



Sunday Morning Worship
September 24, 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 or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Reflections

"For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me."

- *The Apostle Paul, Letter to the Colossians (1:29)*

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
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Welcome Information:



Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Nameun Cho

Call to Worship: Ephesians 2:1-2a,4-10

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

Leader And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked... But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—

People **By grace you have been saved—**

Leader And raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

People **For by grace you have been saved through faith.**

Leader And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

People **For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**

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: John 15:12-17

Jesus What a Friend for Sinners

(Words: J. Wilbur Chapman 1910; Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard 1811)

Jesus what a friend for sinners
Jesus Lover of my soul
Friends may fail me foes assail me
He my Savior makes me whole

Jesus What a strength in weakness
Let me hide myself in Him
Tempted tried and sometimes failing
He my strength my victory wins

*Hallelujah What a Savior
Hallelujah What a friend
Saving helping keeping loving
He is with me to the end*

Jesus what a help in sorrow
While the billows o'er me roll
Even when my heart is breaking
He my comfort helps my soul

Jesus what a guide and keeper
While the tempest still is high
Storms about me, night has found me
He my pilot hears my cry

Jesus I do now receive Him
More than all in Him I find
He hath granted me forgiveness
I am His and He is mine

Oh Lord You're Beautiful

(Words & Music: Keith Green 1980)

Oh Lord You're beautiful
Your face is all I seek
And when Your eyes are on this child
Your grace abounds to me

Oh Lord, You're merciful
Your love is all we need
And when Your love is with your church
Forgiveness we receive.

Call to Confession: Ephesians 5:7b-9

At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true)...

Prayer of Confession:

Father, your holiness is the purity of light. You call us to know the truth and practice the truth. But we confess that we have failed. We have walked in darkness. We cannot say that we have not sinned, or we would be lying. We have sinned in our thoughts, in our words and our deeds. We have not loved you with all of our hearts and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We look to the blood of Jesus to cleanse us from our sin. Teach us to walk in your light. Teach us to be faithful and just as you are faithful and just. Help us to find true fellowship with one another. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 1:7

If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

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).

Isaiah 2 | Come Let Us Walk In The Light

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoko 2019)

Come to the mountain of the *LORD*
A home for the nations
Come to the hill above all hills
Greater than kingdoms
People from all the earth will flow
Into his presence

*Come let us walk in the light of the LORD.
Come let us walk in the light of the LORD.*

Let us go up to meet with God
And follow his pathway
Let the *LORD* teach us in the word
That goes out from Zion
The Law of the *LORD* will be the light
That leads us to worship

Bring your dispute before the *LORD*
And look for his justice
Bring to our God your love for war
Replace it with mercy
Nations will lay their weapons down
And take up forgiveness

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: 2 Peter 1:3-11
"Make Every Effort"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

John 15:4 / Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

Romans 5:3-5 / Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Additional Creedal Response

Westminster Confession of Faith 16:3 / Their ability to do good works is not at all from themselves, but wholly from the Spirit of Christ. Also, so that they may be enabled to do good works, in addition to the graces they have already received, they need an actual influence of the same Holy Spirit to work in them to will and to do his good pleasure. Yet are they not to grow negligent based on this, as if they were not bound to perform any duty unless they receive a special motion of the Spirit; instead they ought to be diligent to stir up the grace of God that is in them.

Credal Response: Westminster Confession of Faith 16:2

These good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and living faith. By them believers • make known their thankfulness, • strengthen their assurance, • edify their brethren, • adorn the profession of the Gospel, • stop the mouths of the adversaries, • and glorify God, whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus for good works, so that, having their fruit to holiness, they may have the goal, eternal life.

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

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*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

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.

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.

