

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

"Those who love their dream of a Christian community more than they love the Christian community itself become destroyers of that Christian community."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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

Church Office

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Church)

Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church Sunday Morning Worship – May 29, 2022

Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

Call to Worship: Psalm 84:1-5; 8-12

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

Leader How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

People My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Leader Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

People Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Leader O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed! For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

People I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Leader For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

People O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

Prayer of Invocation

Rising Sun

(Words & Music: Leslie Jordan, Kyle Lee, and David Leonard 2012)

Praise Him all you sinners
Sing oh sing you weary
Oh praise Him all you children of God

We lift high His glory Shown throughout our stories We praise Him as the children of God

Our great Redeemer glorious Savior Your Name is higher than the rising sun Light of the morning You shine forever Your Name is higher than the rising sun Jesus you're greater than the rising sun

Praise His Name forever Speak it loud and clear now Oh praise Him all you children of God

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:6-11

For All the Saints

(Words: William W. How 1864 Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

For all the saints, Who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith Before the world confessed, Thy Name, O Jesus, Be forever blessed. Alleluia, Allelu...

Thou wast their rock,
Their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain
In the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness
Drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Allelu...

O blest communion, Fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, They in glory shine; Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia, Allelu...

The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest; Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed. Alleluia, Allelu...

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day; The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of glory passes on his way, Alleluia, Allelu...

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Hosanna

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

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

Call to Confession: Ephesians 4:29-32

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Prayer of Confession:

Blessed Son,

You are the Light who has come, the Lamb that takes away the sin of the world.

May I never be a blot in life, that darkens the way of truth.

May I never make my liberty an occasion for the flesh.

May I, by love, serve others, and please my neighbor for his good.

May I show my commitment to the gospel, not only with good works, but also gentle words.

May I hold forth the way of Jesus with my temper and with my tongue, with my life and with my lips.

May I say to all I meet, I am bound for the Lord's place, come with me for your good!

May I be in character and conduct like the dew of heaven, the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 5:1-2

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Please direct giving online or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).

My Jesus I Love Thee

(Words: William Featherston 1864 Music: Adoniram Gordon 1876)

My Jesus I love Thee I know Thou art mine For Thee all the follies of sin I resign My gracious Redeemer my Savior art Thou If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

I'll love Thee in life I will love Thee in death And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

In mansions of glory and endless delight I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

Pastoral Prayer

Today is an all-age service when our kids join us for the sermon. Derek Bates will be giving out lollipops to those that present him with a drawing or notes of the sermon!

Sermon: Mark 1:16-20, 2:13-17, 3:13-19

"The Church Jesus Makes"

- Reverend Derek Bates

Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him...

...^{2:13}He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. ¹⁴And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

¹⁵And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹⁷And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners…"

... ^{3:13}And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. ¹⁴And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach ¹⁵and have authority to cast out demons. ¹⁶He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); ¹⁷James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); ¹⁸Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, ¹⁹and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Additional Scripture

Matthew 28:16-20 / Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. 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."

John 17:20-21 / "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

2 Corinthians 1:3-5 / Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

Sermon Outline

Main Point: when Jesus calls us to Himself, He calls us to His community.

- 1) A School
- 2) A Hospital
- 3) A Church

Notes

Creedal Response: Heidelberg Catechism, Question 55

Q: What do you understand by "the communion of saints"?

A. First, that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts. Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Living Stones | 1 Peter 2:1-12 (Words & Music: Daniel Snoke 2019)

May you keep your actions noble May your neighbors see your love When they speak about your failure May they see your deeds and give God glory

For you, you have been chosen to be God's holy people That he builds into his house like living stones Full of the Spirit

And you, you have been chosen to be God's holy people That he builds into his house like living stones Full of the Spirit of peace

If you've seen that God is precious If you've tasted that he's good If you struggle with your passion Come to rest your soul as God's beloved

Come to him, the stone rejected Come to him and give your life Put away your sin and slander Come to Christ the Living Stone of Zion

His mercy calls you From darkness into his glory The day of the Lord will come

Come Thou Fount

(Words: Robert Robinson & Martin Madan 1760 Music: Unknown)

Come thou fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace. Streams of mercy never ceasing Call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by thy help I'm come,
And I hope by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God.
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be.
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Tonight's Worship Service: Elder Dave Snoke will be preaching on 1 Corinthians 4:1-5, "I Don't Care About What Anyone Thinks of Me", "Grill the Preacher" immediately following.

