



Sunday Morning Worship
April 21, 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

"Lord, help me live from day to day
In such a self-forgetful way
That even when I kneel to pray
My prayer shall be for others.

Help me in all the work I do
To ever be sincere and true,
And know that all I'd do for You
Must needs be done for others."

–Charles Meig, "Others"

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

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

Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:30PM
Greenfield Chapel
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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)

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Information:



Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Dave Snoko

Call to Worship: John 1:1-5, 9-13

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

Leader In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People **He was in the beginning with God.**

Leader All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

People **In him was life, and the life was the light of men.**

Leader The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

People **The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.**

Leader He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.

People **He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.**

Leader But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

People **Who were born - not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**

Prayer of Invocation

What a Beautiful Name

(Words & Music: by Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood 2016 [alternate 2nd verse by Daniel Snoke 2017])

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in you our Christ

*What a beautiful name it is
What a beautiful name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful name it is
The name of Jesus*

The Light of Life shines in the darkness
And darkness has not overcome
Grace and truth have come through Jesus
And now God has been made known

*What a wonderful name it is
What a wonderful name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus*

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and shame
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the name above all names

*What a powerful name it is
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus*

Scripture Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Sing Hallelujah

(Words & Music: Linda Stassen 1974)

Sing Hallelujah to the Lord (echo)
Sing Hallelujah to the Lord (echo)
Sing Hallelujah! sing Hallelujah!
Sing Hallelujah to the Lord.

Jesus is risen from the dead. (echo)
Jesus is risen from the dead. (echo)
Jesus is risen! Jesus is risen!
Jesus is risen from the dead.

Jesus is coming once again. (echo)
Jesus is coming once again. (echo)
Jesus is coming! Jesus is coming!
Jesus is coming once again.

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

(Words: Edward Perronet 1780 & Music: Oliver Holden 1793)

All hail the power of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all

Let every kindred every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all

Call to Confession: John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, you love the loveless and grant mercy to the guilty. You sent your Son Jesus to seek and to save the lost. When we were his enemies he died for us. We pray that you would remind us that we need grace. Teach us to extend that grace to others. Shape us and change us, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: John 7:37-39

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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).

Living Hope

(Words & Music: Brian Johnson and Phil Wickham, 2017)

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke your name into the night
Then through the darkness
Your lovingkindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ, My living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom
such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

*Hallelujah,
Praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah,
Death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain,
There's salvation in your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

Then came the morning
That sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, yours is the victory!

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: 3 John 1:1-15

"Sending, Receiving, and Partnering in Ministry"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth.

²Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.

³For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers came and testified to your truth, as indeed you are walking in the truth. ⁴I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

⁵Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, ⁶who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. ⁷For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. ⁸Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.

⁹I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority. ¹⁰So if I come, I will bring up what he is doing, talking wicked nonsense against us. And not content with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers, and also stops those who want to and puts them out of the church.

¹¹Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God.

¹²Demetrius has received a good testimony from everyone, and from the truth itself. We also add our testimony, and you know that our testimony is true.

¹³I had much to write to you, but I would rather not write with pen and ink. ¹⁴I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face.

¹⁵Peace be to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends, each by name.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Luke 19:10 / "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

John 20:20-22 / When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Hebrews 13:2 / Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Scriptural Response: Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Songs of Thanksgiving

The Great Commission

(Words & Music: Daniel Justice Snoke 2022)

At your call we follow
In your name we worship
In our doubting hearts be glorified

*All authority is mine therefore go
Baptize all the world and teach them my Word
By Father Son and Holy Spirit I am with you*

To God Be The Glory

(Words: Fanny Crosby 1875 & Music: W. Howard Doane 1875)

To God be the glory great things He has done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in

*Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory, great things he has done*

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

Great things He has taught us
Great things He has done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend John McCombs will be preaching from Acts 8:9-25, "Simony at the Samaritan Pentecost."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Women's Prayer Group: Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:30 AM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>Women's prayer group, meeting on Thursday mornings from 10:30-11:30 at Greenfield building. Come pray with us! If you plan to come, please contact Luda so we can add your prayer requests prior to meeting: 314-229-2023.</p>
<p>Gym Worship Dates: TODAY & April 28 WT 10:15AM</p>	<p>Instead of our normal Auditorium space, prepare your backs for worship in the bleachers of the Gym on these dates, due to WT's production! On the 28th, there will be no bagels nor coffee, and Children's Church will also shift to the 2nd floor that date: Little Pillars will meet in 115 and Teach Me To Worship will meet in 119. Thank you for flexing with us!</p>
<p>CRPC 20th Anniversary Dinner: April 27th St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church 419 South Dithridge St. 15213 5-9PM</p>	<p>The deadline for our sign up was Monday Apr 8. This Sunday we will make the completed sign up list available at Sunday Morning Information Table so that people with questions can check on their status. We have reserved a few extra slots, so if you had a last minute change or simply made a mistake, you can contact Catherine Claus (sst@cityreformed.org)</p>
<p>Christian Scientific Society: May 4 Webinar</p>	<p>David Snoke will join with physicist Andrew Jordan to give a webinar on Saturday, May 4, "Quantum Mechanics for Non-Experts". See this link for details and to register. https://christianscientific.org/schedule-and-abstracts-for-the-upcoming-webinar-on-quantum-mechanics-for-non-experts/</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>Save the Date: VBS July 15-19</p>	<p>We are excited to announce that VBS will be held July 15-19, 2024 at the Vietnam Veterans Pavilion! Mark your calendars now - more information will be shared soon.</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 3rd Wednesday 12PM</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>Additional Mommies Discipleship Group: 3rd Saturday of each month, 9:30AM - 11AM</p>	<p>This summer (May-August), Emily Schartner will be hosting at 1111 Morningside Avenue and we will be studying the Psalms together. On nice days, Dads are encouraged to bring their kids to the Highland Park Super Playground for a playdate! Please note that the first meeting is May 25th to avoid a scheduling conflict.</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 Missions Prayer: Mondays @ 9 PM</p>	<p>Join our church in prayer for missions partners. This week we will be praying for Donnie and Kara Williams. 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. Current study 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>Final Spring toddler/preschooler storytime and free play at the Greenfield chapel is 4/29 from 10-11:30 am! SUMMER storytime for ALL kids will meet at Bartlett playground at 10 am on the second Monday of each month (5/13, 6/10, 7/8, 8/12, 9/9). Contact Taylor at taylogkilbride@gmail.com.</p>

College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- CMU: Chris Bollinger (cwbollinger@gmail.com)
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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** (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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