



Sunday Morning Communion Worship
April 2, 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

"Zion's not built with hands
And in this place God will dwell with man
Sick be healed and cripples stand
Sing Allelu
My kingdom's built with the blood of my son
Selfless sacrifice for everyone
Faith, hope, love, and harmony
I said let this world know me by your love
By your love
Oh my child, daughters and sons
I made you in love to overcome
Free as a bird, my flowers in the sun
On your way to Mount Zion
All you slaves, be set free
Come on out child and come on home to me
We will dance, we will rejoice
If you can hear me then follow my voice"

- "Zion & Babylon", by Josh Garrels

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

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3929 Coleman St.
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Donations

Online: Church Center App (Give)
OR cityreformed.org/give
Mail: Church Office address above "Attn:
Bookkeeper" (please make checks
payable to City Reformed Presbyterian
Church)

Welcome Information:



Morning Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Communion Worship – April 2, 2023

Presider: Reverend John McCombs

Call to Worship: 1 John 2:28-3:2

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

Leader And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.

People **If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.**

Leader See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

People **The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.**

Leader Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared;

People **But we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.**

Prayer of Invocation

Hosanna

(Words & Music: Israel Houghton, Sidney Mohede, and M. Sidney 2010)

Hosanna, in the highest
Let our King be lifted up
Hosanna

Psalm 34 | Taste and See

(Words & Music: Joe Rigney & Shane Barnard 2015)

I sought the Lord and He answered me
And delivered me from ev'ry fear
Those who look on Him are radiant
They'll never be ashamed
They'll never be ashamed

This poor man cried and the Lord heard me
And saved me from my enemies
The Son of God surrounds His saints
He will deliver them
He will deliver them

*Magnify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name together
Glorify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name forever*

O taste and see that the Lord is good
O blessed is he who hides in Him
O fear the Lord O all you saints
He'll give you ev'rything
He'll give you ev'rything

Let us bless the Lord
Ev'ry day and night
Never ending praise
May our incense rise

Call to Confession: 1 John 3:16-18

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, as we move toward Easter Sunday, we are reminded that Jesus gave his life for us and he has called us into a new way of living.

We confess that we have fallen short of this call. We have often given lip service to loving others, but we fail to love in deed and truth. We profess with our mouths that we should love our neighbor as ourselves, but our everyday conduct shows a different picture.

We ask for your mercy as we look to Christ for renewal. We trust him as our righteousness, and we pray that you would transform our desires, renew our vision, and strengthen us for greater obedience. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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).

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

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 21:1-4

"Here Comes the Bride"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scriptures

Revelation 19:7-8 / Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

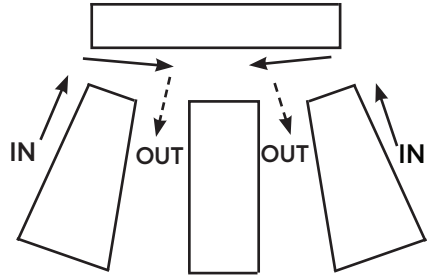
Communion

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-communing 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

All Things New

(Words: Horatius Bonar 1779; Music: Clint Wells 2009)

Come Lord and tarry not
Bring the long-looked-for day
O why these years of waiting here
These ages of delay?

Come for your saints still wait
Daily ascends their sigh
The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come;"
Do you not hear our cry?

*O come and make all things new
Come and make all things new
Come and make all things new
Build up this broken earth
Come and make all things new
All things new*

Come for creation groans
Impatient while you stay
Worn out in labor pains of hope
Still bound by earth's decay

Come for love waxes cold
Its steps are faint and slow
Our faith is pressed by unbelief
Hope's lamp burns dim and low

Eternal Weight of Glory

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2013)

Now the days and hours and moments
Of our suff'ring seem so long
And the toilsome wait and wond'ring
Threaten silence to our song

Now our pain is real and pressing
Where our faith is thin and weak
But our hope is set on Jesus
And we cling to him our strength

*For behold I tell a myst'ry
At the trumpet sound we'll wake
Death is swallowed up in vict'ry
When we meet our King of Grace*

*Every year we thought was wasted
Every night we cried How long
All will be a passing moment
In our Savior's vict'ry song*

Oh eternal weight of glory
Oh inheritance divine
We will see our Lord redeeming
Every past and future time

All our pains will be transfigured
Like the scars of Christ our Lord
We will see the weight of glory
And our broken years restored

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We will see our wounded Savior
We'll behold him face to face
And we'll hear our anguished stories
Sung as vict'ry songs of grace

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

(Words & Music: Sandra McCracken 2015)

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

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, Reverend Joseph Bianco will be preaching from 2 Corinthians 5:1-10, "Faith Walkers (Losing the Good-Life?)"

