



Sunday Morning Worship
November 13, 2022

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

"Thus, a good man, though a slave, is free; but a wicked man, though a king, is a slave. For he serves, not one man alone, but what is worse, as many masters as he has vices."

Augustine of Hippo, "The City of God"

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

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Church)

Welcome Information:



Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Andy Leuenberger

Call to Worship: Revelation 11:15-19

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

Leader Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying,

People **"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."**

Leader And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying,

People **"We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign."**

Leader The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth."

People **Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.**

Prayer of Invocation

O Worship The King

(Music: Johann Haydn 1700's; Words: Robert Grant 1833)

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
whom angels delight to worship above!
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,
in true adoration shall sing to your praise!

Behold Our God

(Words & Music: Jonathan, Meghan, & Ryan Beird, & Stephen Altrogge 2011)

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

*Behold our God, seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

You will reign forever! (2x)
(Let your glory fill the earth)

Scripture Reading: Psalm 8

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This Is My Father's World

(Words: Maltbie D. Babcock 1901; Music: English Folk Melody)

This is my Father's world.
And to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings,
And round him rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world!
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees,
Of skies and seas.
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world.
The birds their carols raise
The morning light,
The lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise
This is my Father's world!
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass
I hear Him pass
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world.
O let me ne'er forget.
That though the wrong
Seems oft so strong
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world.
The battle has been won;
Jesus who died
Shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one.

Call to Confession: Ephesians 4:29

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.

Prayer of Confession:

Great God in Heaven, we cry out with the prophet Isaiah, "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" You are perfect in holiness and your glory reveals our sin and imperfections. Our lips are unclean. We speak words and hurt others and we have slandered your name. These words are the overflow of our hearts and we stand exposed before you. What is more, we are part of a sinful people. Our society and our relationships are characterized by malice and selfishness and greed. We are a people with unclean lips. We pray, Lord, that you forgive us and heal our sins. Help us to love each other instead of consuming each other. We pray that the love of Christ would be worked out in our lives and in our church. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 10:8b-9

"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" ... because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Missions Update: Bethany Snoke, China Partnership

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).

Living Stones | 1 Peter 2:1-12

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke 2019)

May you keep your actions noble
May your neighbors see your love
When they speak about your failure
May they see your deeds and give God glory

*For you, you have been chosen
to be God's holy people
That he builds into his house like living stones
Full of the Spirit*

*And you, you have been chosen
to be God's holy people
That he builds into his house like living stones
Full of the Spirit of peace*

If you've seen that God is precious
If you've tasted that he's good
If you struggle with your passion
Come to rest your soul as God's beloved

Come to him, the stone rejected
Come to him and give your life
Put away your sin and slander
Come to Christ the Living Stone of Zion

His mercy calls you
From darkness into his glory
The day of the Lord will come

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 gym and pick them up after the sermon from Children's Church.

Sermon: 1 Peter 1:13-16; 2:11-17
"Holiness and Political Conduct"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy"...

^{2:11}Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

¹³Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.

¹⁶Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

Matthew 20:25-28/ Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Matthew 22:21/ Then [Jesus] said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

John 18:36/ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."

Romans 13:1-7/ Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Ephesians 6:10-12/ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

1 Timothy 2:1-4/ I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

1 Peter 1:1a/ To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion...

Revelation 21:23-25/ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.

Credal/ PCA Book of Church Order 3-4. The power of the Church is exclusively spiritual; that of the State includes the exercise of force. The constitution of the Church derives from divine revelation; the constitution of the State must be determined by human reason and the course of providential events. The Church has no right to construct or modify a government for the State, and the State has no right to frame a creed or polity for the Church. They are as planets moving in concentric orbits: "Render unto Caesar the thing..." (Matthew 22:21)

Credal Response: Book of Church Order 3-5

The Church, with its ordinances, officers and courts, is the agency which Christ has ordained for the edification and government of His people, for the propagation of the faith, and for the evangelization of the world.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Psalm 146 | Put Not Your Hope In The Nation

(Wendell Kimbrough and Paul Zach, 2017)

Put not your hope in the nation
Put not your hope in a king
Trust in the only one who opens eyes
And sets the pris'ner free

He is the maker of heaven
He formed the earth and the sea
Our help will come from the Lord our God
Our gracious king of peace