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Joseph Bianco will be preaching from Acts 3:1-16 "Healing of a Lame Man at the Beautiful Gate."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Rose</p>	<p>John, Amanda and Malcolm Sourbeer welcomed Felix into their (& ours at CRPC!) family September 11th!</p>
<p>Newcomers Lounge THIS Sunday 9/24</p>	<p>If you're visiting our church and would like to connect with other leaders/members after the service, please join us in room G8 for a dedicated welcoming space.</p>
<p>OEC Prayer Meeting, (Oakland Exploratory Committee): Friday, September 29 7:30pm in Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>The OEC and Session are inviting members to a dedicated time of prayer lifting up to God our desire for a permanent location in Oakland. Updates on the search will be provided, with the main focus of this time being to submit our plans before God and seek unity of the church in any plans we make.</p>
<p>Building Work Day September 30 9AM-3PM</p>	<p>We will be renovating the Greenfield Chapel, including clearing out the organ and pointing brick. All skill levels are welcome. We are so grateful for you considering spending a couple of hours helping us. For more information, contact Gary: gatcheson@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Women's Personal Bible Study Workshop Greenfield Chapel October 7 9:30AM -12PM</p>	<p>Struggling to read the Bible? Our desire for this gift ebbs and flows but as Peter said to Jesus, "to whom shall we go, you have the words of eternal life." Join with women from City for a workshop on personal Bible study led by Callie Miller.</p>
<p>Men of CRPC! October 14 3PM - Sunset Deer Lakes Park, Anglers Shelter</p>	<p>Men of CRPC (& your young fellas!) - Mark your calendars! Come chill, eat, and play on the swingset, disc golf, ultimate frisbee & more. BYOP (bring your own picnic). For those who want to grill, both charcoal for the park grill and a gas-powered flat top grill will be provided. Contact Michael Peets at peetsno2@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Annual Women's Mentor Program Lunch October 15 After church!</p>	<p>The Women's Discipleship Committee invites women of all ages to join us in the WT cafeteria for homemade soups and desserts and to meet with friends old and new. Also, come learn about the mentor program and hear the experiences of some of our mentors and mentees. Contact sandy@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Fall Women's Retreat November 3-4, Ligonier Camp & Conference Center</p>	<p>Join with women for fellowship, games, prayer, and more! Bethany Snoke will lead us as we explore why our stories matter and how we begin to tell our stories in a way that brings life, encouragement, and healing. Mark your calendars and register by October 15: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwomen2023 Contact Sarah Winkler sarahditch@gmail.com</p>
<p>Thanksgiving Dinner Saturday November 11</p>	<p>SAVE THE DATE! We will celebrate & give thanks with one another Nov 11th - Please mark on your calendar. This is one of our favorite events!</p>

Regular Events

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<p>College Shuttle Schedule</p>	<p>9:30AM- PPU: 201 Wood St; Contact: Kaia: kaianoeljohnson@gmail.com 9:45AM- Pitt: 4024 O'Hara St; Contact: Maya: mayakang523@gmail.com or David: DGT12@pitt.edu</p>
<p>Agora Forum: Every other Monday @ 7PM: 3929 Coleman</p>	<p>Agora Forum: 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 October 2. We will continue our series on "Arguments for an Old Earth", led by Dr. Snoke. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Bean Sprouts Ministry: 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>Mommies' Discipleship Group: 2nd & 4th Thursdays</p>	<p>Join us for a time of fellowship and encouragement as we pray for one another and study the book of Colossians. Contact Sandy for more info: sandy@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Men's Discipleship</p>	<p>Please contact Adam Schwab (ahs27@pitt.edu) if you are interested in getting more connected.</p>
<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>
<p>Global Mission Prayer: Mondays @9PM</p>	<p>Join our church in prayer for our mission partners. This week we will be praying for the Andrew and Amy and Northern Africa. Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer.</p>
<p>CRPC GriefShare Thursdays @ 6:30 PM 3929 Coleman St.</p>	<p>Contact katrina.campbell.170@gmail.com or check out www.griefshare.org for more information about this biblically-based grief support group. Register at: https://www.griefshare.org/groups/170387</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group</p>	<p><i>*New Leader & Location*:</i> Wednesdays bi-weekly @ 7PM at Amelia Morrissey's Home on the North Side. For more info, contact Lindsay Karr (lindsay.karr@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Youth Group Wednesdays @6:30-8:30 PM @ EVO 250 S. Pacific Ave., Pittsburgh, PA, 15224.</p>	<p>All middle and high school youth are welcome to join us, 6th through 12th grade. Please contact Amy Channell (amylee012012@gmail.com), Elizabeth McMillan (elizabeth.mcmillan20@gmail.com) or Pastor John (john@cityreformed.org) for more information. FYI, future fall dates are 9/27, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, and 12/6.</p>

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College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

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- 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.

- **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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