

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 Move, or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Reflections

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

- Galatians 5:22-23

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM

Winchester Thurston School Entrance: 5059 Ellsworth Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15213 (Oakland)

Sunday Evening Worship Service

6:00PM 3929 Coleman St. Pittsburgh, PA 15207 (Greenfield) Church Office (Open Tues - Fri)

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Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church Sunday Evening Worship – March 1, 2020

Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:1, 12

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

Leader Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

People And he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

Leader Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

People For we shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace.

Leader The mountains and the hills before us shall break forth into singing,

People And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Prayer of Invocation

Come Ye Sinners

(Words: Joseph Hart 1759; Melody: Southern Harmony Folk 1835; Arrangement: Daniel Snoke 2018)

Come ye sinners, poor and needy Weak and wounded, sick and sore Jesus ready stands to save you Full of pity love and pow'r He is able, He is able He is willing doubt no more

Come ye thirsty, come and welcome God's free bounty, glorify True belief and true repentance Ever'y grace that brings you nigh Without money, without money Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Let not conscience make you linger Nor of fitness fondly dream All the fitness He requireth Is to feel your need of Him This He gives you, this He gives you 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Come ye weary, heavy laden
Bruised and broken by the Fall
If you tarry 'till you're better
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Agonizing in the garden
Lo! your Master prostrate lies
On the bloody tree behold Him
Hear Him cry before he dies
"It is finished, it is finished"
Sinner, will not this suffice?

Hide Away in the Love of Jesus

(Words & Music: Steve & Vikki Cook 2008)

Come weary saints though tired and weak, Hide away in the love of Jesus. Your strength will return by His quiet streams, Hide away in the love of Jesus.

Come wand'ring soul and find your home, Hide away in the love of Jesus. He offers the rest that you yearn to know, Hide away in the love of Jesus.

Hear Him calling your name. See the depths of His love in the wounds of His grace, Hide away. Hide away.

Come guilty ones weighed down with sin. Hide away in the love of Jesus. The freedom you long for is found in Him, Hide away in the love of Jesus.

Come hopeless hearts, do not despair, Hide away in the love of Jesus. For ten-thousand joys await you there, Hide away in the love of Jesus.

Catechism Readings: Westminster Shorter Catechism

- Q 36. What are the benefits that accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification in this life?
- A. The benefits that accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification in this life are assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance in it to the end.

Call to Confession: 1 John 1:8-10

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, on the cross you promised the criminal, "today you will be with me in Paradise." We confess that we are the criminal on the cross, justly deserving eternal punishment for our sins. But by your grace, through the gift of faith, you promise us eternal Paradise. Yet, instead of walking in the hope, joy, and peace of your promise, we often sit in the insecurity, bitterness, and restlessness of our doubt. Father, for your Son's sake, please forgive us, and teach us to walk in the hope, joy, and peace that your Son purchased for us on the Cross. We ask in His Name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 4:7-8

Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We do not take a formal offering in our evening service. If you feel led to contribute as an act of worship, an offering box is available in the back corner of the sanctuary.

Lord I Need You

(Words & Music: Daniel Carson, Matt Maher, Christy Nockels, and Jesse Reeves)

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord I need You oh I need You Ev'ry hour I need You My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more Where grace is found is where You are And where You are Lord I am free Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You Jesus You're my hope and stay

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Romans 5:1-11

"Peace, Hope & Love" - Reverend John McCombs

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and 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.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Song of Thanksgiving

Abide with Me

(Words: Henry Francis Lyte 1847; Music: Justin Smith 2007)

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide. When other helpers fail, and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile; And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile, Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee, On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour. What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power? Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory? I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies. Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

Prayer

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