



**Sunday Evening Worship  
February 17, 2019**

# Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us for worship today. Please feel free to stick around after the service and ask questions about who we are and what we do! If you would like more information, please refer to our print newsletter, *City This Month*, or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

Christians who have been given new birth by the word must also grow. They are cleansed by the converting power of the gospel, but they must mature in their new life. What will advance their growth? What will deepen their love? The same truth of God that gave them birth also nourishes them. If the word of God is water to wash us, it is also milk to build better bodies in Christ. Christians must be addicted to the Bible.

- Edmund Clowney, "The Message of 1 Peter"

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM  
Twentieth Century Club  
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### Sunday Evening Worship Service

6:30PM  
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# Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

## Call to Worship: Psalm 119:89-96

*Please stand for the call to worship if you are able.*

Leader Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

People **Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.**

Leader By your appointment they stand this day, for all things are your servants

People **If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.**

Leader I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life.

People **I am yours; save me, for I have sought your precepts.**

Leader The wicked lie in wait to destroy me, but I consider your testimonies.

People **I have seen a limit to all perfection, but your commandment is exceedingly broad.**

## 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.

*We are listening to your word. (2x)*

*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.

## **Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:105-112**

### **Psalm 24 - We Long To See You**

*(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2015)*

Almighty God, we long to see you.  
Open our hearts and make them pure.  
Spirit, we wash our hands in mercy.  
Come teach our souls to love your truth.

## Laden With Guilt

*(Music: Sandra McCracken 2001; Words: Isaac Watts 1766)*

Laden with guilt and full of fears,  
I fly to thee my Lord.  
And not a glimpse of hope appears,  
But in thy written word  
The volumes of my Father's grace,  
Does all my griefs assuage.  
Here I behold my Savior's face,  
In every page.

This is the field where hidden lies  
The pearl of price unknown.  
That merchant is divinely wise,  
Who makes the pearl his own.  
Here consecrated water flows,  
To quench my thirst of sin;  
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows,  
No danger dwells within.

This is the judge that ends the strife,  
Where wit and reason fail.  
My guide to everlasting life,  
Through all this gloomy vale.  
Oh may thy counsels, mighty God,  
My roving feet command,  
Nor I forsake the happy road  
That leads to thy right hand.

## **Call to Confession: Deuteronomy 10:12-13**

"And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good?"

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Prayer of Confession:** O Lord, I have a wild heart and cannot stand before you. How little I love your truth! Gracious Father, I do not pray because I think I have prayed enough, and know that you have saved my soul. Grant that I would not be one who feels safe in sin because you always forgive; that I would not reason that you have saved me and I can now live any way I choose; that I would not love preaching, the church or even other Christians, and yet still ignore you in most of my life. The truth is that I lack spiritual understanding and have little desire to worship you, that my conscience feels it has done nothing wrong, that my will is powerless to seek you, and my memory of your Word and your ways fades quickly. Please grant me a broken heart, that I would see my need for your grace, and find it in Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 18:30**

This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

# Song of Renewal

## O God Our Help In Ages Past

(By: Isaac Watts 1719; Music: William Croft & Tommy Walker 1998)

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.

*O God You are  
You are our help You are our helper  
To all generations You will be  
Forever and ever  
Our Shield and our Eternal Hope  
O Lord You are the Ancient of Days  
And worthy of our praise*

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.

You are the Ancient of Days  
And worthy of our praise

## Corporate & Pastoral Prayer

## Sermon: 1 Peter 2:1-3

"Spiritual Milk...It does a body good!" - Reverend John McCombs

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So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. <sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

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**Leader** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

## Additional Scripture

Psalm 34:8 / Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

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Psalm 34:13 / Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.

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Ephesians 4:20-22, 25, 29, 31 / But that is not the way you learned Christ!—assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires ... Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another ... Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear ... Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

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Colossians 3:7-8 / In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

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Hebrews 6:5 / ... and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come ...

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1 Peter 1:22-25 / Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

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# Communion

*City Reformed Church invites all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sins and trust Christ alone for salvation, and who are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. Parents with non-communicating children are encouraged to bring their children forward during communion. The elders will lay a hand on their head and briefly pray for them as they serve you.*

*Communion will be served by elders to several people at a time at the front of the church. When you are ready, please proceed up using the left aisle. At the ushers' guidance, you may move forward to receive the elements as a group. Please return to your seat using the right aisle.*

*Communion is served with wine and with grape juice. The wine is placed in the outer circle of the communion tray, and the grape juice is placed in the inner circle. The bread is gluten-free.*

## Songs of Communion

### Gloria - Psalm 34

*(By: Mars Hill Music)*

I sought for the King.  
Then He heard my cry,  
And delivered me  
From my lonely fears.

They looked unto Him  
In His radiance.  
All their faces have  
Been made unashamed.

*Gloria! (4x)*

*O, taste and see  
That the Lord is good  
All you people  
All you saints  
All you children of the King. (2x)*

*Gloria! (4x)*

## May the Mind of Christ My Savior

(Words: Kate Wilkinson 1925; Music: Daniel Snoko 2018)

May the mind of Christ my Savior  
Live in me from day to day  
By his love and pow'r controlling  
All I do, all I say.

*May the Word of God dwell richly  
In my heart from hour' to hour'  
So that all may see I triumph  
Only through his love and powr'  
Only through his love and powr'.*

May the love of Jesus fill me  
As the waters fill the sea.  
Him exalting, self removing,  
This is my victory.  
*May the peace of God, my father,  
Rule my life in ev'rything,  
That I may be quick to comfort  
All the sick and sorrowing,  
All the sick and sorrowing.*

May his beauty rest upon me,  
As I seek the lost to win,  
And may they forget the channel,  
Seeing him, only him.  
*May I run the race before me,  
Strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus  
As I onward with him go,  
As I onward with him go.*

## Doxology

(Words: Thomas Ken 1674; Music: Louis Bourgeois 1510)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen