



**Sunday Morning Worship
September 19, 2021**

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

Most people do not listen with the intent to understand. Most people listen with the intent to reply.

- Stephen Covey

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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Donations

Online: Church Center App (Give)
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Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Andy Leuenberger

Call to Worship: Isaiah 6:1-4

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

Leader In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

People **Above him stood the seraphim.**

Leader Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

People **And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"**

Leader And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called,

People **And the house was filled with smoke.**

Prayer of Invocation

How Great Is Our God

(Words & Music: Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves, & Chris Tomlin 2004)

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

*How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God*

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:19–25

Agnus Dei / Sanctus

(Words & Music : Michael W. Smith 1990)

Alleluia alleluia

For the Lord God Almighty reigns

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Alleluia

Holy holy

Are You Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb

Worthy is the Lamb

You are holy holy

Are You Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb

Worthy is the Lamb

Amen

Holy Holy Holy

(Words: Reginald Heber 1826 Music: John Bacchus Dykes 1823-76)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,
In earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Membership Vows: Michelle Kloes

Call to Confession: Isaiah 6:5

And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Prayer of Confession

Great God in Heaven, we cry out with the prophet Isaiah, "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" You are perfect in holiness and your glory reveals our sin and imperfections. Our lips are unclean. We speak words and hurt others and we have slandered your name. These words are the overflow of our hearts and we stand exposed before you. What is more, we are part of a sinful people. Our society and our relationships are characterized by malice and selfishness and greed. We are a people with unclean lips. We pray, Lord, that you forgive us and heal our sins. Help us to love each other instead of consuming each other. We pray that the love of Christ would be worked out in our lives and in our church.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 6:6-7

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

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).

Psalm 51 | God Be Merciful To Me

(Words: Richard Redhead 1912 Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

God, be merciful to me,
On Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou,
Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within,
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess,
Grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against Thy grace
And provoked Thee to Thy face;
I confess Thy judgment just.
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin;
Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art,
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,
Wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust
By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice
And in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face,
Blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew,
Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee,
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart,
Steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me,
And return, O God, to Thee.
Savior, all my guilt remove,
And my tongue shall sing Thy love.
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,
And my mouth shall praise accord.

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: Matthew 13:1-9

The Gospel of Matthew, Part 3: Christ and His Kingdom "Ears to Hear the Parables of Jesus"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear."

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Isaiah 6:8-12/ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." And he said, "Go, and say to this people: "'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.' Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed." Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste, and the Lord removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land."

Matthew 13:10-17/ Then the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" And he answered them, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: "'You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive.'" For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.' But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it."

Matthew 13:18-23/ "Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Creedal Response: Westminster Larger Catechism

Leader Q. 155. How is the Word made effectual to salvation?

People The Spirit of God makes the reading of the Word, but especially the preaching of it, an effectual means of enlightening, convincing, and humbling sinners; of driving them out of themselves and drawing them to Christ; of conforming them to his image and subduing them to his will; of strengthening them against temptations and corruptions; of building them up in grace; and of establishing their hearts in holiness and comfort through faith to salvation.

Songs of Thanksgiving

We Are Listening

(Words & Music: Jeremy Quillo 2006)

Father, I long to be wise.
To see you with new eyes,
The truth that was written by your hand.
Father speak truth into me
Because I still believe
That you always help me understand.

We are listening to your word.
We are listening to your word.

*Morning and evening we come
To delight in the word of our God.
Give us eyes to see.
Give us faith to hear,
That the Lord has come,
That the Lord is here.*

Father, I long to see Christ:
The truth and new life,
Your word that has made the universe.
Father speak, now I believe.
I have been set free
By the word that lived and died for me.

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

(Words: Samuel Stennett 1787 Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land!

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Upcoming Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Youth Group Launch! TODAY, 9/19 @ 12:30-2:30 3929 Coleman St.</p>	<p>High School and Middle School Youth Group will start bi-weekly lunches today. Adult Volunteers needed contact Zachary@cityreformed.org</p>
<p>Welcome Picnic NEXT Sunday, 9/26 Location: WT Parking Lot</p>	<p>Join us for lunch after our morning service to celebrate a new school year! Food will be provided. Please bring a camp chair.</p>
<p>Membership Class Friday 9/24 @ 7-9:30 PM& Saturday 9/25 @ 9-1PM</p>	<p>Join us at our next class to learn more about the church and/or become a member. Please RSVP on your Church Center App (go to Events) or online: https://registrations.planningcenteronline.com/signups/987408 Contact Nameun@cityreformed.org</p>
<p>Community Group Fair Sunday 10/3</p>	<p>Interested in joining a community group? Come check out our community groups after service on October 3rd! Contact Joseph@cityreformed.org</p>
<p>Women's Informal Gathering Friday 10/1 @ 6:30-9:00PM 436 Hillview Dr. New Kensington</p>	<p>Come join us for a bonfire at Linda Kephart's home! Contact Katelyn@cityreformed.org for more information.</p>

Volunteer and Employment Needs

<p>Sunday School Disciples</p>	<p>Interested in being a Sunday School teacher or co-teacher? Contact Becki@cityreformed.org. Teachers needed in Toddler and Pre-K. Co-teachers needed in ALL classes older than Toddler!</p>
<p>Part-Time Positions cityreformed.org/employment.html</p>	<p>Children's Ministry Coordinator oversees all ministry for children Kindergarten through 5th grade. 28 Hours/week.</p>
<p>Tear Down</p>	<p>Our expanded services have brought an increased load on the tear down team. If you are interested in joining the rotation for tear down, please email zachary@cityreformed.org</p>

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

Regular Events

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Global Missions Prayer Fridays @ 6:30- 7 AM	Please consider praying with us for our mission partners on Friday mornings. Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer Contact zachary@cityreformed.org for questions
Ladies Monday Bible Study Mondays @ 6-7:30PM <i>Cathy Taylor's House, 1532 Williamsburg Place</i>	Every other Monday: Becoming A Woman of Purpose (Biblical Growth Towards Peace and Fulfillment). Contact Cathy Taylor (lawyerdad5@aol.com)

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: Derek Bates (dbates@ruf.org), Callie Miller (callie.miller@ruf.org)• cityreformed.org/collegestudents
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• cityreformed.org/community-groups
Specialty Groups meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, and service. For a listing of current groups, please refer to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• cityreformed.org/prayer--specialty-groups

Contact

Pastors: joseph@cityreformed.org.

Men's Discipleship Committee: mdc@cityreformed.org

Women's Discipleship Committee: Sandy@cityreformed.org

Young Adult Women's Fellowship: Katelyn@cityreformed.org

Our church staff is reevaluating our regular communications and would like your input! You can find our communication survey at:
tinyurl.com/crpccommunicationfeedback

Community Groups

www.cityreformed.org/community-groups

Sunday

Fox Chapel- Watson Barker

North Hills- David Bacon

Tuesday

Forest Hills- Adam Schwab

Northside- Joe Benscoter & Nathan Schartner

Friendship- Jeff Winkler

Morningside- Michael Hilton

Wednesday

Edgewood- John McCombs

Regent Square- David Snoke

Greenfield- Matt Koerber

Baldwin/Greenfield- Joseph Bianco

East Suburban- Joe Stehle

Thursday

North Oakland- Ben Chidester

Contact Joseph@cityreformed.org