



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**January 19, 2020**

# Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us for worship today. Please stop by the Welcome Table in the foyer - we would love to meet you! If you would like more information, please fill out one of the info cards on the table, refer to our print newsletter, *City This Month*, or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

"Faith can be seen equally, then, in faithful thoughts, words, or deeds. This analysis helps us to see more clearly both the distinction between faith and our other actions and the close relationship between them. They are not identical, for the motivation of an act is not identical to the act. But, as James teaches us our only means of recognizing faith in ourselves and others is through good works. Or, as Jesus says of false teachers, 'You will recognize them by their fruits' (Matt. 7:16)."

- John Frame, "The Doctrine of the Christian LIFE"

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*Please speak to an usher or greeter if you have any questions about the nursery and children's programs.*

- *There is a nursery for children infant – 3 during the service.*
- *Cry Room space is available during the service off the foyer and Board Room.*
- *Children's bulletins are available at the side table for those staying in service.*
- *During the sermon, children 4 – 7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church.*

# Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Worship – January 19, 2020

Presider: Reverend John McCombs

## Call to Worship: Psalm 48:9-14

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

Leader We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

People **As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with righteousness.**

Leader Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!

People **Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,**

Leader Consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels, that you may tell the next generation

People **That this is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.**

## Prayer of Invocation

### Arise My Soul Arise

*(Words: Charles Wesley 1742; Music: Kevin Twit 1996)*

Arise my soul, arise,  
Shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice  
On my behalf appears.  
Before the throne my surety stands,  
Before the throne my surety stands,  
My name is written on his hands.

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He ever lives above,  
For me to intercede.  
His all redeeming love,  
His precious blood to plead.  
His blood atoned for every race,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

*Arise*     *Echo: Arise*

*Arise*     *Echo: Arise*

*Arise*     *All: Arise my soul, arise*

*(Repeat)*

*Shake off your guilty fears and rise.*

Five bleeding wounds he bears,  
Received on Calvary.  
They pour effectual prayers,  
They strongly plead for me.  
Forgive him, O forgive they cry.  
Forgive him, O forgive they cry,  
Don't let that ransomed sinner die.

My God is reconciled,  
His pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for his child,  
I can no longer fear;  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

## **Scripture Reading: Psalm 46**

### **Be Still My Soul**

*(Words: Kathrina von Schlegel 1700's; Translator: Jane Borthwick 1855; Music: Jean Sibelius 1899)*

Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain  
Leave to thy God to order and provide  
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain  
Be still my soul thy best thy heav'nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Be still my soul thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past  
Thy hope thy confidence let nothing shake  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last  
Be still my soul the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below

Be still my soul when dearest friends depart  
And all is darkened in the vale of tears  
Then shalt thou better know His love His heart  
Who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears  
Be still my soul thy Jesus can repay  
From His own fullness all He takes away

Be still my soul the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord  
When disappointment grief and fear are gone  
Sorrow forgot love's purest joys restored  
Be still my soul when change and tears are past  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last

## **Peace**

*(Words & Music: Sherri Youngward 2008)*

Peace, be still.  
Lay all your worries down.  
Be still, O My soul  
Our God is in control.

And if God is for us,  
Then whom shall I fear?  
For our God is with us  
So lay down, be still.  
He is God.

*Hallelujah!*  
*Our God has overcome.*  
*Hallelujah!*  
*Our Lord, Jesus Christ has won.*  
*He is God.*

## **Call to Confession: Psalm 119:33-37**

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it. Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain! Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious heavenly Father, we confess that we have neither kept your commands nor delighted in your law. We confess that we have not kept our eyes fixed upon you and have looked for worthless things. We long for spiritual maturity, that as we hear your words spoken, so we may respond with action; that every time the gospel is preached, so may the gospel be lived out in our lives and our relationships. Forgive us for hiding the light of Christ and give to us boldness to act. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 119:38-40**

Confirm to your servant your promise, that you may be feared. Turn away the reproach that I dread, for your rules are good. Behold, I long for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life!

