



Sunday Morning Worship
September 20, 2020

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

What were we made for? To know God. What aim should we set ourselves in life? To know God. What is the "eternal life" that Jesus gives? Knowledge of God. (John 17:3) What is the best thing in life, bringing more joy, delight, and contentment, than anything else? Knowledge of God. (Jer. 9:23ff)

- J.I. Packer, "Knowing God"

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM [SIGN-UPS & LIVESTREAM]

tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

Winchester Thurston
5059 Ellsworth Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

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Sunday Evening Worship Service

SUNDAY 9/27 | 5 PM & 6 PM

Winchester Thurston Parking Lot
5059 Ellsworth Ave.
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Donations

Online: cityreformed.org/give

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"Attn: Allison" (please make checks payable
to City Reformed Presbyterian Church)

Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Nameun Cho

Call to Worship: Psalm 63:1-7

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

Leader O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

People **So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.**

Leader Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

People **So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.**

Leader My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

People **For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.**

Prayer of Invocation

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.

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We are listening to your word.
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*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.

Psalm 34 | Taste and See

(Words & Music: Joe Rigney & Shane Barnard 2015)

I sought the Lord and He answered me
And delivered me from ev'ry fear
Those who look on Him are radiant
They'll never be ashamed
They'll never be ashamed

This poor man cried and the Lord heard me
And saved me from my enemies
The Son of God surrounds His saints
He will deliver them
He will deliver them

*Magnify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name together
Glorify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name forever*

O taste and see that the Lord is good
O blessed is he who hides in Him
O fear the Lord O all you saints
He'll give you ev'rything
He'll give you ev'rything

Let us bless the Lord
Ev'ry day and night
Never ending praise
May our incense rise

Call to Confession: Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

Prayer of Confession

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, prone to evil and lazy in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. But you, O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for everything in which we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our sins; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins, for the sake of your dear Son. And most holy and loving Father, help us, we ask you, to live in your light and walk in your ways according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Jeremiah 24:7

I will give them a heart to know that I am the LORD, and they shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart.

Membership Vows: Andrew Schartner

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).

Come to Me

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2017)

You weighed down you are worried
Child I see you child I know you
Bring your burdens bring your labor
Come to me

*Come to me come to me
Come to me if you are weary
I will give you
I will give you my rest*

I am gentle I am humble
Let me teach you let me show you
Trade your burden mine is easy
Come to me

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Hebrews 10:19-25

Core Values in Hebrews Part 2: "Draw Near" - Reverend Matt Koerber

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Philippians 3:8 / I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

Hebrews 4:14-16 / Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

James 4:8 / Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 88. What are the outward and ordinary means by which Christ imparts to us the benefits of redemption?

A. **The outward and ordinary means by which Christ imparts to us the benefits of redemption are his ordinances, especially the *Word*, the *sacraments*, and *prayer*; all of these are made effectual to his chosen ones for salvation.**

Songs of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final songs if you are able.

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

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!

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

If you would like to contact a pastor, please email joseph@cityreformed.org.

