



Sunday Morning Worship
June 9, 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

"The central problem of our age is not liberalism or modernism, nor the old Roman Catholicism or the new Roman Catholicism, nor the threat of communism, nor even the threat of rationalism and the monolithic consensus which surrounds us. All these are dangerous but not the primary threat. The real problem is this: the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, individually corporately, tending to do the Lord's work in the power of the flesh rather than of the Spirit. The central problem is always in the midst of the people of God, not in the circumstances surrounding them."

– Francis Schaeffer

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
Winchester Thurston Auditorium
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Welcome
Information:



Sunday Evening Worship Service

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Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Derek Bates

Call to Worship: Isaiah 26:1-4, 7-9

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

Leader In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:
"We have a strong city; he sets up salvation as walls and
bulwarks.

People **Open the gates, that the righteous nation that keeps faith
may enter in.**

Leader You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you,
because he trusts in you.

People **Trust in the LORD forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting
rock...**

Leader The path of the righteous is level; you make level the way of the
righteous.

People **In the path of your judgments, O LORD, we wait for you;
your name and remembrance are the desire of our soul.**

Leader My soul yearns for you in the night; my spirit within me earnestly
seeks you.

People **For when your judgments are in the earth, the
inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.**

Prayer of Invocation

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)
(Let your glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever! (2x)
(Let your glory fill the earth)

Scripture Reading: Psalm 38:9, 15

Wilderness

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke, Keith Watts, & Naaman Wood 2020)

Ev'ry failure that we carry
Is a load you long to take
And redeem it for your glory
With the lightness of your grace
Though the wilderness is lonely
Though our hope may seem to wear
Still the wilderness is holy
For we find you meet us there

Ev'ry trial and temptation
Is a cross you call to bear
That we know more of your patience
And to feel your loving care
Though the wilderness is lonely
Though our faith may seem to bend
In the wilderness you closely
Guard our hearts unto the end

Ev'ry stain and imperfection
You are making wholly new
For our marks shall be reflections
Of the scars you carry too
Though the wilderness is lonely
Though we wander and we roam
Through the wilderness your only
Path of love will lead us home

Blessed is his name
Jesus Christ we sing
Worthy to be praised
Hallelujah!

Nearer My God To Thee

(Words: Sarah Adams 1841; Music: Lowell Mason 1856)

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
Yet in my heart am I nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

There let the way appear, steps unto Heav'n;
All that Thou sendest me, in mercy giv'n;
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Then, with my waking thoughts bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Then in my Father's home, safe and at rest,
There in my Savior's love, perfectly blest;
Age after age to be nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Call to Confession: Isaiah 30:15-16

For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." But you were unwilling, and you said, "No! We will flee upon horses"; therefore you shall flee away.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, you have made us, and you have redeemed us in Christ. You guard us and keep us by your Holy Spirit. You shower us with blessings and shield us from many harms. We have many reasons to trust you, for you have proved yourself to be faithful. And yet we struggle to trust you. Again and again we trust things that can be seen – our position, our money, our reputation, our abilities. Like Israel before us, we plan to 'flee on our swift horses.' We fail to find our strength in quietness before you. Remind us of your gospel promises. Help us to know the depth of your forgiveness and of your fatherly love. Give us grace to return to you and to trust Christ more fully. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 30:18

Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. 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).

Laden with Guilt

(Music: Sandra McCracken 2001 & Words: Isaac Watts 1766)

Laden with guilt and full of fears,
I fly to thee my Lord.
And not a glimpse of hope appears,
But in thy written word
The volumes of my Father's grace,
Does all my griefs assuage.
Here I behold my Savior's face,
In every page.

This is the field where hidden lies
The pearl of price unknown.
That merchant is divinely wise,
Who makes the pearl his own.
Here consecrated water flows,
To quench my thirst of sin;
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows,
No danger dwells within.

This is the judge that ends the strife,
Where wit and reason fail.
My guide to everlasting life,
Through all this gloomy vale.
Oh may thy counsels, mighty God,
My roving feet command,
Nor I forsake the happy road
That leads to thy right hand

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.

Sermon: Genesis 16

"Doing God's Work in Our Own Power"

- Reverend Matthew Koerber

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. ²And Sarai said to Abram, "Behold now, the LORD has prevented me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. ³So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her servant, and gave her to Abram her husband as a wife. ⁴And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. ⁵And Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my servant to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the LORD judge between you and me!" ⁶But Abram said to Sarai, "Behold, your servant is in your power; do to her as you please." Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her.

⁷The angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. ⁸And he said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from my mistress Sarai." ⁹The angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress and submit to her." ¹⁰The angel of the LORD also said to her, "I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude." ¹¹And the angel of the LORD said to her,

“Behold, you are pregnant
and shall bear a son.

You shall call his name Ishmael,
because the Lord has listened to your affliction.

