



Sunday Morning Worship
September 18, 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 doctrine of the Trinity is the 'cockpit' of the Christian faith."

– Michael Reeves

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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Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Dave Snoko

Call to Worship: Isaiah 49:13-16, 22-23b

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

Leader Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing!

People **For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.**

Leader But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me."

People **"Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.**

Leader Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I will lift up my hand to the nations, and raise my signal to the peoples; and they shall bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders.

People **Then you will know that I am the LORD; those who wait for me shall not be put to shame."**

Prayer of Invocation

O God of Our Salvation

(Words & Music: Michael Bleecker and Matt Boswell 2009)

O God of our salvation
Who reigns upon the throne
The sov'reign Father great is He
From Whom all blessings flow

*O God of our salvation
From Whom redemption comes
O Father Son and Spirit
The blessed Three in One*

Behold the Son our Savior
Who for our sin was slain
The Christ Who purchased with His blood
The wretched souls of men

O God the Holy Spirit
Revealing deity
The fount of life and love divine
Throughout eternity

Holy Spirit

(Words & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend 2006)

Holy Spirit living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 58:9-12

Jesus I Come

(Words: William Sleeper 1887 Music: Greg Thompson 2000)

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light
Jesus, I come to Thee,
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

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Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Call to Confession: 1 Peter 2:11-12

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we confess that our conduct is often less than honorable. We feel a battle warring in our souls and too often we have surrendered. Our good deeds fail to reflect your glory in front of the watching world.

But our hope is in Jesus and the mercy found in him. Please remind us deep in our spirits that we are forgiven in him. We ask that you would continue to change us and empower us for new obedience. Help us to proclaim your excellent qualities with our lives and our words. Never let us forget that we are your people. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Baptisms: Abigail Charlotte Westman & Lucas Allen Dufendach

Question to the Congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of these children?

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).

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

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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

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: 1 Peter 1:1-2

Series = 1 Peter: In Exile with Jesus
"Our Trinitarian Identity"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,
To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ²according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:

May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Creedal Response: Heidelberg Catechism #1

Leader What is your only comfort in life and death?

People That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him

Songs of Thanksgiving

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

(Words & Music: Jonny Robinson & Rich Thompson 2015)

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings

*But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore*

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good

*But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me*

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name

*But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore*

*And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore*

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore
Soon will bring us home to God.

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.

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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 Communion Service: Elder Dave Snoke will be preaching on 1 Corinthians 11:17-34, with a time of Q and A ("Grill the Preacher") immediately following.

Upcoming Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>College Shuttle The college shuttle for Fall semester.</p>	<p>Pickup (details upon request!) 9:30AM- Point Park University 9:45- Pitt 9:55- Carnegie Mellon University Return: 12pm Contact Katelyn (katelyn@cityreformed.org) for more information.</p>
<p>Newcomers Lounge</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>Welcome Picnic Today September 18th</p>	<p>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>How to Study the Bible, Women's Seminar 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: tinyurl.com/crpcbiblestudy</p>
<p>Membership Class: 10/7 - 10/8, Greenfield Chapel</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) & Saturday 10/8 (9:00am-1:00pm) in the Greenfield Chapel (3929 Coleman St.). Questions? Email nameun@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Youth Communicant's Class</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 nameun@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>2022 Women's Retreat Friday, November 4, 5:30 PM - Saturday, November 5, 7:00 PM Ligonier Camp & Conference Center</p>	<p>You're invited to join in fellowship, discussion, prayer, food, games and a time to get to know each other better at Ligonier Camp & Conference Center! Sandy Snoke will be speaking on "Journeying Together in Hope: Themes from 1 Thessalonians". The retreat begins with check-in on Friday at 5:30 and ends with dinner on Saturday evening. But, you're welcome to join us just for the day on Saturday. Cost is \$75 for the entire retreat; \$40 for Saturday only. Scholarships available. Please register no later than Saturday, October 15 at tinyurl.com/crcpretreat2022. Questions? Contact Sarah Winkler (sarahditch@gmail.com).</p>

<p>Community Group Fair Sept. 25th, immediately after the service.</p>	<p>This is a sweet opportunity to get to know our community group leaders as well as scope out how to more beautifully connect with others in this church. Different CG's will be present in various tables. Come mingle and see where and when you might further connect with CRPC. Contact joseph@cityreformed.org for more information.</p>
<p>The Great Race: Sept 25th</p>	<p>The Great Race that is scheduled for September 25th will impact some folks' commutes to church in the morning. Please check out their website to see how it might change what time you leave NEXT Sunday! https://www.rungreatrace.com/</p>

Missions Committee

<p>Missions Committee Positions Open</p>	<p>The missions committee is looking for two new members. Contact Jim Partridge (jim@cityreformed.org) for more details.</p>
<p>Zimbabwe Missions Trip</p>	<p>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.</p>

Employment and Volunteer Needs

www.cityreformed.org/employment

<p>Program Manager Job Posting</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Youth Ministry Job Posting</p>	<p>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</p>

Regular Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Wednesday Prayer Meetings 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>
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Global Mission Prayer Mondays @9PM	Join our church in prayer for our mission partners We will be praying for the Warrens in Ethiopia. Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer
New Women's Tuesday morning Bible Study: <i>Standing Alone: Scenes from Elijah and Elisha</i>	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. Childcare is not provided. For more information contact Luda at Luda.bates@gmail.com
Women's Thursday Bible Study First & Third Thursday evenings via Zoom @ 6:00 - 7:30PM:	Studying the topic Heart Renewal: Finding Spiritual Refreshment Contact Cathy Taylor (lawyerdad5@aol.com)
Young Adult Women's Bible Study Every Other Wednesday Evening, 7PM	Join us for an 8 session study of Proverbs at Katelyn Spallinger's Home (1815 Sarah Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203). Contact Katelyn Spallinger (katelyn@cityreformed.org).

Groups

College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below: <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: 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agora Forum- Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com) • Men's New Hope (Joseph@cityreformed.org) • Mommies' Group (Sandy@cityreformed.org) • Wednesday Morning Prayer (Zachary@cityreformed.org) • Men's Discipleship Committee (mdc@cityreformed.org) • Young Adult Women's Fellowship (Katelyn@cityreformed.org) • Informal frisbee (danielrtoney@gmail.com) • Board Game Gatherings (gatcheson@gmail.com)

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