



Sunday Morning Worship
November 20, 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

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands!

- Psalm 90:17

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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Donations

Online: Church Center App (Give)
OR cityreformed.org/give
Mail: Church Office address above "Attn:
Bookkeeper" (please make checks
payable to City Reformed Presbyterian
Church)

Welcome Information:



Morning Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Worship – November 20, 2022

Presider: Reverend Gavin Breedon

Call to Worship: Isaiah 9:1-3

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

Leader But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish.
In the former time he brought into contempt the land of
Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,

People **But in the latter time he has made glorious the way
of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the
nations.**

Leader The people who walked in darkness have seen a great
light;

People **Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them
has light shone.**

Leader You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy;

People **They rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as
they are glad when they divide the spoil.**

Prayer of Invocation

Endless Light

(Words & Music: Karl Cashwell & Dean Ussher 2011)

From the highest throne to the earth below
You laid down Your life for the likes of us
Great is the love of the Saviour

From a wounded heart to a life made whole
Every human heart will declare as one
Great is the love of the Saviour

*Lord of endless light
Let Your glory shine forever
All the earth
All the earth will sing Your praise*

*Hope of every heart
Let Your Name be lifted higher
All our hearts
All our hearts will sing Your praise*

From the mountain heights to the valleys low
All created things given life to show
Jesus we live for Your glory

From the rising sun to the still of night
Every waking moment for Your delight
Jesus we live for Your glory

God be exalted
God be exalted in everything
We live for Your glory
Live for Your glory

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

King of Kings

(Words & Music: Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, Scott Ligertwood 2018)

In the darkness we were waiting without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered
death

And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me

Fairest Lord Jesus

(Words: Unknown; Music: Silesian Folk Melody)

Fairest Lord Jesus Ruler of all nature
O Thou of God and man the Son
Thee will I cherish Thee will I honor
Thou my soul's glory joy and crown

Fair are the meadows fairer still the woodlands
Robed in the blooming garb of spring
Jesus is fairer Jesus is purer
Who makes the woeful heart to sing

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Fair is the sunshine fairer still the moonlight
And all the twinkling starry host
Jesus shines brighter Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast

Beautiful Saviour Lord of all the nations
Son of God and Son of Man
Glory and honor praise adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine

Call to Confession: 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.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we thank you that we can come to you empty-handed, knowing that by your grace in Jesus Christ we can be wholly accepted and good in your sight, not by any merit of our own, but by the merit of his life in us. Grant that we may be ever more transformed to your image, to live our lives in obedience to your calling, and to love others as you have loved us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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).

Joy and Toil

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke & Michael Savisky 2017)

Let us not toil unto our own good
But give us righteousness and thankful work
Remove the mess within us,
Restore your wisdom to us
Let none be driven into deep despair.
Consider God, the works of God.

*Return the joy to us in all our toil
May our work be your delight
Return the joy to us in all our toil
Let our days be made aright*

Let not our eyes contend for riches
But give us just reward and charity
When all our work is weary
When we can't see your beauty
Help us remember God's hand will endure
Consider God, the works of God.

Our labor keep away from evil
Forgive our discontent and selfish pride
Now make our prayers humble
And keep our conscience able
For God's commandments will our work renew
Consider God, the works of God.

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: I Peter 2:11-12, 18-25
"Holiness in the Work Place"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

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...

¹⁸Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When 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. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Colossians 3:22-25/ Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

1 Peter 2:16/ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

Creedal Response: Westminster Confession of Faith 16:6

Because believers are accepted in themselves through Christ, their good works also are accepted in him, not as though they were wholly blameless in this life and irreproachable in God's sight, but because he, looking on them in his Son, is pleased to accept and reward all that which is sincere, although accompanied by many weaknesses and imperfections.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Psalm 126

(Words & Music: Isaac Wardell 2012)

Our mouths, they were filled,
Filled with laughter;
Our tongues, they were loosed,
Loosed with joy.
Restore us, O Lord!
Restore us, O Lord!

*Although we are weeping,
Lord help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your Kingdom
For the day You will reap them.
Your sheaves we will carry;
Lord, please do not tarry!
All those who sow weeping
Will go out with songs of joy.*

The nations will say
"He has done great things!"
The nations will sing
Songs of joy.
Restore us, O Lord!
Restore us, O Lord!

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

(Words: Samuel Stennett 1787; Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land!

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?

Benediction

Thanksgiving Dinner!!

Sunday, November 20, 2022: 6 pm - 7:30 pm

RMU Island Sports Complex (White Dome)
7600 Grand Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15225

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Thanksgiving Day	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!
Advent Gifts	We are excited to be giving gifts to families to use during Advent as we all anticipate the birth of our Savior! If you have a child (or children) in 5th grade or younger, come visit our table after the Thanksgiving Dinner to pick up your Advent gift. Contact Becki@cityreformed.org for more information.
NO Sunday School November 27th	Because of Thanksgiving, there will not be Sunday School on 11/27. Have a wonderful holiday!
Advent/Christmas Decorating: Sunday November 27th	Sunday 11/27 after the PM service. We're looking to decorate the Greenfield building after the evening service on the first Sunday of Advent. If you'd be willing to help make our space look festive, please come! Refreshments will be made available.
Christmas Wreath Making Event: Saturday, December 3rd - 10 am to 12 pm	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)
Greenfield Christmas Parade and carol sing! Friday, December 2nd	We are inviting our community into our building for a Christmas Carol sing along following Greenfield's annual holiday Parade! Please join us! Parade starts at 7pm.

Employment and Volunteer Needs

www.cityreformed.org/employment

<p>Youth Ministry Need</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Sound Volunteers Needed</p>	<p>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!</p>

Regular Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Agora</p>	<p>Agora Forum: We discuss theology and popular culture topics from a Christian perspective. We meet every other Monday at the Greenfield Chapel at 7 pm (3929 Coleman St). The next meeting is November 28. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)</p>
<p>Mens Discipleship</p>	<p>Please contact Pastor Joseph (joseph@cityreformed.org) if you are interested in getting more connected.</p>
<p>Wednesday Prayer Meetings 8:30-9:30 AM</p>	<p>Join our staff as they pray for our church. Wednesday weekly prayer is held on Zoom at: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer</p>
<p>Global Mission Prayer Mondays @9PM</p>	<p>Join our church in prayer for our mission partners We will be praying for Jone's and City Pres., Bulawayo Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer</p>
<p>College Shuttle The college shuttle for Fall semester.</p>	<p>Pickup (details upon request!) 9:30AM- Point Park University 9:45- Pitt Return: 12PM Contact Katelyn (katelyn@cityreformed.org) for more information.</p>
<p>Youth Group Wednesday Nights Next mtg: 11/30 (6:30-8:30 pm) EVO 250 S. Pacific Ave., Pittsburgh, PA, 15224.</p>	<p>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, 11/30, and 12/14. Hope to see you there!</p>

Church Directory	http://crpc.churchcenter.com/directory -- email: chrissie@cityreformed.org for help accessing!
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Groups

College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- CCO at CMU: Nameun Cho (ncho@ccojubilee.org)
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- 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)
- *YA Women's Discipleship Group* (Katelyn@cityreformed.org)
- *Informal frisbee* (danielrtoney@gmail.com)
- *Board Game Gatherings* (gatcheson@gmail.com)

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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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