



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**March 17, 2024**

# 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](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

"Of all that was done in the past, you eat the fruit, either rotten or ripe.

And the Church must be forever building, and always decaying, and always being restored."

—T.S. Eliot, *Choruses from the Rock*

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM  
Winchester Thurston Auditorium  
5059 Ellsworth Ave  
Pittsburgh PA, 15213  
LIVESTREAM: [tinyurl.com/CRPCLive](http://tinyurl.com/CRPCLive)

### Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:30PM  
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# Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Dave Snoke

## Call to Worship: 1 Peter 2:1-5, 9-10

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

**Leader** As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house,

**People** **To be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ...**

**Leader** But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

**People** **Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.**

## 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

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.

## Scripture Reading: Psalm 103

### 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

## Hallelujah What A Savior - Man of Sorrows

*(Words & Music: Philip Paul Bliss 1875)*

Man of Sorrows! What a name  
For the Son of God, Who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim.

*Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

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Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned He stood;  
Sealed my pardon with His blood.

Guilty, vile, and helpless we;  
Spotless Lamb of God is He;  
Full atonement! Can it be?

Lifted up was He to die;  
"It is finished!" was His cry;  
Now in heav'n exalted high.

When He comes, our glorious King,  
All His ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew His song we'll sing:

## **Call to Confession: 1 Peter 1:17**

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile.

## **Prayer of Confession: "Resting on God," *The Valley of Vision***

O God most high, most glorious, the thought of your infinite serenity cheers me, for I am toiling, troubled, and distressed, but you are forever at perfect peace. The Lord God reigns in omnipotence. I come to you, God, as a sinner with cares and sorrows, to leave every concern entirely to you, every sin calling for Christ's precious blood. Revive deep spirituality in my heart; let me live near to the great shepherd, hear his voice, know its tones, follow its calls. Your presence alone can make me holy, devout, strong and happy. Abide in me, gracious God. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 1:18-19**

[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.

## **Membership Vows: Jake McBride**

## **Corporate Prayer**

# Song of Renewal

*We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Please take a moment during the brief interlude to fill out your Care Card to submit prayer requests and reflections of gratitude. Cards and donations can be placed in offering bags. Giving can also be directed online ([cityreformed.org/give](http://cityreformed.org/give)) or sent via mail (3929 Coleman St., 15207).*

## Wood and Nails

*(Words & Music: Isaac Wardell, Keith Watts, & Madison Cunningham 2017)*

O humble carpenter down on your hands and knees  
Look on your handiwork and build a house  
So you may dwell in me  
So you may dwell in me

*The work was done with nothing but wood and nails  
In Your scar-borne hands  
O show me how to work and praise  
Trusting that I am Your instrument*

O loving laborer with the sweat upon your face  
O build a table that I too may join you  
In the Father's place  
Oh in the Father's place

*The kingdom's come and built upon  
Wood and nails gripped with joyfulness  
So send me out within Your ways  
Knowing that the task is finished*

*The dead will rise and give You praise  
Wood and nails will not hold them down  
These wooden tombs we'll break them soon  
And fashion them into flower beds*

*The curse is done the battle won  
Swords bent down into plowshares  
Your scar-borne hands we'll join with them  
Serving at the table You've prepared*



# Pastoral Prayer

*At this time, children ages 4-7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. Please pick them up after the sermon from Children's Church.*

## Sermon: Nehemiah 1:1-2:5

### "Nehemiah's Prayer"

- Reverend Gavin Breeden

**T**he words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah.

Now it happened in the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Susa the citadel, <sup>2</sup>that Hanani, one of my brothers, came with certain men from Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who escaped, who had survived the exile, and concerning Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>And they said to me, "The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire."

<sup>4</sup>As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven. <sup>5</sup>And I said, "O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, <sup>6</sup>let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I and my father's house have sinned. <sup>7</sup>We have acted very corruptly against you and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the rules that you commanded your servant Moses. <sup>8</sup>Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples, <sup>9</sup>but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven,

from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.’ <sup>10</sup>They are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power and by your strong hand. <sup>11</sup>O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.”

Now I was cupbearer to the king.

<sup>2:1</sup>In the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was before him, I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence. <sup>2</sup>And the king said to me, “Why is your face sad, seeing you are not sick? This is nothing but sadness of the heart.” Then I was very much afraid. <sup>3</sup>I said to the king, “Let the king live forever! Why should not my face be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers’ graves, lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?” <sup>4</sup>Then the king said to me, “What are you requesting?” So I prayed to the God of heaven. <sup>5</sup>And I said to the king, “If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers’ graves, that I may rebuild it.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Additional Scripture

Deuteronomy 30:1-6 / "And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you, and return to the Lord your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the Lord your God has scattered you. If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there he will take you. And the Lord your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

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Nehemiah 4:7-8 / But when Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabs and the Ammonites and the Ashdodites heard that the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem was going forward and that the breaches were beginning to be closed, they were very angry. And they all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause confusion in it.

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1 Thessalonians 5:17 / Pray without ceasing...

