



Sunday Morning Worship
May 8, 2022

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

"The only way to drive away the Devil is through faith in Christ, by saying: 'I have been baptized, I am a Christian.'"

–Martin Luther

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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Worship Service

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Sunday Morning Worship – May 8, 2022
Presider: Elder Andy Leuenberger

Call to Worship: Ephesians 4:1-6

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

Leader I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,

People **With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

Leader There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—

People **One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.**

Prayer of Invocation

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

(Words: Charles Wesley 1739 Music: John Walsh 1708)

Christ the Lord is risen today - Alleluia
Sons of men and angels say - Alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high - Alleluia
Sing ye heav'ns and earth reply - Alleluia

Love's redeeming work is done - Alleluia
Fought the fight the battle won - Alleluia
Lo the Sun's eclipse is o'er - Alleluia
Lo He sets in blood no more - Alleluia

Vain the stone the watch the seal - Alleluia
Christ has burst the gates of hell - Alleluia
Death in vain forbids Him rise - Alleluia
Christ has opened paradise - Alleluia

Lives again our glorious King - Alleluia
Where, O death, is now thy sting - Alleluia
Once He died our souls to save - Alleluia
Where thy victory O grave - Alleluia

Hail the Lord of earth and Heaven - Alleluia
Praise to Thee by both be given - Alleluia
Thee we greet triumphant now - Alleluia
Hail the resurrection thou - Alleluia

Easter Reading: John 6:35-40

Behold Our God

(Words & Music: Jonathan, Meghan, & Ryan Beird, & Stephen Altrogge 2011)

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

*Behold our God, seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

You will reign forever! (2x)
You will reign forever! (2x)

Behold Our God

(Words & Music: Donna Adkins 1976)

Father we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Jesus we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Spirit we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Call to Confession: Colossians 2:8-10

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we thank you that you have given us life in Christ. We have been filled with his fullness and we look to him as one who has all authority and power. But we need to confess that we are easily distracted. The opinions and attractions of the world easily lead us astray and can hold us captive. Our views are easily swayed by the trends of popular opinion and the news cycle. Please ground us in your truth and guard our hearts. Direct our desires to that which is good. Convince us that our sin is truly forgiven and restore the joy of our salvation. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 2:11-15

In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Membership Vows & Baptism: James and Sara Van Meerbeke, Caleb Van Meerbeke

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).

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

(Words & Music: Jordan Kauflin, Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Matthew Merker 2020)

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

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*O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

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 after the sermon from Children's Church.

Sermon: Galatians 3:24-29

Elements of Worship

"Baptism"

- Reverend Matthew Koerber

So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Additional Scripture

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."

Acts 16:14-15 / The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

Additional Catechism

Westminster Shorter Catechism 167 / Q. How are we to build upon our baptism? A. The needful but much neglected duty of building upon our baptism is to be performed by us all our life long, especially in times of temptation and when we are present at the administration of it to others, by the following:

- by serious and thankful consideration of the nature of it, the purposes for which Christ instituted it, the privileges and benefits conferred and sealed by it, and our solemn vows made in it;
 - by being humbled for our sinful defilement and for the ways in which we fall short of it and walk contrary to the grace of baptism and our commitments in it;
 - by growing up to an assurance of pardon for our sin and all of the other blessings sealed to us in this sacrament;
 - by drawing strength from the death and resurrection of Christ into whom we are baptized, for the mortifying of sin and enlivening of grace;
 - by endeavoring to live by faith and to have a way of life of holiness and righteousness, as those who have given up their names to Christ in their baptism;
 - and by walking in brotherly love, since we are baptized by the same Spirit into one body.
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Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism 94

Q. 94. What is baptism?

A. Baptism is a sacrament in which washing with water, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, signifies and seals our grafting into Christ and our partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace and our engagement to be the Lord's.

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*

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

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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

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Tonight's Worship Service: Reverend Nameun Cho will be preaching on 1 Corinthians 2:1-16, "Wisdom Discerned Through the Holy Spirit."

Upcoming Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

Summer Infant Nursery Update	Starting this Sunday, we will be setting up, but not staffing, the Infant Nursery. Parents of children ages 0-17 months are welcome to use room 112 as a cry room or play space during service. A livestream will be set up in the room each week. Disciplers will return to the Infant Nursery at the end of the summer! Contact Becki with questions (becki@cityreformed.org)
North African Outreach and Ministry Night May 15th @ 5:30-7:30PM Greenfield Chapel	City Reformed has members on the ground in North Africa (Jon and Beka), and will have two more couples moving there in the next year or two (Andrew and Amy, Jon and Vicky). What is the context there and how can CRPC members here be best supporting our brothers and sisters? Come hear and ask questions at an evening of worship, teaching, fellowship and prayer, featuring a veteran worker who has worked in North Africa for years. Refreshments provided! Come learn and support this movement among us! If you have questions, contact Jim Partridge at jim@cityreformed.org
Renewing Your Mind: Abortion and the Sanctity of Life. Friday, May 27, 7:00 PM at the Greenfield Chapel	This will be the fourth and final seminar in our spring series. In this seminar, Pastor Joseph will summarize the Biblical basis for guarding the sanctity of human life and introduce various speakers from the congregation who will share their involvement with the pro-life movement, including: <i>Pro-life advocacy and support for abortion-vulnerable women, adoption and foster care, and healing for post-abortion trauma.</i>

Volunteer Needs

VBS Volunteer and Children Registration Open July 25-29	Join us for VBS this summer! Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness VBS will be July 25-29. We are currently recruiting for adult & youth (rising 6th-12th graders) volunteer and child registration. Contact Debbie Bacon vbs@cityreformed.org if you'd like to help with any of the preparation or if you have any questions. Register at: https://tinyurl.com/RegisterVBS2022
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Regular Events

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<p>Global Mission Prayer Mondays @9PM Zoom https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer</p>	<p>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 PRISM and their ministry to international students in Pittsburgh.</p>
<p>Wednesday Prayer Meetings Wednesdays 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>Women's Informal Gathering: Biddle's Escape Coffee & Food Truck Wednesday, May 11 @ 6-7:30PM</p>	<p>Come grab some dinner and/or coffee at Biddle's Escape (401 Biddle Ave. Pittsburgh, Pa 15221). Contact Katelyn Spallinger (katelyn@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p>Women's Informal Gathering: Delanie's Coffee & Riverview Trail Saturday, May 28 @ 10-11:30AM</p>	<p>Sip some coffee as we walk the Southside Riverview Trail! (1737 E Carson St, Pittsburgh, PA 15203). Contact Katelyn Spallinger (katelyn@cityreformed.org).</p>

Groups

<p>College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p>Specialty Groups meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, learning, and service. For a complete listing of current groups, please refer to the website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Agora Forum- Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)</i> • <i>Men's New Hope (Joseph@cityreformed.org)</i> • <i>Mommies' Group (Sandy@cityreformed.org)</i> • <i>Wednesday Morning Prayer (Zachary@cityreformed.org)</i> • <i>Men's Discipleship Committee (mdc@cityreformed.org)- MENTORS NEEDED!</i> • <i>Young Adult Women's Fellowship (Katelyn@cityreformed.org)</i>

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

Greenfield/North Oakland- 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.