



Sunday Morning Communion Worship
March 3, 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 or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Reflections

"And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob."

– Exodus 2:24

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
Winchester Thurston Auditorium
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LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

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Welcome
Information:



Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:30PM
Greenfield Chapel
3929 Coleman Street
Pittsburgh PA, 15207

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Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder David Bacon

Call to Worship: Psalm 81:1-10

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

Leader Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

People **Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.**

Leader Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day. For it is a statute for Israel, a rule of the God of Jacob.

People **He made it a decree in Joseph when he went out over the land of Egypt.**

Leader I hear a language I had not known: I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket. In distress you called, and I delivered you;

People **I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah.**

Leader Hear, O my people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to me! There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god.

People **I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**

Prayer of Invocation

God So Loved

(Words & Music: Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, and Scott Cash 2019)

Come all you weary
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners
Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for

*For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world*

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms

Praise God praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love

Rock of Ages

(Words: Augustus Toplady 1776; Music: Thomas Hastings 1853)

Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee
Let the water and the blood
From thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure
Save from wrath and make me pure

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's demands
Could my zeal no respite know
Could my tears forever flow
All for sin could not atone
Thou must save and thou alone

Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to the cross I cling
Naked come to thee for dress
Helpless look to thee for grace
Foul I to the fountain fly
Wash me Savior or I die

While I draw this fleeting breath
When mine eyes shall close in death
When I soar to worlds unknown
See thee on thy judgment throne
Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee

Call to Confession: Psalm 81:11-13

"But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me. So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels. Oh, that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!"

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we confess that we are too slow to listen to your voice. Like your people of old, our hearts are too stubborn and we struggle to walk in your ways.

We look to Jesus for hope. We are freed because he was condemned in our place. Open our ears to listen well. Soften our hearts. Empower us by your Spirit that we would increasingly walk in your ways. Be glorified as you form us more and more into the image of your Son. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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) or sent via mail (3929 Coleman St., 15207).

Holy Spirit

(Words & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend 2006)

Holy Spirit living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see

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: Romans 8:12-30

"Groaning in Prayer"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

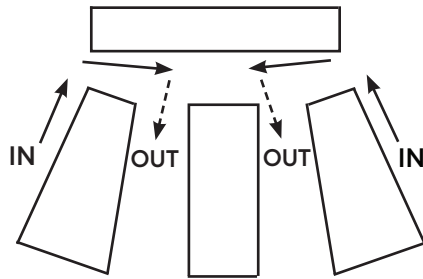
Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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

He Will Hold Me Fast

(Words & Music: Ada Ruth Habershon and Matthew Merker 2013)

When I fear my faith will fail Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold He must hold me fast

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast*

Those He saves are His delight Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight when He comes at last

Nothing But The Blood

(Words & Music: Robert Lowry 1876; Arrangement: Daniel Justice Snoke 2017)

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my pardon this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Not of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Psalm 62 | I'll Not Be Shaken

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2015)

For God alone I wait in silence
My soul is still before the Lord
He is my rock and my salvation
My fortress strong I trust in Him

*I'll not be shaken I'll not be shaken
For all my hope is in His love
From God alone comes my salvation
I'll wait and trust His steadfast love*

Put not your hope in gain of riches
Seek not your rest in empty wealth
The rich are weak the poor are mighty
Who turn to God alone for help

Pour out your heart to God our refuge
And trust in Him to hear you cry
No other hope will never fail you
No other love will not run dry

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.

(repeat)

Amen

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Elder Ben Chidester will be preaching from Romans 12:1-2, "Thy Will Be Done, on Earth as in Heaven."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Women's Choice Network</p>	<p>Please join us as we participate in Women's Choice Network's baby bottle fundraiser. Take a baby bottle home, fill it with change, cash, or a check, and bring it back to church by March 10th or give online at myegiving.com/app/giving/wcn and write City Reformed as the note. Contact Debbie Bacon with any questions.</p>
<p>Serve in Children's Church</p>	<p>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: becki@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Children's Church Supply Drive</p>	<p>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 (becki@cityreformed.org). Thank you!</p>
<p>Women's Bible Study Training: Sat, March 9th Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>An interactive and hands-on training for women interested in leading a Bible Study. Saturday, March 9th from 9am-12pm at the Greenfield building. Contact Rachael Leuenberger with questions or to RSVP at raleuen@gmail.com</p>
<p>Save the Date: CRPC 20th Anniversary Dinner: April 27th</p>	<p>CRPC will be celebrating 20 years of life together @ St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Oakland. Party RSVP Survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8CXMJ9M. If you have gifts of decorating, photography, etc. please email Catherine at SST@cityreformed.org if interested.</p>
<p>Children's Ministry Assistant, Women's Ministry & Office NEEDS</p>	<p>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: Becki@cityreformed.org and for women's and office needs, please contact office@cityreformed.org</p>
<p>Easter Services: March 29 & 31</p>	<p>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</p>

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

Regular Events

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<p>College Shuttle Schedule</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Agora Forum: Every other Monday 7 PM: 3929 Coleman</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). Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Bean Sprouts Ministry</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Mommies' Discipleship Group: 2nd & 4th Thursdays 7-9 PM</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Wednesday Prayer Meetings: 8:30-9:30 AM</p>	<p>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: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer.</p>
<p>Global Mission Prayer: Mondays @ 9 PM</p>	<p>Join our church in prayer for missions partners. This week we will be praying for CityPres in Bulawayo. Held on Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer.</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group: Bi-Weekly Wednesdays @ 7 PM</p>	<p>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).</p>
<p>Youth Group: Bi-Weekly Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 PM</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>CRPC Storytime: Greenfield Chapel Every other Monday</p>	<p>Toddler/Preschooler Storytime and free play at the Greenfield Chapel. SPRING Semester Dates: March 4, 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.</p>
<p>Women's Informal Gatherings: 223 Hester Ave, 15136</p>	<p>There are 2 upcoming opportunities to gather for informal time of fellowship. March 14, 9:30-noon (Kid's Welcome!) & April 6, 1:30-4:30 (Women only)</p>

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)

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