



**Sunday Morning Worship
All Age Service
January 29, 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

"When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly."

- 1 Peter 2:23

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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Pittsburgh PA, 15207

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Church)

Welcome Information:



Morning Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Worship – January 29, 2023

Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

Call to Worship: Hebrews 12:1-2; 26-29

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

Leader Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely,

People **And let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,**

Leader Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God...

People **At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens."**

Leader This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain.

People **Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.**

Prayer of Invocation

I Want to Know You

(Words & Music: James Proctor, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, & Rich Thompson 2016)

I've tried in vain a thousand ways
My fears to quell my hopes to raise
But what I need your word has said
Is ever only Jesus

You died you live you reign you plead
There's love in all your words and deeds
This weary heart finds all it needs
In ever only Jesus

*I want to know you Jesus my Lord
King of the Heavens king of my soul
I trade my treasure and all my rewards
Jesus to know you then know you more*

Though some should curse me for your name
I have no fear I have no shame
You stand with me for all my days
My ever only Jesus

Like wave after wave on the ocean
Like all of the sand on the shore
Your beauty and glory are endless
O Jesus I must know you more

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

(Words: Joseph M. Scriven 1855; Music: Charles C. Converse 1868)

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care
Precious Savior still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Do thy friends despise forsake thee
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield thee
Thou wilt find a solace there

Call to Confession: Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, your beauty and majesty are pure and glorious. Your holiness is like a consuming fire. There is nothing greater than for us to draw near to you. But we are corrupt and could not stand in your presence. We desperately need a mediator. Someone to draw us into your presence to purify our sin and to provide access to your throne.

We praise you that you have provided a mediator! With joy we affirm the words of Scripture; "There is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Christ." We rejoice that we have a sinless savior who is able to completely save all who trust in him.

Lord, deepen our understanding of our sin and deepen our faith in our matchless savior. In his name we pray, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 10:12-14

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

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).

How Firm a Foundation

(Words: R. Keene & George Keith 1787; Music: American Folk)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow,
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply,
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not, desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to break,
I will never, no, never, no, never forsake."

Pastoral Prayer

We welcome children ages 4-7 to participate in hearing the Word of the Lord as preached by Pastor Matt. If a drawing is presented at the end of the service, you will receive a lollipop!

Sermon: I Peter 4:12-19 "Surprised by Suffering"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scriptures

Proverbs 11:31 / If the righteous is repaid on earth, how much more the wicked and the sinner!

Heb 12:5-7 / And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

Creedal Response: Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. § The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,* the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

§ Christ suffered God's wrath on the cross

* Universal church

Notes

Songs of Thanksgiving

Wilderness

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke, Keith Watts, & Naaman Wood 2020)

Ev'ry failure that we carry
Is a load you long to take
And redeem it for your glory
With the lightness of your grace
Though the wilderness is lonely
Though our hope may seem to wear
Still the wilderness is holy
For we find you meet us there there

Ev'ry trial and temptation
Is a cross you call to bear
That we know more of your patience
And to feel your loving care
Though the wilderness is lonely
Though our faith may seem to bend
In the wilderness you closely
Guard our hearts unto the end

Ev'ry stain and imperfection
You are making wholly new
For our marks shall be reflections
Of the scars you carry too
Though the wilderness is lonely
Though we wander and we roam
Through the wilderness your only
Path of love will lead us home

Blessed is his name
Jesus Christ we sing
Worthy to be praised
Hallelujah!

Though the wilderness is lonely
Though we wander and we roam
Through the wilderness your only
Path of love will lead us home

It Is Well With My Soul

(Words: Horatio G. Spafford 1873; Music: Philip P. Bliss 1876)

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea-billows roll,
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blessed assurance control:
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

*It is well with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul!*

My sin--O the bliss of this glorious thought!--
My sin not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day, when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul!

Benediction

Tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Travis Scott, pastor of Grace and Peace in Friendship, will be preaching on both John 14:1-6 and Revelation 19:6-9, "Hospitality and Mission."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

January Evening Services: Guest Preachers	Join us this month as we reflect on hospitality. We are hosting guest preachers: Tonight completes the series with Rev. Travis Scott on "Hospitality and Mission". **Childcare provided!
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	Join Luda Bates 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. 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. 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 are encouraged to attend, as we will be talking about and 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	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 personal evangelism by our new Pitt campus pastor, Gavin Breedon! His take: "We'll be looking at the early church in the book of Acts, considering the motivations and power behind our evangelism, and consider how we share Christ both as individuals and as the Body of Christ." This retreat will be open to all men down to 12 years of age. So those of you with sons, bring them! If you are a university student (undergrad or grad) or have financial need related to registration, please contact us. We do not want financial cost to be a barrier to attending the retreat. https://tinyurl.com/CRPCMensRetreat2023 . 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 and care	If you'd like email updates from the mission committee for specific needs as they come up, contact Katrina Campbell (katrina.campbell.170@gmail.com).
Membership Class Friday night and Saturday morning: Feb 24-25	Are you new to City Reformed? Would you like to learn more about our church? Are you interested in becoming a member at our church? Join us as we give a broad overview of our ministry, theology, and church structure! Registration can be found on our website. Contact nameun@cityreformed.org for more information.
VBS: Save the Date	CRPC Children's Ministry invites you to mark your calendars for the week of July 10th for VBS 2023! We can't wait to see you there!
"Brain, Self and God" Feb 25 6:30-8:30 PM	Derek Bates and Callie Miller will do our first "Embodiment Seminar" on "Brain, Self and God" on Saturday evening, Feb 25.

Regular Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

Board Game Nights 1st Monday of every month 6-9 PM	Join us Feb. 6 from 6-9PM for the next monthly board game night (first Monday of each month) in the Greenfield chapel. Contact Gary Atcheson for more details gatcheson@gmail.com.
Agora Every other Monday @ 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). We will be continuing our series: "Four movies that changed American culture". 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: 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)*

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Elder Jim Partridge's health updates can be found here:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/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 Bencoter & 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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