



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**September 11, 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](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

"I want the whole Christ for my Saviour, the whole Bible for my book, the whole Church for my fellowship and the whole world for my mission field."

– John Wesley

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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

### Church Office

3929 Coleman St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15207  
412-720-7014  
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# Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Gavin Breeden

## **Call to Worship: Isaiah 40: 9-11**

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

Leader Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength,

People **O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"**

Leader Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

People **He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.**

## **Prayer of Invocation**

## Lion and the Lamb

*(Words & Music: Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, & Leeland Mooring 2015)*

He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord almighty

*Our God is the Lion  
The Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power  
And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him*

*Our God is the Lamb  
The Lamb that was slain  
For the sin of the world  
His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
And every knee will bow before Him*

So open up the gates  
Make way before the King of kings  
Our God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord almighty

Who can stop the Lord almighty  
Who can stop the Lord almighty

**Scripture Reading:** Hebrews 4: 14-16

## **Before the Throne of God Above**

*(Words: Charitie Lees Bancroft Music: Vikki Cook 1997)*

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong, a perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in Heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart (2x)

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me (2x)

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb  
My perfect spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I AM  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased with His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God (2x)

## **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

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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

## **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:** based on Psalm 51:1-15

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of my salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

# Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon: John 3:18-19

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

## Corporate Prayer

## Song of Renewal

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

## His Mercy Is More

*(Words & Music: Matt Boswell & Matt Papa 2016)*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord  
His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness new every morn  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

# 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: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21**

### **"The Gospel for the Outside World"**

- Reverend Matt Koerber

**T**herefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart.

<sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup>and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him



to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

## Additional Scripture

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 / And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

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1 Corinthians 9:20 / To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law.

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2 Corinthians 6:1,3-10 / Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain...We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

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## 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."

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# Songs of Thanksgiving

## Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

*(Words: John Newton 1774 Music: Laura Taylor 2001)*

Let us love and sing and wonder,  
Let us praise the Savior's name,  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame,  
He has washed us with his blood (3x),  
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us,  
Pitied us when enemies.  
Called us by his grace and taught us  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.  
He has washed us with his blood (3x),  
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptations  
Threaten hard to bear us down.  
For the Lord our strong salvation  
Holds in view the conqueror's crown  
He who washed us with his blood (3x),  
Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store.  
When through grace in Christ our trust is  
Justice smiles and asks no more.  
He who washed us with his blood (3x),  
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high.  
Here they trusted him before us  
Now their praises fill the sky.  
You have washed us with your blood (3x),  
You are worthy, Lamb of God

## Isaiah 55 | So Shall His Word

(Words & Music: Liz Vice & Sandra McCracken)

So shall his Word that goes out, that goes out  
Shall not return, not return empty

*It shall make a name for the LORD  
It shall make a name for the LORD  
Let the Light make a name for the LORD  
In the dark*

Come all who thirst, laborers, lay it down  
Come seek the Lord while he may be found

We shall go out, out with joy led in peace  
Join in the song all creation sing

*We shall make a name for the LORD  
We shall make a name for the LORD  
Let the Light make a name for the LORD  
In the dark*

## Prayer

## Announcements

## Benediction

***Tonight's Worship Service: Reverend John McCombs will be preaching on 1 Corinthians 12:12 -31, with a time of Q and A ("Grill the Preacher") immediately following.***

# Upcoming Events

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

<p><b>College Shuttle</b> The college shuttle this week for the duration of the Fall semester.</p> <p>Contact Katelyn (katelyn@cityreformed.org) for more information.</p>	<p>Pickup (details upon request!) 9:30AM- Point Park University 9:45- Pitt 9:55- Carnegie Mellon University Return: Following the Pizza Social.</p>
<p><b>Newcomers Lounge</b></p>	<p>Sundays in September! Are you new to City Reformed? Please join us after the service in the Dance Studio G8 for a dedicated space to welcome new visitors. Coffee, bagels, and a warm smile will be made available! *Please note September 18th is a welcome picnic - Newcomers Lounge will take a break that week!</p>
<p><b>College Pizza Social</b> September 11th</p>	<p>9/11 immediately after the morning service. Calling all college students! Join us for a time of FREE PIZZA, fellowship, and learning more about our church. WT Middle School Library (Rm. 224/225, 3rd floor). SHUTTLE will transport back AFTER this event.</p>
<p><b>Welcome Picnic</b> September 18th</p>	<p>9/18 immediately after the morning service. Join us for our annual welcome picnic outside in the WT parking lot. Food will be provided. (No Newcomer's Lounge!)</p>
<p><b>How to Study the Bible, Women's Seminar</b> September 24th, 9AM-noon Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>Women of CRPC! Mark your calendars and join WMC on Saturday morning, Sept. 24 from 9:00am -12 noon as Shelly Scott leads us in learning how to study the Bible using the inductive manuscript method. Shelly is a seasoned teacher in her role with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. Registration is required by Sept.18 at: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/crpcbiblestudy">tinyurl.com/crpcbiblestudy</a></p>
<p><b>Membership Class: 10/7 - 10/8, Greenfield Chapel</b></p>	<p>New to City Reformed? Want to learn more about our church? Join us for our next membership class Friday 10/7 (7:00-9:30pm) &amp; Saturday 10/8 (9:00am-1:00pm) in the Greenfield Chapel (3929 Coleman St.). Questions? Email <a href="mailto:nameun@cityreformed.org">nameun@cityreformed.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>Youth Communicant's Class</b></p>	<p>Are you or do you have a youth in your family looking to take membership vows? Join us as we host a class to study the process of professing faith and becoming communicant members in the church. Email all questions and interests to <a href="mailto:nameun@cityreformed.org">nameun@cityreformed.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>Agora Forum</b> Mon 9/12/22 @ 7PM 3929 Coleman St., 15207</p>	<p>We will be continuing our series on predestination. David Snoke will lead a discussion on "How can we think about the Problem of Evil?" Contact Alex (<a href="mailto:amain8511@gmail.com">amain8511@gmail.com</a>)</p>