*Praise the Lord Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord O my soul
Praise the Lord Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord O my soul*

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He is the hope of the hungry
He is the Lord of the feast
Our Father's house always opens wide
To welcome refugees

The fatherless find a Father
The widow rests in His strength
The heart of God is forever home
To all the poor and weak

Be Thou My Vision

(Words: Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1905; Music: "Slane")

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father I thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and with thee one

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and thou only first in my heart
High King of Heaven my treasure thou art

High King of Heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of All

Benediction

Tonight's Communion Worship Service: Elder Jim Partridge will be preaching on 1 Corinthians 15:35-58, "We Shall All Be Changed" Please join us! *Grill the Preacher immediately following.

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>WT Blackout Dates This week!</p>	<p>Due to an upcoming production we will be shifting from the auditorium to the gym across the parking lot both of these Sundays. This week K-1 will meet in 113, Adult/HS & MS moving to room 224/225 (Library on 3rd floor) Children's Church will be in 115 (upstairs). No fellowship time with bagels.</p>
<p>Thanksgiving Dinner!! Sunday, November 20: 6 pm - 7:30 pm</p> <p>RMU Island Sports Complex (White Dome) 7600 Grand Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15225</p>	<p>This is our first Thanksgiving Dinner Celebration since leaving the Twentieth Century Club in 2019 and it was not easy to find a venue that could accommodate our needs. But now that we have this secure, we need to kick our preparations into high gear. Here is how you can help: WMC will be coordinating food. Please sign up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040549aaaa22a31-thanksgiving. We need immediate help with Turkeys! We'd love to identify our turkey makers quickly! Because a 20lb turkey is a bigger investment than other food contributions the cost of a turkey can be reimbursed by sending a receipt to receipts@cityreformed.org. There will also be a *prize* drawing for turkey makers this year!</p> <p>Please contact Chrissie Koerber at chrissie@cityreformed.org if you need a ride and/or could provide a ride!</p>
<p>Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>Are you in town and looking for a place to go? Or are you hosting and able to accommodate for extra guests? Let us know by registering here (https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1513960) and we'd be happy to pair people to spend together for the holiday!</p>
<p>Christmas Wreath Making Event: Saturday, December 3rd - 10 am to 12 pm</p>	<p>Women of all ages are invited to come for a morning of fellowship at the Greenfield building to decorate a wreath. This event requires pre-registration to order the wreaths; cost is \$15 per wreath. Please sign up here (https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1513476) by Sunday November 27th. Please bring a snack or treat to share, drinks will be provided. For more information, contact Linda Kephart (lindaskep@gmail.com)</p>
<p>Informal Gathering: Women's Nail Polish Day November 19th @ 1:00-3:30PM</p>	<p>Come join us at the Greenfield building (3929 Coleman St., Pittsburgh, PA 15207) for an all ages nail polish day! All supplies and a wide variety of nail polish and nail art supplies will be provided. Elizabeth will happily paint your nails or your child's nails! Contact Elizabeth McMillan (elizabeth.mcmillan20@gmail.com).</p>

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 .
Sound Volunteers Needed	If you are interested in serving on sound team for either the morning or evening service, please contact Pat Spallinger at pat@cityreformed.org . Prior experience preferred!

Regular Events

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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
Global Mission Prayer Mondays @9PM	Join our church in prayer for our mission partners We will be praying for our Bulgaria partners. Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer
College Shuttle The college shuttle for Fall semester.	Pickup (details upon request!) 9:30AM- Point Park University 9:45- Pitt Return: 12pm Contact Katelyn (katelyn@cityreformed.org) for more information.
Youth Group Wednesday Nights Next mtg: 11/16 (6:30-8:30 pm) 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. FYI, future dates for our every other Wednesday gatherings are currently, 11/16, 11/30, and 12/14. Hope to see you there!
Church Directory	http://crpc.churchcenter.com/directory -- email: chrissee@cityreformed.org for help accessing!

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 Adult Women's Fellowship (Katelyn@cityreformed.org)*
- *Informal frisbee (danielrtoney@gmail.com)*
- *Board Game Gatherings (gatcheson@gmail.com)*

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
Near East Suburban- Jim Partridge

Thursday

Shadyside - Ben Chidester

*Childcare provided

** Kid's play area available

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