Easter 2023

GOOD FRIDAY

April 7th

EASTER SUNDAY

April 9th

7:00PM

Tenebrae Service

First Baptist Church

159 N. Bellefield Ave., 15213

7:30 AM

Sunrise Service

Bartlett Shelter,

Schenley Park

8:45 AM

Breakfast

9 AM

**Missions Moments
& Children's SS**

WT Dining Room

10:15 AM

**Traditional Easter
Worship**

WT Auditorium

Cole, Thomas: The Oxbow, 1836, The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Kids, parents and adults of all ages! After service - G8</p>	<p>Join CRPC Children's Ministry after service in G8 for the LAST morning of our "Read through Revelation" series. Come and celebrate how God promises to make "All Things New"! Contact Becki: becki@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Sunday School Brunch April 16th, 9 AM</p>	<p>Our Sunday School Celebration Brunch is coming up! All classes are invited - including Adult CE. Sign up here to contribute to the table: tinyurl.com/CRPCSSBrunch.</p>
<p>Spring Women's Brunch April 22: 10am-12pm City Reformed Chapel 3929 Coleman Street</p>	<p>"Let my prayer be counted as incense before you..." Psalm 141:2a - Women of all ages, please join us as we enjoy fellowship together and offer up our prayers as incense to the Lord. We will rehearse adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication through reflections shared by our sisters in Christ, singing, and spending time together in prayer. Feel free to invite other women! Please sign up to bring food: https://tinyurl.com/april22brunch</p>
<p>Honoring Graduates April 23</p>	<p>If you are graduating from a High School, College or Graduate Program, would you please let us know so that we can honor you -- and celebrate with you? Contact Chrissie at chrissie@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Spring Seminar on Embodiment: Saturday, April 29, 10AM-12PM</p>	<p>Spring Seminar on Embodiment: "Responding to Transgender Challenges." Saturday, April 29, 10:00-12:00; Luncheon Workshop, 12:00-1:00. Greenfield Chapel, 3929 Coleman St. 15207. A Biblically based engagement with contemporary questions around transgender concerns, seeking to be practical, truthful, and compassionate.</p>
<p>Committee Needs: SST and Missions</p>	<p>Openings remain on two important committees established by the Session of CRPC, the Missions Committee and the Staff Support Team. If you have questions or interest regarding these openings, please contact Jim Partridge at jim@cityreformed.org ASAP, thank you.</p>
<p>VBS - Save the Date!</p>	<p>CRPC Children's Ministry invites you to mark your calendars for the week of July 10th for VBS 2023! We can't wait to see you there!</p>
<p>Join the VBS Planning Team</p>	<p>Do you have a gift for decorating? Organizing? Planning? Have ideas to help VBS run smoothly? Consider joining the VBS Planning Team. All ages are welcome! We will meet 2-3 times between now and VBS. Contact Becki if you're interested! becki@cityreformed.org.</p>

<p>Nominating Committee Update & Request</p>	<p>At the recent Congregational Meeting, a Nominating Committee was formed to evaluate calling Nameun Cho as an Associate Pastor of City Reformed, and concurrently serving as the Executive Pastor. The committee is asking the congregation to prayerfully consider Nameun, his current ministry, and your thoughts about his service to the church in this new role and submitting them in written form. Submissions can be sent to Pat (pat@cityreformed.org), or in-person reflections can be submitted to any committee member.</p>
<p>Meals for new parents</p>	<p>If you are able to provide a meal for a family that has just added a new baby into the mix, please contact Katie at katherine.dufendach@gmail.com. Meals during the transition are so appreciated.</p>
<p>Elder Jim Partridge's health updates can be found here:</p>	<p>https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/jimandtracyjourney</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 April 3: We will continue on discussion on revelation and inspiration by looking at Judaism. 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: 4/5, 4/19, 5/3, 5/17, and 5/31</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 Suzannah S. Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer.</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group</p>	<p>Wednesdays bi-weekly (April 12th & 26th) @ 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)
- 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** (danielrtoney@gmail.com)
- **Board Game Gatherings** (gatcheson@gmail.com)

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