Upcoming Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

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Photo Booth May 29th, June 5th	We will have an opportunity to take family photos to update the church directory. No signups necessary, just come ready to take a photo on May 29th or June 5th, directly after service. We are planning to change our directory from Adjace to Planning Center in the near future. You will receive more information about this soon. Contact Zachary for more information (zachary@cityreformed.org.)
Summer RUF! Every Wed, beginning June 1st Bates Estate, 3334 Dawson Street	Dinner at 6.00, Study at 7.00 All college students, recent HS grads, and recent college grads welcome. Questions? callie.miller@ruf.org
Christian Scientific Society Conference June 11th, University of Pittsburgh	This year's annual conference of the Christian Scientific Society will focus on the topic "What Have We Learned From COVID?". In-person and zoom options available. Advanced registration is required. Register at: https://www.christianscientific.org/2022-june-meeting-registration/Contact Dave Snoke (snoke@pitt.edu)
Young Adult Women's Fellowship: Clothing/Book Swap! Saturday, June 25th from 10a-12p at the Greenfield building (3929 Coleman St.).	We all have clothing in our closets that we never wear and books on our bookshelves that we never read, and buying new items can be expensive! So, we are excited to host a clothing and book swap event for young adult women! We will collect items at church on June 12th and 19th (AM and PM service) and lay them out on the day of the swap. Everything will be free! You can also contact Katelyn Spallinger (katelyn@cityreformed.org) or Emily Deemer (e.l.deemer@gmail.com) to arrange a drop off at either of our homes before June 25th. Anything not taken, can either be taken back home, or will be donated. We kindly ask that you limit your donations to 15 items or less. Questions? Contact Katelyn@cityreformed.org.

Volunteer Needs

Summer Youth	Our youth will be participating in a missions trip to
Missions Trip Adult	support Mosaic Community Church in Jeannette, PA. We
Leaders	are looking for adult volunteers to assist with the trip.
July 11-15	Contact zachary@cityreformed.org for more information.

Wednesday Prayer Meetings 8:30-9:30 AM	Join our staff as they pray for our church. Wedensday weekly prayer is held on Zoom at: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer
Global Mission Prayer Mondays @9PM Zoom https://tinyurl.com/ crpcglobalprayer	The Missions Committee would like to invite you to join our church in prayer for our mission partners on Monday evenings at 9PM. We hope this new time will allow more people to join us in prayer. We will be praying for Rachel Bauserman and her work in Japan.
Grace and Truth for Moms Summer Study Every other Tues night from 6/14-8/9 from 7:30-9pm Greenfield Chapel: 3929 Coleman Street	We want you to get to the root of difficult emotions and interactions in parenting, so you can be set free by the grace and truth God has for you. Join us this summer for a study co-lead by Amanda Moore and Rachael Leuenberger at the Greenfield Building. There is a \$10 cost which gives you lifetime access to the course videos and handouts. Please sign up using this link: tinyurl.com/CRPCSummerstudy22
Young Adult Women's Bible Study	Every other Wednesday night, beginning on 6/8, from 7-8:30pm at Katelyn Spallinger's Home (1815 Sarah Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203). Join us for an 8 session summer study of Proverbs! Contact Katelyn (katelyn@cityreformed.org).
Recreational Ultimate Frisbee McKnight Park Mondays, 6-8PM	Come join us for some recreational ultimate frisbee! We hope this serves as an opportunity for us to connect with other members of our congreagation while getting some exercise. Feel free to invite a friend! For more information, contact Dan Toney (danielrtoney@gmail.com)
Board Game Gatherings Greenfield Chapel	We will be reviving our monthly board game gatherings from 7-9PM on the first Monday of each month. Come join us at the Greenfield Chapel for games and fellowship!

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: Callie Miller (callie.miller@ruf.org)
- cityreformed.org/collegestudents

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

Tuesday

Northside- Joe Benscoter & Nathan Schartner Morningside*- Jeff Winkler West Hills*- Jonathan Dodd

Wednesday

Near East Suburban- Jim Partridge Regent Square- David Snoke Baldwin/Greenfield*- Joseph Bianco East Suburban- Joe Stehle

Thursday

Shadyside - Ben Chidester Forest Hills*- Adam Schwab

*Childcare provided

** Kid's play area available

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