## Children's Ministry

<b>Sunday School!</b>	Sunday school classes from Toddler - Adult TODAY, September 11th. No advance registration is required. See you there! Reach out to Becki (becki@cityreformed.org) with any questions.
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## Missions Committee

<b>Missions Committee Positions Open</b>	The missions committee is looking for two new members. Contact Jim Partridge (jim@cityreformed.org) for more details.
<b>Zimbabwe Missions Trip</b>	The missions committee is planning a two week missions trip to Zimbabwe in the summer of 2023. More details to come soon. Contact Jim Partridge (jim@cityreformed.org) if you are interested in receiving more information.

## Employment and Volunteer Needs

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

<b>Program Manager Job Posting</b>	This position oversees the church communications, coordination of all-church events, and logistics for Sunday mornings. The position is currently posted as 20hr/wk, but hours are flexible depending on the situation of the applicant. Applicants should send a resume and two references to Nameun@cityreformed.org
<b>Youth Ministry Job Posting</b>	This position works primarily with middle schoolers, teaching Sunday School, discipling youth, and coordinating youth group activities. The position is currently posted as 20hr/wk, but hours are flexible depending on the situation of the applicant. Applicants should send a resume and two references to Nameun@cityreformed.org
<b>Coffee Servers Needed</b>	We need more baristas! Baristas serve approximately once a month. No coffee making experience is required. Contact kara@karagwyn.com for further details and to set up training.

## Regular Events

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

<b>Wednesday Prayer Meetings</b> 8:30-9:30 AM	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>
<b>Global Mission Prayer</b> Mondays @9PM	Join our church in prayer for our mission partners We will be praying for PRISM <b>Zoom link:</b> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer</a>

<p><b>New Women's Tuesday morning Bible Study: <i>Standing Alone: Scenes from Elijah and Elisha</i></b></p>	<p>Come join with other women on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12pm for an eight week Bible study led by Paige Brown of West End Community Church, Nashville, TN. Lectures will be viewed weekly via livestream followed by group discussion at the home of Luda Bates at 3334 Dawson St, Pittsburgh 15213. Next Tuesday, Sept. 13 will be the first meeting. Childcare is not provided. For more information contact Luda at Luda.bates@gmail.com</p>
<p><b>Women's Thursday Bible Study</b> First &amp; Third Thursday evenings via Zoom @ 6:00 - 7:30PM:</p>	<p>Studying the topic Heart Renewal: Finding Spiritual Refreshment Contact Cathy Taylor (lawyerdad5@aol.com)</p>
<p><b>Young Adult Women's Bible Study</b> Every Other Wednesday Evening, 7PM</p>	<p>Join us for an 8 session summer study of Proverbs at Katelyn Spallinger's Home (1815 Sarah Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203). Contact Katelyn Spallinger (katelyn@cityreformed.org).</p>

## Groups

<p><b>College Students</b> please refer to campus ministry contacts below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCO at CMU: Nameun Cho (ncho@ccojubilee.org)</li> <li>• CCO at PPU: Katelyn Spallinger (kspallinger@ccojubilee.org)</li> <li>• RUF at Pitt: Gavin Breeden &amp; Callie Miller (gavin.breeden@ruf.org, callie.miller@ruf.org)</li> <li>• <a href="http://cityreformed.org/collegestudents">cityreformed.org/collegestudents</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Community Groups</b> meet in different parts of the city and suburbs offering an opportunity to look more deeply into Scripture and practices of faith in a beautifully diverse community. Please see our website for CGs that are currently meeting or contact Pastor Joseph at joseph@cityreformed.org</p>
<p><b>Specialty Groups</b> meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, learning, and service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Agora Forum- Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)</i></li> <li>• <i>Men's New Hope (Joseph@cityreformed.org)</i></li> <li>• <i>Mommies' Group (Sandy@cityreformed.org)</i></li> <li>• <i>Wednesday Morning Prayer (Zachary@cityreformed.org)</i></li> <li>• <i>Men's Discipleship Committee (mdc@cityreformed.org)</i></li> <li>• <i>Young Adult Women's Fellowship (Katelyn@cityreformed.org)</i></li> <li>• <i>Informal frisbee (danielrtoney@gmail.com)</i></li> <li>• <i>Board Game Gatherings (gatcheson@gmail.com)</i></li> </ul>

# 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

Friendship\*- Michael Hilton

Morningside\* - Jeff Winkler

West Hills\*- Jonathan Dodd

Near East Suburban- Jim Partridge

## Wednesday

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