



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**July 23, 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](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

"He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."  
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!"

- Revelation 22:20

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM  
Winchester Thurston Auditorium  
5059 Ellsworth Ave  
Pittsburgh PA, 15213

LIVESTREAM: [tinyurl.com/CRPCLive](http://tinyurl.com/CRPCLive)

### Sunday Evening Service

5:30PM  
Greenfield Chapel  
3929 Coleman Street  
Pittsburgh PA, 15207

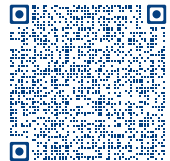
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### Welcome Information:



# Morning Worship Service

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Sunday Morning Worship – July 23, 2023

Presider: Reverend Gavin Breeden

## Call to Worship: Daniel 2:20-23

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

Leader "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom  
belong wisdom and might.

People **He changes times and seasons;**

Leader He removes kings and sets up kings;

People **He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who  
have understanding;**

Leader He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the  
darkness, and the light dwells with him.

People To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise...

## Prayer of Invocation

## God So Loved

(Words & Music: Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, and Scott Cash 2019)

Come all you weary  
Come all you thirsty  
Come to the well that never runs dry  
Drink of the water  
Come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners  
Come find His mercy  
Come to the table He will satisfy  
Taste of His goodness  
Find what you're looking for

*For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever  
The power of hell forever defeated  
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom  
For God so loved God so loved the world*

Bring all your failures  
Bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting there  
With open arms

Praise God praise God  
From whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him praise Him  
For the wonders of His love

**Scripture Reading:** Philippians 1:27–30

# I Want to Know You

(Words & Music: James Proctor, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, & Rich Thompson  
2016)

I've tried in vain a thousand ways  
My fears to quell my hopes to raise  
But what I need your word has said  
Is ever only Jesus

You died you live you reign you plead  
There's love in all your words and deeds  
This weary heart finds all it needs  
In ever only Jesus

*I want to know you Jesus my Lord  
King of the Heavens king of my soul  
I trade my treasure and all my rewards  
Jesus to know you then know you more*

Though some should curse me for your name  
I have no fear I have no shame  
You stand with me for all my days  
My ever only Jesus

Like wave after wave on the ocean  
Like all of the sand on the shore  
Your beauty and glory are endless  
O Jesus I must know you more

## **Solid Rock (My Hope Is Built)**

*(Words: Edward Mote 1834; Music: William Batchelder Bradbury 1863)*

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name

When darkness veils His lovely face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand*

His oath His covenant His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my Hope and Stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
O may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne.

## **Call to Confession: Romans 8:26-27**

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Father, we confess that we are weak. Even though we try to hide this from others and even from ourselves, there are so many things that we cannot control. War, disease, aging and death are all beyond our control. We cannot control the weather or the seasons. We are painfully aware that the corruptions of our own hearts defy our best remedies - we can't even fix ourselves.

So we turn to you. We know that your Spirit helps us with our weakness. Please renew us, strengthen us, and encourage us.

We trust that you are able to use all things for good. Though we cannot see it all now, we trust that you are working in all circumstances for good purposes for your people. We trust that you will continue the good work you began in us and that nothing can stand against your purposes to conform us to the image of your Son.

In his name we pray, Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:28-29**

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

## **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).*

## Psalm 62 | I'll Not Be Shaken

*(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2015)*

For God alone I wait in silence  
My soul is still before the Lord  
He is my rock and my salvation  
My fortress strong I trust in Him

*I'll not be shaken I'll not be shaken  
For all my hope is in His love  
From God alone comes my salvation  
I'll wait and trust His steadfast love*

Put not your hope in gain of riches  
Seek not your rest in empty wealth  
The rich are weak the poor are mighty  
Who turn to God alone for help

Pour out your heart to God our refuge  
And trust in Him to hear you cry  
No other hope will never fail you  
No other love will not run dry

## 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:

Matthew 24:1-3; 36-51

"Jesus Predicts the End of the World"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. <sup>2</sup>But he answered them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

<sup>3</sup>As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"...

<sup>36</sup>"But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. <sup>37</sup>For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup>Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

<sup>45</sup>"Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? <sup>46</sup>Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. <sup>47</sup>Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. <sup>48</sup>But if that wicked servant

says to himself, 'My master is delayed,' <sup>49</sup>and begins to beat his fellow servants and eats and drinks with drunkards, <sup>50</sup>the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know <sup>51</sup>and will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Additional Scriptures

1 Thessalonians 5:1-8 / Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

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2 Peter 3:8-10/ But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed

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## **Credal Response: Westminster Confession of Faith 33:3**

**Christ would have us to be certainly persuaded that there will be a day of judgment, both to deter all people from sin and for the greater consolation of the godly in their adversity. He makes that day unknown to mankind, so that they may shake off all worldly security and be always watchful, because they do not know when the Lord will come, and may be always prepared to say, "Come Lord Jesus, come quickly, Amen."**

# Songs of Thanksgiving

## Psalm 126

*(Words & Music: Isaac Wardell 2012)*

Our mouths, they were filled,  
Filled with laughter;  
Our tongues, they were loosed,  
Loosed with joy.  
Restore us, O Lord!  
Restore us, O Lord!

