



Sunday Morning Worship
March 12, 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

"[The church is] a praying community, living in a personal world where the Father, by the Spirit, is constantly making Jesus come alive in our midst."

- Paul Miller, "A Praying Church"

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

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Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

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,

People **By the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,**

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

People **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.**

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

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

Come Ye Sinners

(Words: Joseph Hart 1759; Music: Southern Harmony Folk 1835; Arrangement: Daniel Snoke 2018)

Come ye sinners, poor and needy
Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity love and pow'r
He is able, He is able
He is willing doubt no more

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Come ye thirsty, come and welcome
God's free bounty, glorify
True belief and true repentance
Ever'y grace that brings you nigh
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Let not conscience make you linger
Nor of fitness fondly dream
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him
This He gives you, this He gives you
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Come ye weary, heavy laden
Bruised and broken by the Fall
If you tarry 'till you're better
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Agonizing in the garden
Lo! your Master prostrate lies
On the bloody tree behold Him
Hear Him cry before he dies
"It is finished, it is finished"
Sinner, will not this suffice?

Lo! incarnate God ascended
Pleads the merit of His blood
Venture on Him, venture wholly
Let no other trust intrude
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.

Saints and angels joined in concert
Sing the praises of the Lamb
While the blissful seats of heaven
Sweetly echo with His name
"Hallelujah, hallelujah!"
Sinners here may do the same.

Lenten Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:7–11

All I Have Is Christ

(Words & Music: Jordan Kauflin 2008)

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that you would own
A rebel to your will
And if you had not loved me first
I would refuse you still

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

*Hallelujah all I have is Christ
Hallelujah Jesus is my life*

Now Lord I would be yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow your commands
Could never come from me
O Father use my ransomed life
In any way you choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

Psalm 103:1 | Bless the Lord

(Taizé: Jacques Berthier 1923-1994)

Bless the Lord, my soul
And bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul
Who leads me into life

Call to Confession: 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.

Prayer of Confession:

O Lord, no day of our lives has passed that has not proved us guilty in your sight. Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart, praise has often been praiseless sound. We have done things we should not have done, and we have not done things we should have done. If we were to stand before you on our own, we must surely be rejected.

However, all things in Christ plead for our acceptance. By his stripes we are healed, and he was bruised for our iniquities. He has been made sin so that we might be made righteous in you. We pray for your cleansing touch to wash away our corruption, and for your hands to rework our lives anew. We pray these things in Christ's holy name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 9:11-12

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

Installation of Deacons: Neil Friedrich, Bill Gould, Cyril Isaac, Daniel Toney

Questions for the installation of Deacon:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

Questions to the congregation:

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as a deacons, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

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).

O Come To The Altar

(Words & Music: Christopher Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, and Wade Joye 2015)

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

*O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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 12:7-12, 17
"A War in Heaven"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. ¹²Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”...

¹⁷Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scriptures

1 Peter 5:8-10 / Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

Ephesians 6:10-13 / Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q 102. What do we pray for in the second petition?

A In the second petition, which is, "May your kingdom come," we pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed, that the kingdom of grace may be advanced and ourselves and others may be brought into it and kept in it, and that the coming of the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Jesus with Thy Church Abide

(Words: Thomas Pollock 1871 & Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

Jesus, with Thy Church abide,
Be her Savior, Lord, and Guide,
While on earth her faith is tried:
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

Bid her strife and envy cease,
Grant the lovely gift of peace:
All her dreadful sin release.
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

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May her lamp of truth be bright,
Bid her bear aloft its light
Through the realms of endless night:
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

Keep her life and doctrine pure,
Grant her, patient, to endure,
Trusting in Thy promise sure:
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

May she one in doctrine be,
One in truth and charity,
Winning all to faith in Thee:
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

May she guide the poor and blind,
Seek the lost until she find,
And the broken hearted bind:
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

May she thus all glorious be,
Spotless and from sin borne free,
Pure and bright, bring praise to Thee:
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

(Words & Music: Martin Luther 1529)

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
And armed with cruel hate--
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabbaoth, his name,
From age to age the same--
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo, his doom is sure--
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours,
Through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend John McCombs will be preaching from 2 Corinthians 3:1-18, "Ministers of a New Covenant."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Kids, parents and adults of all ages! After service - G8</p>	<p>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 is the Center of the Universe." Contact Becki: becki@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Missions Committee Need</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Staff Support Team Committee Need</p>	<p>The Staff Support Team has an open seat on the committee. It was previously filled with a Corporate Attorney, and while that skill set would be a nice compliment to the current members, it is not a requirement. Our goal is to serve the church staff, touching on compensation, benefits, policies, tools, working conditions, and anything else the session or staff may request us to consider. If you're interested in learning more about this opportunity, please send Catherine Claus (Committee Chair) an email at sst@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Planning Center Help Desk Sunday AM March 19 & 26</p>	<p>Do you regularly attend City Reformed and are looking to be included in the directory? Have you had trouble transitioning to the new directory since Adjace? Stop by the table in the cafeteria and we'll help you get set up! Contact nameun@cityreformed.org for more questions.</p>
<p>Women's Informal Gathering Phipps Conservatory Outing March 18th @ 10AM</p>	<p>Join us for an outing at Phipps Conservatory (1 Schenley Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15213) at 10AM on Saturday, March 18th! Women of ALL ages are welcome! Buy tickets ahead of time here. To RSVP or for questions, contact Katelyn Spallinger: katelyn@cityreformed.org.</p>

Regular Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Board Game Nights 1st Monday of every month 6-9 PM</p>	<p>Join us April 3rd 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>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 March 20. Alex Main will lead the discussion. 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. 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. Spring YG dates: 3/22, 4/5, 4/19, 5/3, 5/17, and 5/31</p>
<p>Ultimate Frisbee Sundays 1ish</p>	<p>Ultimate Frisbee is starting up again at Westinghouse Park today right after bagel hour. All skill levels are welcome! Contact Dan Toney (danielrtoney@gmail.com) for more information or to be added to our email list.</p>
<p>Bean Sprouts</p>	<p>Although many of us are retired, anyone who is free for lunch, please join us (and bring a friend!) at 12pm once a month: March 15, April 12 and May 17.</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 Jon and Beka serving in North Africa. Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer.</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group</p>	<p>Wednesdays bi-weekly (March 15th & 29th) @ 7PM at Katelyn Spallinger's Home (1815 Sarah St., Pittsburgh, PA 15203): Studying Colossians. For more info, or to be added to a separate email list for this group, contact Katelyn Spallinger (katelyn@cityreformed.org).</p>

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)*
- *Ultimate Frisbee (danielrtoney@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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