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## Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism #102

**Leader** What do we pray for in the second petition?

**People** **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)

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)

## **Speak Peace (Psalm 85)**

*(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke and Paul Zach 2019)*

*Speak peace to your people  
Speak peace to your saints  
Speak peace to your people  
Speak peace to all the earth*

Surely his salvation is at hand  
Unfailing love and truth have met  
Righteousness will cover all the earth  
And his glory will fill the land

Lord revive your joy in us again  
And let us hear what you will say  
Will your anger always be on us  
Will you not restore us again

You have covered all our sin  
We have been restored again  
Show us your unfailing love  
Grant us salvation

## **Benediction**

***At tonight's Worship Communion Service, Elder David Snoke will be preaching.***

# Announcements

[www.cityreformed.org/events](http://www.cityreformed.org/events)

<b>Serve in Children's Church</b>	Children's Church now has two classes! We are still in need of some teachers and aides! If you are interested in serving, please contact Becki: <a href="mailto:becki@cityreformed.org">becki@cityreformed.org</a> .
<b>Children's Church Supply Drive</b>	Help us gather supplies for our Children's Church classes! Do you have empty tissue boxes, old dress up clothes, paper towel tubes, stickers, yarn, newspaper, or thin ribbon at home that you'd be willing to donate? Contact Becki to arrange drop off ( <a href="mailto:becki@cityreformed.org">becki@cityreformed.org</a> ). Thank you!
<b>Save the Date: CRPC 20th Anniversary Dinner: April 27th</b>	CRPC will be celebrating 20 years of life together @ St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Oakland. Party RSVP Survey: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8CXMJ9M">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8CXMJ9M</a> . If you have gifts of decorating, photography, etc. please email Catherine at <a href="mailto:SST@cityreformed.org">SST@cityreformed.org</a> if interested.
<b>Children's Ministry Assistant, Women's Ministry &amp; Office NEEDS</b>	We are seeking part-time women's ministry, office, and children's ministry assistants to care for our church. Jobs will be tailored to reflect the gifts and strengths of the individual filling this role and a sample job description will be provided upon request. For Children's Ministry need, contact: <a href="mailto:Becki@cityformed.org">Becki@cityformed.org</a> and for women's and office needs, please contact <a href="mailto:office@cityreformed.org">office@cityreformed.org</a>
<b>Easter Services: March 29 &amp; 31</b>	Good Friday: 7PM @ 1st Baptist, Oakland Easter Sunrise Service: 7:30AM @ Bartlett Playground Easter Breakfast: 8:45AM @ WT Sunday School: 9AM @ WT Traditional Sunday Service: 10:15 @ WT

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All scripture verses are the English Standard Version (ESV), unless otherwise noted.

# Regular Events

[www.cityreformed.org/events](http://www.cityreformed.org/events)

<b>College Shuttle Schedule</b>	9:30AM- PPU: 201 Wood St; Contact: Kaia: kaianoeljohnson@gmail.com 9:45AM- Pitt: 4024 O'Hara St; Contact: Maya: mayakang523@gmail.com or David: DGT12@pitt.edu
<b>Agora Forum:</b> Every other Monday 7 PM: 3929 Coleman	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).
<b>Bean Sprouts Ministry</b>	Although many of us are retired, anyone who is free for lunch once a month is welcome. Contact Joe Stehle for more information: joestehle@gmail.com.
<b>Mommies' Discipleship Group:</b> 2nd & 4th Thursdays 7-9 PM	Join us for a time of fellowship and encouragement as we pray for one another and study the book of Colossians. Contact Sandy for more info: sandy@cityreformed.org.
<b>Wednesday Prayer Meetings:</b> 8:30-9:30 AM	All are welcome to join our Wednesday prayer community. We begin with Scripture, move to a general opening prayer of adoration/thanksgiving, then share specific prayer requests and pray through them. Held on Zoom at: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer</a> .
<b>Global Mission Prayer:</b> Mondays @ 9 PM	Join our church in prayer for missions partners. This week we will be praying for Jon and Beka in North Africa. Held on Zoom: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer</a> .
<b>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group:</b> Bi-Weekly Wednesdays @ 7 PM	Meets at Amelia Morrissey's Home on the North Side. New study for winter/spring is: "Delight: A Walk through Psalms 1-30." For more info, contact Lindsay Karr (lindsay.karr@gmail.com).
<b>Youth Group:</b> Bi-Weekly Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 PM	All middle and high school youth are welcome to join us, 6th through 12th grade. Please contact Pastor John (john@cityreformed.org) for more information.
<b>CRPC Storytime:</b> Greenfield Chapel Every other Monday	Toddler/Preschooler Storytime and free play at the Greenfield Chapel. SPRING Semester Dates: March 18, April 1, 15, 29. (10-11:30 AM). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Taylor Kilbride taylorgkilbride@gmail.com.
<b>Women's Informal Gatherings:</b> 223 Hester Ave, 15136	There an upcoming opportunity to gather for informal time of fellowship. April 6, 1:30-4:30 (Women only)

**College Students** please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- CMU: Chris Bollinger (cwbollinger@gmail.com)
- CCO at PPU: Matt Koerber (pastormatt@cityreformed.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 (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 (lindsay.karr@gmail.com)*
- *Ultimate Frisbee (danielrtoney@gmail.com)*
- *Board Game Gatherings (gatcheson@gmail.com)*

## Employment and Volunteer Needs

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