

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

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

- John 15:12

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 3929 Coleman Street Pittsburgh PA, 15207

Church Office

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Church)

Morning Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church Sunday Morning Worship – January 22, 2023

Presider: Elder Andy Leuenberger

Call to Worship: Revelation 4:8-11

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

Leader And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying,

People "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Leader Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

People "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Leader And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

People "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

Leader And the four living creatures said, "Amen!"

People And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Prayer of Invocation

Behold Him

(Words & Music: Mitch Wong & Paul Baloche 2019)

He who was before there was light Walked across the pages of time He who made every living thing Behold Him He who heard humanity's cry Left His throne to wake as a child He became like the least of us Behold Him

Jesus Son of God Messiah The Lamb the roaring Lion Oh be still and behold Him

He who dined with sinners and saints
Healed the blind the lost and the lame
Even now He is in our midst
Behold Him
He who chose a criminal's end
Paid with blood to settle our debt
Buried death as He rose to life
Behold Him

Jesus Son of God Messiah The Lamb the roaring Lion Oh be still and behold Him Jesus Alpha and Omega Our God the risen Savior Oh be still and behold Him

Holy holy holy Is the Lord God Almighty Worthy worthy worthy To receive all praise

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:9-15

The Lord's Prayer (Music: Daniel Snoke 2021)

Our Father in heaven Hallowed be your Name Your kingdom come Your will be done On earth as in heaven

> Give to us today the bread that we need Forgive us our debts as we forgive Lead us not into temptation we pray Deliver us from the evil one

For the kingdom power glory are yours Forever amen forever amen For the kingdom power glory are yours Forever amen forever amen

Lord hear our prayer Lead us in love for Yours is the name above all names

How Great Thou Art

(Words & Music: Carl Gustav Boberg 1949)

Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder Thy power throughout the universe displayed

When through the woods and forest glades I wander And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art

And when I think that God his son not sparing Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart Then I shall bow in humble adoration And there proclaim my God, how great Thou art

Call to Confession: Ephesians 5:1-2

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Prayer of Confession:

Triune God, You are perfectly one, though three persons. You call us to be one body made up of many members. We are prone to divide, to promote ourselves, to venerate the strong and powerful, and to dismiss the weak and lowly. Father, forgive us. Jesus, thank you for breaking your body to establish and unite your church in love. Thank you that in you we have a unity that transcends all earthly boundaries. Thank you for the love and care you show to the weak, the humble, and the broken. Holy Spirit, help us to see and appreciate your work in others, honoring them more highly than ourselves. Remove our stony, self-centered hearts and give us hearts of flesh that love one another, despite our weaknesses and sins. Unite us by our Savior's work on the cross. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 2:4-7

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—by grace you have been saved— 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.

Missions Update Susannah S

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Please use offering bags or direct giving online or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).

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.

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 after the sermon from Children's Church.

Sermon: 1 Peter 4:7-11

"Living as a Church in End Times"

- Seulgi Byun

¹Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, ²so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. ³For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. ⁴With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; ⁵ but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.

The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.

8 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

9 Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Creedal Response: Westminster Confession of Faith 26:1

All saints are united to Jesus Christ their Head by his Spirit through faith, and have fellowship with him in his grace, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory. Being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obligated to the performance of such public and private duties as support their mutual good, both in the inward and outward person.

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Songs of Thanksgiving

Holy Spirit

(Words & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend 2006)

Holy Spirit living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see

To God Be The Glory

(Words: Fanny Crosby 1875 & Music: W. Howard Doane 1875)

To God be the glory great things He has done So loved He the world that He gave us His Son Who yielded His life an atonement for sin And opened the life gate that all may go in

Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory, great things he has done

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood To every believer the promise of God The vilest offender who truly believes That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

Great things He has taught us
Great things He has done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see

Benediction

Tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Peter Smith, pastor of Covenant Fellowship in Wilkinsburg, will be preaching on Hebrews 13:1-3 "Arrive unannounced. Stay as long as you like."