**Testimony:** Bill & Gale Johnson,  
Missionaries to France and West Africa

## **Corporate Prayer**

# Song of Renewal

*As offering bags are passed, we ask that members and regular attendees consider contributing as an act of worship. Those who are not a regular part of our church are not expected to participate.*

## Lead Us Back

*(Words & Music: Brooks Ritter & Bobby Gilles 2006)*

Falling down upon our knees  
Sharing now in common shame  
We have sought security  
Not the cross that bears your name  
Fences guard our hearts and homes  
Comfort sings a siren tune  
We're a valley of dry bones  
Lead us back to life in you

Lord we fall upon our knees  
We have shunned the weak and poor  
Worshipped beauty courted kings  
And the things their gold affords  
Prayed for those we'd like to know  
Favor sings a siren tune  
We've become a talent show  
Lead us back to life in you

Lord you've caused the blind to see  
We have blinded them again  
With our man-made rules and laws  
Eager ready to condemn  
Now we plead before your throne  
Power sings a siren tune  
We've been throwing heavy stones  
Lead us back to life in you

We're a valley of dry bones  
Lead us back to life in you  
We've become a talent show  
Lead us back to life in you  
We've been throwing heavy stones  
Lead us back to life in you

# Pastoral Prayer

*At this time, children ages 4-7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. The leaders will bring the children to Children's Church and then back to the worship service after the sermon.*

## Sermon: Matthew 7:13-29

### "A Genuine Faith: Hearing and Doing the Words of Jesus"

- Reverend Joseph Bianco

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“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. <sup>14</sup>For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

<sup>15</sup>“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup>You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup>So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup>A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup>Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup>Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

<sup>21</sup>“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup>On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ <sup>23</sup>And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

<sup>24</sup>“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

<sup>25</sup>And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew



and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup>And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. <sup>27</sup>And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

<sup>28</sup>And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, <sup>29</sup>for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

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Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon Outline

1. Sermon Introduction:
  - a. Finishing the Sermon on the Mount
2. Prayer
3. Reading

**Proposition:** Jesus challenges the genuineness of our discipleship.

**Our fallen condition:** We are offended by the challenging exclusivity of Jesus' warnings. Is Jesus our Savior, our Lord, or both?

Jesus gives 3 warnings to test genuine discipleship...

4. **Warning 1:** The warning of the way
5. **Warning 2:** The warning of the will
6. **Warning 3:** The warning of the work
7. **Conclusion:** On Christ the solid rock I stand

## Additional Scripture

Luke 6:45-46 / "The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?"

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Luke 13:27 / "But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!'"

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Acts 20:30 / "...and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them."

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Romans 2:13 / "For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified."

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Titus 1:10-11 / "For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party. They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach."

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James 1:22-27 / "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world."

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## Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q 90. How is the Word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?

**A. That the word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.**

# Songs of Thanksgiving

*Please stand for the final songs if you are able.*

## Solid Rock (My Hope Is Built)

*(Words: Edward Mote 1834; Music: William Batchelder Bradbury 1863)*

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name.

When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

His oath, His covenant, His blood,  
Support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my Hope and Stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.

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## O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

*(Words & Music: Benjamin Hastings, Dean Ussher, and Marty Sampson 2015)*

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds His hands His feet  
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of heaven rose again  
O trampled death where is your sting  
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

## Prayer

## Announcements

*At the beginning of announcements parents are dismissed to pick up their children from nursery.*

## Benediction

***Tonight's Evening Service: Reverend Nameun Cho will be preaching "The Slipperiest of Slopes" on Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-13. Communion will be served.***

Please join us for a time of fellowship after the worship service. If you would like to contact a pastor, please email [joseph@cityreformed.org](mailto:joseph@cityreformed.org).

## Life Together

Additional detail can be found on: [cityreformed.org/events](http://cityreformed.org/events).

