



Sunday Morning Worship
February 6, 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

Missions is not the ultimate goal of the Church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't.

- John Piper, "Let the Nations Be Glad"

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
Pittsburgh PA, 15207

Church Office

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Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Nameun Cho

Call to Worship: Hebrews 10:19-25

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

Leader Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,

People **And since we have a great priest over the house of God,**

Leader Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

People **Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.**

Leader And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,

People **Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.**

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

Rising Sun

(Words & Music: Leslie Jordan, Kyle Lee, and David Leonard 2012)

Praise Him all you sinners
Sing oh sing you weary
Oh praise Him all you children of God

We lift high His glory
Shown throughout our stories
We praise Him as the children of God

*Our great Redeemer glorious Savior
Your Name is higher than the rising sun
Light of the morning You shine forever
Your Name is higher than the rising sun
Jesus you're greater than the rising sun*

Praise His Name forever
Speak it loud and clear now
Oh praise Him all you children of God

Psalm 124 | He's On Our Side

(Words & Music: Jason Pears and Wendell Kimbrough 2017)

Our help has come in the Name of the Lord
The One who formed all the earth and the sky
Behold He comes to destroy the chains of death
And raise us up to life

*O bless his name for he has given us
Everything we need to fly
Our broken wings they have not hindered us
We have the Lord He's on our side*

Call to Confession: Hebrews 4:12-13

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Prayer of Confession:

O Lord, if you kept a record of sins, who could stand? We acknowledge that a perfectly just judge looking at our lives, if he knew everything we have done, said, and thought, would have to judge us as guilty. We want to stop justifying ourselves to you and to others, and rest alone in your grace through the sacrifice of Christ. With you there is forgiveness, and you yourself will redeem your people from their sins. Help us to stop making excuses, and to turn from our times of rebellion against you to walk with you in new life, with hearts full of gratitude for all you have done for us.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 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.

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).

How Great Thou Art

(Words & Music: Carl Gustav Boberg 1949)

Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

*Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

And when I think that God his son not sparing
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God, how great Thou art.

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: Revelation 4:1-5:14

90 Days of Worship "Heavenly Worship"

- Reverend Matthew Koerber

After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." ²At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. ³And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. ⁴Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, ⁶and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. ⁸And the four

living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!”

⁹And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

¹¹“Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.”

^{5:1}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.”

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

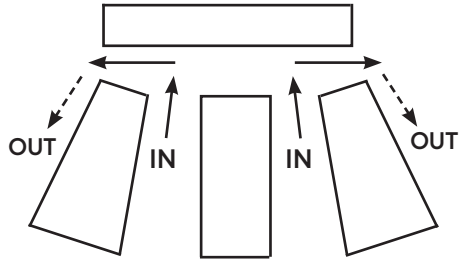
“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Communion

City Reformed Church invites all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sins and trust Christ alone for salvation, and who are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. Parents with non-communicating children are encouraged to bring their children forward during communion. The elders will lay a hand on their head and briefly pray for them as they serve you.

Communion is served with wine and with grape juice. The wine is placed in the two outer circles of the communion tray, and the grape juice is placed in the inner circle. Because Jesus used wine during the first communion service, we believe using real wine is beneficial. However, participants are welcome to choose. There is also gluten-free bread available on each plate.



Please join us in song as we celebrate Christ dwelling with his church in the sacrament of communion.

Songs of Communion

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.

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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!

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)

Salvation Belongs To Our God

(Words & Music: Adrian Howard & Pat Turner 1985)

Salvation belongs to our God
Who sits upon the throne
And unto the Lamb
Praise and glory wisdom and thanks
Honor and power and strength

*Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever, Amen*

And we the redeemed shall be strong
In purpose and unity
Declaring aloud
Praise and glory wisdom and thanks
Honor and power and strength

Doxology

(Words: Thomas Ken 1674 Music: Louis Bourgeois 1510)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

*Tonight's Service: Elder Jim Partridge will be preaching on Psalm 125
"In God We Trust"*

Upcoming Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Welcome and Activities Ice Skating Today, 1:30-3:00PM</p>	<p>The Welcome and Activities Committee is hosting a church-wide trip to the Schenley Park skating rink today from 1:30-3:00PM. Contact Joe Stehle (joestehle@gmail.com) for more information.</p>
<p>Women's Informal Gathering Feb 19th @6-8PM</p>	<p>Come rock climbing at Ascend! Climbing shoes will be provided at the gym for free. Please let Camden Bianco (camdenbianco@gmail.com) know by February 11th if possible so that you can be pre-registered. Women can also pre register themselves online.</p>
<p>Welcome and Activities: Virtual Trivia Night</p>	<p>The Welcome and Activities Committee is hosting a church-wide virtual trivia night on Friday, February 25th. Contact Ben Sera (bensera11@gmail.com) for more information.</p>
<p>Save the Date: Men's Retreat March 4-5</p>	<p>The men's discipleship committee is planning to host our annual men's retreat this year on March 4th and 5th at Ligonier Camp and Conference Center. Contact Jim@cityreformed.org for more information.</p>
<p>Women's Choice Network Baby Bottles</p>	<p>Once again we are participating in Women's Choice Network's Baby Bottle Campaign. We are collecting donations through the Month of February. You can pick up a bottle to fill at church or you can give online by clicking "give" at ebottle.org and selecting City Reformed. Please return the bottles by February 27th.</p>

Volunteer and Employment Needs

<p>Children's Church Assistants and Teachers</p>	<p>We are currently looking to add Lead Teachers to our Children's Church volunteer team! Adding 3 people to this team would allow Lead Teachers to make the one month commitment, once a year. Contact Becki@cityreformed.org</p>
<p>10 Minute Trainings</p>	<p>We will be conducting quick refresher sessions for our volunteer teams in January. We will have one volunteer team a week gather in the cafeteria following service for 10 minutes of refreshers and questions. If you are interested in joining a volunteer team, this is a great way to get some more information.</p> <p>February 6th- Nursery and Children's Church February 13th- Setup and Tear Down</p>

Regular Events

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Women's Tuesday Bible Study Tuesday Mornings via Zoom @ 10-11:15AM	The Women's Tuesday Bible study has resumed and is studying the 90 Day Reading Plan. For more information, contact Patty Stehle (pjstehle@gmail.com) Study link: tinyurl.com/crpcwomentuesdaystudy22
Agora Forum Feb 7th @7PM Greenfield Chapel	Daniel Snoke will be giving a guest talk on how and why we worship.
Youth Group Today	The Youth Group will be joining the church for ice skaing this afternoon. Middle School and High School students are invited to join us for lunch at the Greenfield building before skating. Contact Zachary@cityreformed.org for more information.

Groups

College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CCO at CMU: Nameun Cho (ncho@ccojubilee.org)• CCO at PPU: Katelyn Spallinger (kspallinger@ccojubilee.org)• RUF at Pitt: 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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)

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.