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January Evening Services: Guest Preachers	Join us this month as we reflect on hospitalty. We are hosting guest preachers: Tonight: Rev. Peter Smith on "Hospitality and Outreach", and the 29th Rev. Travis Scott on "Hospitality and Mission".
New ministry – Wednesday Lunch 12pm	The second meeting of a new ministry, tentatively called "Bean Sprouts", will be held at the Greenfield Building on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at Noon. The ministry is primarily for and by retirement aged adults. Please join us, and possibly bring a friend, for conversation, song, prayer, and teaching. If you have questions, or want to let us know you are coming, please send an e-mail to joestehle@gmail.com
New Women's Study Tuesdays, 10:00am-12:00pm	Luda Bates welcomes you to join her for a study on the book of James led by Paige Benton of West End Community Church. The 8 week long study started on Jan 17th, will include watching the weekly lecture by Paige followed by group discussion. Participants are also welcome to watch the livestream at their convenience and then only come for the discussion part. Contact Luda Bates for more information: luda.bates@gmail.com.
Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group	Wednesdays bi-weekly @ 7PM at Katelyn Spallinger's home (1815 Sarah St., Pittsburgh, PA 15203). The next study will be February 1st. For more info, or to be added to a separate email list for this group, contact katelyn@ cityreformed.org.
Congregational Meeting February 5th, 2023	All members of our congregation are encouraged to attend, as we will be voting on pertinent church decisions such as the election of elders, deacons, and women's ministry council members.
Men's Retreat February 10-11, 2023	Our annual winter retreat to Ligonier Camp and Conference Center is coming soon! Please set aside Friday night and all day Saturday, February 10-11, to join us for a great time of FFF (food, fellowship, fun) and a series of talks on evangelism by our new Pitt campus pastor, Gavin Breeden! Registration is now open - with more details on Church Center: https://tinyurl.com/CRPCMensRetreat2023. This retreat will be open to all men down to 12 years of age. So those of you with sons, bring them! For questions, contact Jim Partridge at jim@cityreformed.org.
Jubilee	The CCO's Jubilee Conference is an annual gathering geared towards college students, and we need your help! Each year, we rely on nearly 100 volunteers. If you're available Friday, February 17 through Sunday, February 19, would you consider volunteering? Contact Sarah Winkler: sarahditch@gmail.com.

CRPC Mission partner
Susannah S. Update

Susannah and her husband Dhiraj are expecting their first baby April 2023! For medical reasons, she's coming to Pittsburgh from South-East Asia (SEA) in February for baby to be born here. She will be returning back to SEA by May. During this upcoming transitional time, before she returns to re-join her husband in SEA where they both serve, there will be opportunities for our congregation to support her and baby while she is here on her own. If you'd like email updates from the mission committee for specific needs as they come up, let Katrina Campbell (katrina.campbell.170@gmail.com) or Hannah Westman (hannita44@gmail.com) know.

Employment and Volunteer Needs

www.cityreformed.org/employment

Youth Ministry Need	We are recruiting a man to work part-time with middle
	and/or high schoolers, discipling young men and building
	intentional relationships. The position is currently posted
	as 7hrs/wk, but hours are flexible depending on the
	situation of the applicant. Applicants should send a note
	to Nameun@cityreformed.org.

Regular Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

Agora Mondays, 7PM 3929 Coleman St.	We discuss theology and popular culture topics from a Christian perspective. We meet every other Monday at the Greenfield Chapel at 7pm (3929 Coleman St). The next meeting is January 23. We will be continuing our series: "Four movies that changed American culture". Dr. Snoke will be showing excerpts from the movie "The Graduate". Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)
Wednesday Prayer Meetings 8:30-9:30 AM	Join our staff as they pray for our church. Wednesday weekly prayer is held on Zoom at: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer
Youth Group Wednesday Nights EVO 250 S. Pacific Ave., Pittsburgh, PA, 15224	Calling all 6th-12th graders at City Reformed! Join us at Seeds 4 the City, City Reformed's combined youth group with Fourth Presbyterian Church (EPC) and Seeds of Hope Anglican Church. We'll be meeting at Earthen Vessels Outreach (EVO). Light snacks, fellowship, games, prayer, and a variety of interactions with God's Word fill our time together. Contact Pastor John with questions at john@cityreformed.org, or 412-737-8959. Hope to see you there! Spring YG dates: 1/25, 2/8, 2/22, 3/8, 3/22.

Groups

College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- CCO at CMU: Nameun Cho (ncho@ccojubilee.org)
- CCO at PPU: Katelyn Spallinger (kspallinger@ccojubilee.org)
- 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 (Katelyn@cityreformed.org)
- Informal frisbee (danielrtoney@gmail.com)
- Board Game Gatherings (gatcheson@gmail.com)

Leadership

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Elder Jim Partridge's health	https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/
updates can be found here:	jimandtracyjourney

Community Groups

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: www.cityreformed.org/community-groups

Sunday

Fox Chapel*- Watson Barker North Hills**- David Bacon

Monday

Forest Hills*- Adam Schwab

Tuesday

Northside- Joe Benscoter & Nathan Schartner Friendship**- Michael Hilton Morningside** - Jeff Winkler West Hills*- Jonathan Dodd

Wednesday

Regent Square- David Snoke Baldwin/Greenfield*- Joseph Bianco East Suburban- Joe Stehle

Thursday

Shadyside - Ben Chidester Near East Suburban- Jim Partridge

- *Childcare provided
- ** Kid's play area available

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