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| <p><b>*** PERMANENT MORNING VENUE CHANGE ***</b><br/> <b>Starting February 2nd, 2020:</b><br/> <b>We will be meeting at the Winchester Thurston School</b><br/> <b>(Entrance: 5059 Ellsworth Ave., 15213) for 10:15AM Morning Service.</b></p> |   |
| <p><b>Church Moving Party</b><br/>           NEXT Sun 1/26 @ 1PM<br/>           TCC &amp; 3929 Coleman St.</p> <p>Mon 1/27@ 6PM<br/>           Winchester Thurston<br/>           5059 Ellsworth Ave. 15213</p>                                | <p>After the congregational meeting on Sunday 1/26, be a part of City Reformed history and help us move out of the TCC! Join us for either or both the first move on Sunday, or the second move on Monday to WT. Sunday we will move most belongings to our building in Greenfield - pizza dinner provided after unloading! Come to church dressed to move and please let Sol know if you plan to help.</p> <p>On Monday 1/27, we need 6 volunteers to help at WT to assist Charis &amp; Sol at 6PM.<br/>           Contact Sol (<a href="mailto:sol@cityreformed.org">sol@cityreformed.org</a>).</p> |
| <p><b>Sunday School OFF</b><br/>           Sun 1/26 &amp; Sun 2/2</p>  | <p>All 9AM Sunday School classes for children and Adult Christian Ed class will be off with the transition in venue. All classes are scheduled to resume on Sunday 2/9.</p>   |
| <p><b>Annual Congregational Meeting</b><br/>           Sun 1/26 @ Noon<br/>           TCC Ballroom</p> <p><b>Nomination Period Open</b><br/>           Until 1/31/20</p>   | <p>Members, please make it a priority to attend. Andy Leuenberger and Jim Partridge will stand for re-election as Elders. Nik Melchior and Jeff Winkler will stand for re-election as Deacons. Alexis Wright and Sarah Winkler will stand for re-election to the Women's Ministry Council during the Women's Ministry section.</p> <p>The nomination period is open for Elders, Deacons and Women's Ministry Council until 1/31. Please send nominations to: Pastor Matt (<a href="mailto:pastormatt@cityreformed.org">pastormatt@cityreformed.org</a>).</p>  |
| <p><b>Ethiopia Missions Team</b><br/>           Return TODAY</p>   | <p>Please pray for our team - Bill Bolish, Wendy Kutz, Jim &amp; Tracy Partridge, and Alex Watt - as they re-enter from their medical missions trip.</p>  |
| <p><b>Agora Forum</b><br/>           Mon 1/20 @ 7PM<br/>           G-10 Allen Hall,<br/>           3941 O'Hara St. 15213</p>   | <p>Please note the corrected date of Monday 1/20 for the next Agora Forum meeting. Contact Kathryn Claudy (<a href="mailto:klclaudy@gmail.com">klclaudy@gmail.com</a>).</p>   |