Life Together

<p>Attend Morning Service "In-Person" Sundays @ 10:15 AM WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</p>	<p>There are plenty of spots—don't hesitate to sign up! Sign up through Planning Center Services—for help with signing up, contact Sol (sol@cityreformed.org). Morning Service Livestream continues indefinitely.</p>
<p>Adult Christian Education: "Plugged In" by Dan Strange THIS Sat 9/26 @ 10AM-12PM ZOOM</p>	<p>The author, Daniel Strange, will be joining us virtually from London, England to challenge us to engage more effectively with the secular culture in which we live. Books available for purchase in the foyer. Contact Seulgi (seulgi.byun@gmail.com). Zoom link: tinyurl.com/CEPluggedIn.</p>
<p>Greenfield & North Hills CGs: Outdoor Adventure Picnic Sun 9/20 @ 1:30 PM McConnel's Mill State Park</p>	<p>Bring your own picnic lunch, hike and other activities. Greenfield CG will be studying Pilgrim's Progress this fall during our regular meetings. Contacts: Greenfield - Matt (pastormatt@cityreformed.org); North Hills - David (bacon1986@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Welcome Picnic! Sun 9/27 @ 12:30-2PM Bartlett Shelter, Schenley Park</p>	<p>Newcomers encouraged to attend! Pre-packaged lunch provided, BYO Picnic blanket! Limit of 100 per picnic, RSVP on your Church Center App OR: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events. Contact Nameun (nameun@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p>New Adult Class on Introduction to Christianity In-Person (masks & socially distanced) Sun 9/27 @ ~11:45AM-12:35PM WT Dining Hall</p>	<p>8-week in-person class taught by Dr. David Snoke, starts 15 min after service ends; bring a lunch. Space is limited—register on your Church Center App or online: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events. Appropriate for young adults, those new to Christianity, and those having doubts. Contact Dave (snoke@pitt.edu).</p>
<p>Open Evening Installation & Communion Services Sun 9/27 @ 5 & 6 PM WT Parking Lot 5059 Ellsworth Ave, 15213</p>	<p>Pastor Joseph will be installed as Associate Pastor outdoors, socially distanced, in-person, with communion served both times. Please review instructions for attending at: cityreformed.org/open-service.</p>
<p>Women's Mentor Ministry Fall Picnic Sunday 10/4 @ 12:30 PM Bartlett Shelter, Schenley Park</p>	<p>Women of all ages interested in learning more about the role of a mentor or being paired with a mentor are invited to come and enjoy time to connect with old and new friends. Picnic lunch provided. Bring a mask, blanket or chair. RSVP to Sandy (sandy@cityreformed.org) or Zenny (zenny@cityreformed.org).</p>

<p>Volunteer Babysitting: Serve & Connect with Our Church Families!</p>	<p>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, help care for children as families navigate these challenging times! Please complete: tinyurl.com/CityBABYSIT. PARENTS, if you need a babysitter or a parent helper, contact Becki (becki@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p>Men's Discipleship Committee</p>	<p>MEN, interested in discipleship through a mentoring relationship, contact Adam (ahs27@pitt.edu).</p>
<p>Parenting Seminar 2021 Fri 2/5 Evening & Sat 2/6 Morning SAVE-THE-DATE!</p>	<p>Guest speaker: Julie Lowe, counselor and faculty at the Christian Counseling & Educational Foundation. Visit tinyurl.com/JulieLowe to learn more about her. Contact Charis@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Wednesday Morning Prayer @ 8:30AM tinyurl.com/prayCRPC</p>	<p>Note NEW LINK. Join others in the church to pray for the needs of our community and world. Send prayer requests to prayer@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Caring for Each Other and the Deacon's List</p>	<p>Please update the deacons if you have needs or if you have abilities and resources to share with others. Contact Nik (nik@alum.wustl.edu) or any of the deacons.</p>
<p>Make Connections via Online Media</p>	<p>As the Covid-19 restrictions limit our ability to connect with other people, we need to work harder to develop healthy relationships through alternative means.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To learn more about community groups (CGs) contact Joseph (joseph@cityreformed.org) • To learn about how to connect with other women in the church (including small groups or CGs) contact Sandy (sandy@cityreformed.org) • To learn about men's discipleship programs contact Jim (partridge.je6@gmail.com).
<p>Pastoral Devotionals tinyurl.com/CRPCPastorJoseph</p>	<p>Join Pastor Joseph online for encouragement while we are in our homes and away from each other.</p>

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:

- 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:

- cityreformed.org/prayer--specialty-groups

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We are glad to have you join us for worship today. If you are new, we would love to meet you! And, if you would like more information about our ministries, resources, and ways to engage, please fill out the visitor's card below or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Visitor's Card

We would love to get to know you. Please contact us at office@cityreformed.org with the following information.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request, we will pray for you. Please send prayer requests to Pastor Joseph through prayer@cityreformed.org.
