben Shive and Andrew Peterson 2018)

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)
Do you know that all the dark won't stop
the light from getting through? (We do)
Do you wish that you could
see it all made new? (We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is)
Is a new creation coming? (It is)
Is the glory of the Lord to be
The light within our midst? (It is)
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?
(It is)

*Is anyone worthy?
Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal
And open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah
who conquered the grave
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died
to ransom the slave
Is He worthy, is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this?
He is*

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)
And does Jesus our Messiah hold
Forever those He loves? (He does)
Does our God intend to dwell again with us?
(He does)

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*Is anyone worthy?
Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal
And open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah
who conquered the grave
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died
to ransom the slave
From ev'ry people and tribe,
every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom
and priests to God
to reign with the Son*

*Is He worthy, is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy, is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this?*

He is He is
He is He is
He is worthy, worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this?
He is

Holy Holy Holy

(Words: Reginald Heber 1826; Music: John Bacchus Dykes 1823-76)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,
In earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
Who is the everlasting God.
You are the everlasting God.

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Nameun Cho will be preaching from 2 Corinthians 1:12-2:4, "Gracious & Intentional Planning"

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Kids, parents and adults of all ages! After service - G8	Grab a bagel and join CRPC Children's Ministry after service in G8 for the "Read through Revelation" series. Kids and adults are invited to come and learn alongside each other as we explore different themes found in Revelation and praise God for the blessings we find as we read. This week's theme is: "God's Very Good Idea for ALL Nations" Contact Becki: becki@cityreformed.org .
CRPC Mission partner Susannah S. Update and Care	If you'd like email updates from the mission committee for specific needs as they come up, contact Katrina Campbell (katrina.campbell.170@gmail.com).
Women's Choice Network Baby Bottle Campaign	Through the month of February we are participating in Women's Choice Network's baby bottle fundraising campaign. Take a baby bottle home from church any Sunday this month, fill it with change, cash, or a check, and bring it back to church by March 5th. Or give online at https://page.fundeasy.com/5973944 . 100% of the funds raised go directly to fund life-giving client services. Contact Debbie Bacon (dpasewark@gmail.com) with any questions.
Missions Committee	The CRPC Missions Committee currently has 2 openings for members who are passionate about seeing our church fulfill the Great Commission of our Lord. Responsibilities and time commitment will be discussed with all applicants. Please contact Jim Partridge at jim@cityreformed.org if interested.
Pittsburgh Presbytery April 1	City Reformed is hosting the Pittsburgh Presbytery for the first time ever at our Greenfield Chapel on Saturday, 4/1/23! The Presbyters (ruling and teaching elders) meet for the entire day and a lunch is provided for them, which could be catered. The meeting is open for anyone to attend. Anyone interested in helping to host the Pittsburgh Presbytery on 4/1/23, please contact Jim Partridge at jim@cityreformed.org .
Disaster Relief - Give with MTW	MTW's Compassion Fund is helping to meet needs in the aftermath of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Funds will be used to provide food and water, and to send believers from surrounding cities to care for people. Give online at https://mtw.org/ .

Regular Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Board Game Nights 1st Monday of every month 6-9 PM</p>	<p>Join us March 6 from 6-9PM for the next monthly board game night (first Monday of each month) in the Greenfield chapel. Contact Gary Atcheson for more details gatcheson@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Agora Every other Monday @ 7PM 3929 Coleman St.</p>	<p>Agora Forum: 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). Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)</p>
<p>Youth Group Wednesday Nights EVO 250 S. Pacific Ave., Pittsburgh, PA, 15224</p>	<p>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. Hope to see you there! Spring YG dates: 3/8 & 3/22.</p>
<p>Mens Discipleship</p>	<p>Please contact Adam Schwab (ahs27@pitt.edu) if you are interested in getting more connected.</p>
<p>Wednesday Prayer Meetings 8:30-9:30 AM</p>	<p>Join our staff as they pray for our church. Wednesday weekly prayer is held on Zoom at: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer</p>
<p>Global Mission Prayer Mondays @9PM</p>	<p>Join our church in prayer for our mission partners. We will be praying for the Millers serving in Athens, Greece. Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer</p>

Employment and Volunteer Needs

www.cityreformed.org/employment

<p>New Job Opening Cleaning person</p>	<p>The Greenfield Building is in need of a new cleaning staff person. For more information, a job description, and to express interest, please contact Nameun (nameun@cityreformed.org).</p>
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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)*
- *Young Women's Discipleship Group (Katelyn@cityreformed.org)*
- *Ultimate Frisbee (danielrtonney@gmail.com)*
- *Board Game Gatherings (gatcheson@gmail.com)*

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Elder Jim Partridge's health updates can be found here:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/jimandtracyjourney>

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
Friendship**- Michael Hilton
Morningside** - Jeff Winkler
West Hills*- Jonathan Dodd

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Shadyside - Ben Chidester
Near East Suburban- Jim Partridge

*Childcare provided

** Kid's play area available

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