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| <p><b>City Women's Literary Society (CWLS)</b><br/> Tues 1/28 @ 7:30-9PM<br/> 3808 Mount Royal Blvd,<br/> 15101</p>                  | <p>Join us at the Girard's for dessert and book discussion on "The Secret of Contentment" by William B. Barclay. Contact Kimberly (ksgirard@gmail.com).</p>   |
| <p><b>PGH Project Work Day</b><br/> Sat 2/15 @ 8AM-5:30PM<br/> 2801 North Charles Street</p> <p>Sign up by 2/2</p>                   | <p>The Pittsburgh Project provides free home repairs to the elderly and disabled residents of Pittsburgh. Middle School age to adults are all welcome to participate. The Deacons will cover the fees for any college students that wish to come and sign up by the deadline (2/2). For all others, there is a \$50 fee, \$15 of which is due by 2/2. Contact David Bacon (bacon1986@gmail.com) for more information. Register online: <a href="http://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events">crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events</a></p> |
| <p><b>GWCTD</b><br/> Sat 2/8</p>   | <p>Save the date for: <i>Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?</i> Registrations will be open soon! Contact Pastor Nameun: nameun@cityreformed.org.</p>   |
| <p><b>Men's Retreat</b><br/> Fri 2/29 - Sat 3/1<br/> Ligonier Camp &amp; Conf Ctr</p>  | <p>Save the date for our annual Men's Retreat. Rev. Dr. Jack Kinneer, adjunct professor of New Testament at RPTS, will be speaking.</p>   |
| <p><b>RUF Training Conference</b><br/> Fri 2/7 - Sat 2/8<br/> 3929 Coleman St. 15207</p>   | <p>RUF will be running a training conference, and offering seminars on <i>How to Study the Bible, How to Lead a Bible Study, and Knowing and Growing in Grace</i>. Cost is \$25. Dinner, breakfast, and materials provided.</p> <p><b>*HOUSING:</b> Students from WVU, IUP, Akron, and Penn State will be joining us for the weekend, and in need of housing for Friday night. If you've a couch to spare for a few students, please let Derek know. Contact: Derek Bates (dbates@ruf.org).</p>   |
| <p><b>Snow Camp: "Live Loud"</b><br/> High School 1/31-2/2<br/> Middle School 2/14-16<br/> Ligonier Camp &amp; Conference Center</p> | <p>Join us for meaningful worship, thrilling games, great food, life-transforming devotions, and a few surprises that will guarantee to make this an amazing experience! Cost: \$89 (scholarships avl). Contacts: MS - Andrew Wright (andrew.thomas.wright@gmail.com) HS - Ben Lind (bendlind@gmail.com). Registration deadline for MS: 1/31.</p>   |

**Sunday Morning Ministry Teams** are some of the best ways to form relationships, integrate into the life of the church, and be involved in ministry. For more info, contact Sol Chan (sol@cityreformed.org), or any of the coordinators:

- *City This Month* p. 15; [cityreformed.org/sunday-volunteers](http://cityreformed.org/sunday-volunteers)

Please consider if you might be interested in serving in the following ways:

**NEED \*\*FELLOWSHIP TEAM\*\* Members:** Facilitate the fellowship time by setting out the snacks, refilling as necessary, and cleaning up at the end.

Contact Jo Ann Bolish (bolish66@gmail.com).

**NEED \*\*USHERS\*\*:** Three main duties: helping people find seats, collecting the offering bags, and counting those in attendance.

Contact Ben Carter (bjclegionnaire@gmail.com).

**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:

- *City This Month* p. 8-9; [cityreformed.org/community-groups](http://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:

- *City This Month* p. 10; [cityreformed.org/prayer--specialty-groups](http://cityreformed.org/prayer--specialty-groups)

**College Students** please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- CCO at CMU: Nameun Cho (ncho@ccojubilee.org)
- CCO at PPU: Katelyn Spallinger (kvanmeerbeke@ccojubilee.org)
- RUF at Pitt: Derek Bates (dbates@ruf.org), Callie Miller (callie.miller@ruf.org)
- *City This Month* p. 12-13; [cityreformed.org/collegestudents](http://cityreformed.org/collegestudents)

## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM

Twentieth Century Club

4201 Bigelow Blvd.

Pittsburgh, PA 15213 (Oakland)

*Morning Venue Change - February 2020*

### Church Office (Open Tues - Fri)

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w: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org)

### Sunday Evening Worship Service

6:00PM

3929 Coleman St.

Pittsburgh, PA 15207 (Greenfield)

### Donations

Online: [cityreformed.org/give](http://cityreformed.org/give)

Mail: to the Church Office address above  
"Attn: Allison" (please make checks payable to  
City Reformed Presbyterian Church)

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## Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us for worship today. If you are new, please stop by the Welcome Table in the foyer - 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](http://cityreformed.org).

### Visitor's Card

We would love to get to know you. Please detach this card and place it in the offering bag or box on the Welcome Table.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request, we will pray for you. Please detach this card and place in the offering bag or box on the Welcome Table.

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