*Although we are weeping,  
Lord help us keep sowing  
The seeds of Your Kingdom  
For the day You will reap them.  
Your sheaves we will carry;  
Lord, please do not tarry!  
All those who sow weeping  
Will go out with songs of joy.*

The nations will say  
"He has done great things!"  
The nations will sing  
Songs of joy.  
Restore us, O Lord!  
Restore us, O Lord!

## 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!

## **Benediction**

*At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Joseph Bianco will be preaching from 2 Corinthians 12:1-10, "Paul's Visions and his Thorn."*

# Announcements

[www.cityreformed.org/events](http://www.cityreformed.org/events)

<p><b>New Grief Share Recovery Ministry at CRPC</b></p>	<p>Have you recently lost a family member or friend? GriefShare is an international, biblically based ministry to help you navigate and receive support in your grief journey after the loss of a loved one. Contact Katrina (katrina.campbell.170@gmail.com). Griefshare.org</p>
<p><b>Mommies' Discipleship Group: Thursdays</b></p>	<p>Mommies' Discipleship Group meets twice a month on Thursday evening. Join us for a time of fellowship and encouragement as we pray for one another and study the book of Hebrews. Meeting in July on the 6th and 27th at 7pm. Contact Sandy for more info: sandy@cityreformed.org</p>
<p><b>Youth Missions Trip: Jeannette August 7-11th 1pm - 9pm</b></p>	<p>Mosaic Community Church has invited us back for our second youth missions trip to Jeannette! This year, we will be assisting with their soccer camp in the evenings after doing our typical afternoon service and leadership talks. Dates are August 7th-11th, from 1pm to 9pm. There will be some flexibility for people who can only attend evenings. Adult drivers needed, especially during the day! Please contact Amy Channell (amylee012012@gmail.com) or John McCombs (john@cityreformed.org) for more info</p>
<p><b>Youth Group Tie-Dye and Bonfire Party: July 26 6pm - 9pm</b></p>	<p>Attention City Youth! Join us for a tie-dye and bonfire party! It'll be Wednesday, July 26th from 6:00-9:00 pm at Ms. Elizabeth's house, 27 Yoder St, Pittsburgh, PA 15207. The night will start off with the tie-dying and after that a fire! We'll provide a dinner of hot dogs, snacks, and s'mores, and then some board games. We can provide every kid with a t-shirt for no charge, but please email Ms. Elizabeth (elizabeth.mcmillan20@gmail.com) with their size by July 16th so she can order the shirts in time. If they'd like to tie-dye multiple items they can bring other things too, we'll have more than enough dye. If anyone has any questions please feel free to email Ms. Elizabeth!</p>
<p><b>Youth Group Parent Meeting via Zoom Tuesday 25th 8-9pm</b></p>	<p>We are hoping to provide an opportunity to discuss plans for youth ministry in the fall and the reforming of a Youth Ministry Committee. Contact Pastor Matt (pastormatt@cityreformed.org)</p>
<p><b>Sound Director Position Available</b></p>	<p>City Reformed is looking for a part-time Sound Director to begin as soon as possible. Job description available, please send resume and interest to Nameun Cho (nameun@cityreformed.org)</p>

# Regular Events

<p><b>Agora Forum:</b> 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 July 24. We will be continuing our summer series "How to think about God". Contact Alex Main(amain8511@gmail.com)</p>
<p><b>Bean Sprouts Ministry:</b> Monthly</p>	<p>Although many of us are retired, anyone who is free for lunch, please join us (and bring a friend!) at 12pm once a month. Contact Joe Stehle: joestehle@gmail.com.</p>
<p><b>Mens Discipleship</b></p>	<p>Please contact Adam Schwab (ahs27@pitt.edu ) if you are interested in getting more connected.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday Prayer Meetings:</b> 8:30-9:30 AM</p>	<p>Join our staff as they pray for our church. Wednesday weekly prayer is held on Zoom at: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer</a>.</p>
<p><b>Global Mission Prayer:</b> Mondays @9PM</p>	<p>Join our church in prayer for our mission partners. We will be praying for Bulawayo/Jones'. <b>Zoom link:</b> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer</a>.</p>
<p><b>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group</b></p>	<p>*New Leader &amp; Location*: Wednesdays bi-weekly (beginning on July 19th) @ 7PM at Amelia Morrissey's Home on the North Side. For more info, contact Lindsay Karr (lindsay.karr@gmail.com) .</p>
<p><b>Ultimate Frisbee:</b> Thursdays @ 6PM</p>	<p>Anyone who is interested in playing Ultimate Frisbee is welcome to join us Thursdays (6 PM) at McKnight Playground near the aviary. Contact Dan Toney, danielrtoney@gmail.com</p>

# Groups

**College Students** please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- CMU: Nameun Cho (nameun@cityreformed.org)
- 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](http://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 (lindsay.karr@gmail.com)*
- *Ultimate Frisbee (danielrtoney@gmail.com)*
- *Board Game Gatherings (gatcheson@gmail.com)*

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