¹²He shall be a wild donkey of a man,
his hand against everyone
and everyone's hand against him,
and he shall dwell over against all his kinsmen.”

¹³So she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, “You are a God of seeing,” for she said, “Truly here I have seen him who looks after me.” ¹⁴Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered.

¹⁵And Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. ¹⁶Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Isaiah 30:1-2 / "Ah, stubborn children," declares the LORD, "who carry out a plan, but not mine, and who make an alliance, but not of my Spirit, that they may add sin to sin; who set out to go down to Egypt, without asking for my direction, to take refuge in the protection of Pharaoh and to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt!"

Galatians 3:1-3 / O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

Galatians 4:21-25 / Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children.

Creedal Response: Westminster Confession of Faith 16.3

Their ability to do good works is not at all from themselves, but wholly from the Spirit of Christ. Also, so that they may be enabled to do good works, in addition to the graces they have already received, they need an actual influence of the same Holy Spirit to work in them to will and to do his good pleasure. Yet are they not to grow negligent based on this, as if they were not bound to perform any duty unless they receive a special motion of the Spirit; instead they ought to be diligent to stir up the grace of God that is in them.

Songs of Thanksgiving

In Tenderness

(Words & Music: Adoniram Judson Gordon, Nate Garvey, and W. Spencer Walton 2013)

In tenderness he sought me
Weary and sick with sin
And on his shoulders brought me
Back to his fold again
While angels in his presence sang
Until the courts of heaven rang

*Oh the love that sought me
Oh the blood that bought me
Oh the grace that brought me to the fold of God
Grace that brought me to the fold of God*

He died for me while I was sinning
Needy and poor and blind
He whispered to assure me
I've found thee, thou art mine
I'd never heard a sweeter voice
It made my aching heart rejoice

Upon his grace I'll daily ponder
And sing anew his praise
With all adoring wonder
His blessings I retrace
It seems as if eternal days
Are far too short to sing his praise

There Is A Fountain

(Words & Music: William Cowper & Lowell Mason 1772)

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day
And there have I though vile as he
Washed all my sins away (3x)
And there have I though vile as he
Washed all my sins away

Dear dying Lamb thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power
And all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more (3x)
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Your flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die

When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave
Then in a nobler sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save (3x)
Then in a nobler sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Gavin Breeden will be preaching from 1 John 1:5-10, "Light and Darkness."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Summer College Student Bible Study hosted by RUF	Summer College Student Bible Study hosted by RUF Tuesdays, throughout June and July at the Breeden Abode, 414 Stratton Lane (ShadySide) Dinner at 6:30pm, Study and discussion at 7:30pm. All college students, recent HS grads, and recent college grads are welcome to join us! Questions? Contact gavin.breeden@ruf.org or callie.miller@ruf.org
Women's Prayer Group: Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:30 AM Greenfield Chapel	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.
Women's Summer Bible Study: Thursdays, 1-3 PM	Becoming A Woman of Grace. Thursdays, 1:00-3:00 at Cathy Taylor's home in Churchill. Contact Cathy: Lawyerdad5@aol.com .
Men's Camping Trip Moraine State Park June 28 - June 29	Learn more and register at https://tinyurl.com/CRPCCamping . Activities will include ultimate frisbee, relaxing by a campfire, fishing from Mr. Luke's boat, bike riding and swimming in the lake! Registration is required as we will be providing dinner on Friday and breakfast on Saturday. So bring your sons, your favorite outdoor games and invite your friends and neighbors. Limited lodging is available for those that are not able to camp. Questions not answered on the registration page can be directed to Adam Schwab (ahs27@pitt.edu) or Craig Kozminski (craigkozminski@gmail.com).
Women's Ministry Need	We are seeking a part-time women's ministry assistant. Job 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. Please contact office@cityreformed.org
Vacation Bible School Time to Register: July 15-19	Registration is now OPEN at myvbs.org/CRPC . Please consider serving at this highly anticipated event - there are roles for all gifts and interests! We are planning on a short timeline and need your help to make this event happen.

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

Regular Events

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<p>Agora Forum: Every other Monday 7 PM: 3929 Coleman</p>	<p>We discuss theology and popular culture topics from a Christian perspective. 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 Rachel Bauserman in Japan. Held on Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer.</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group: Bi-Weekly Wednesdays @ 7 PM</p>	<p>Meets on the North Side and Squirrel Hill. Current study is: "Delight: A Walk through Psalms 1-30." For more info, contact Lindsay Karr (lindsay.karr@gmail.com).</p>
<p>CRPC Storytime: Bartlett Playground Second Monday of each month</p>	<p>SUMMER storytime for ALL kids will meet at Bartlett playground at 10 am on the second Monday of each month (6/10, 7/8, 8/12, 9/9). Contact Taylor at taylorakilbride@gmail.com.</p>

College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

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- 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)
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- **Board Game Gatherings** (gatcheson@gmail.com)

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