



**Sunday Morning Communion Worship**  
**November 6, 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](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

Question 1. What is the main purpose of mankind?

Answer. Mankind's main purpose is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question #1

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM  
Winchester Thurston Auditorium  
5059 Ellsworth Ave  
Pittsburgh PA, 15213

LIVESTREAM: [tinyurl.com/CRPCLive](http://tinyurl.com/CRPCLive)

### Sunday Evening Service

5:30PM  
Greenfield Chapel  
3929 Coleman Street  
Pittsburgh PA, 15207

### Church Office

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Pittsburgh, PA 15207  
412-720-7014  
[office@cityreformed.org](mailto:office@cityreformed.org)  
[cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org)

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Church)

### Welcome Information:



# Morning Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

## Call to Worship: Isaiah 43:1-4, 19-20b,21

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

Leader But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

People **When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.**

Leader For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior...

People **Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?**

Leader I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert...to give drink to my chosen people,

People **The people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

*(Words: John Newton 1774; Music: Laura Taylor 2001)*

Let us love and sing and wonder,  
Let us praise the Savior's name,  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame,  
He has washed us with his blood (3x),  
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us,  
Pitied us when enemies.  
Called us by his grace and taught us  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.  
He has washed us with his blood (3x),  
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptations  
Threaten hard to bear us down.  
For the Lord our strong salvation  
Holds in view the conqueror's crown  
He who washed us with his blood (3x),  
Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store.  
When through grace in Christ our trust is  
Justice smiles and asks no more.  
He who washed us with his blood (3x),  
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high.  
Here they trusted him before us  
Now their praises fill the sky.  
You have washed us with your blood (3x),  
You are worthy, Lamb of God

## 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

## **Call to Confession: 1 Peter 2:1-3**

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

## **Prayer of Confession:**

O Lord, no day of our lives has passed that has not proved us guilty in your sight. Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart, praise has often been praiseless sound. We have done things we should not have done, and we have not done things we should have done. If we were to stand before you on our own, we must surely be rejected.

However, all things in Christ plead for our acceptance. By his stripes we are healed, and he was bruised for our iniquities. He has been made sin so that we might be made righteous in you. We pray for your cleansing touch to wash away our corruption, and for your hands to rework our lives anew. We pray these things in Christ's holy name. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 1:5-6**

... He predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

## **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 sanctuary and pick them up after the sermon from Children's Church.*

**Sermon: 1 Peter 2:4-10**  
**"Holiness and Our Call to Worship"**

- Reverend Matt Koerber

**A**s you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup> So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,”

<sup>8</sup>and

“A stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



# Additional Scripture

Exodus 19:3-6/ The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

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Deuteronomy 7:6/ For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

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1 Corinthians 3:9/ For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

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1 Peter 1:1-2/ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

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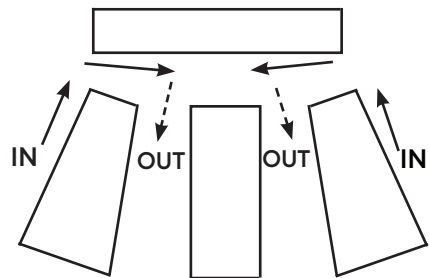
Rev 5:9-10/ And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, nor you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

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## Communion

*City Reformed Church invites all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sins and trust Christ alone for salvation, and who are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. Parents with non-communicating children are encouraged to bring their children forward during communion. The elders will lay a hand on their head and briefly pray for them as they serve you.*

*Communion is served with wine and with grape juice. The wine is placed in the two outer circles of the communion tray, and the grape juice is placed in the inner circle. Because Jesus used wine during the first communion service, we believe using real wine is beneficial. However, participants are welcome to choose. There is also gluten-free bread available on each plate.*



*Please join us in song as we celebrate Christ dwelling with his church in the sacrament of communion.*

# Songs of Communion

## Rock of Ages

*(Words: Augustus Toplady 1776 Music: Thomas Hastings 1853)*

Rock of Ages cleft for me  
Let me hide myself in thee  
Let the water and the blood  
From thy wounded side which flowed  
Be of sin the double cure  
Save from wrath and make me pure

Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill thy law's demands  
Could my zeal no respite know  
Could my tears forever flow  
All for sin could not atone  
Thou must save and thou alone

Nothing in my hand I bring  
Simply to the cross I cling  
Naked come to thee for dress  
Helpless look to thee for grace  
Foul I to the fountain fly  
Wash me Savior or I die

While I draw this fleeting breath  
When mine eyes shall close in death  
When I soar to worlds unknown  
See thee on thy judgment throne  
Rock of Ages cleft for me  
Let me hide myself in thee

## For All the Saints

*(Words: William W. How 1864; Music: Christopher Miner 1997)*

For all the saints,  
Who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith  
Before the world confessed,  
Thy Name, O Jesus,  
Be forever blessed.

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Alleluia, Allelu...  
Thou wast their rock,  
Their fortress and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain  
In the well fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness  
Drear, their one true Light.  
Alleluia, Allelu...

O blest communion,  
Fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle,  
They in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in  
Thee, for all are Thine.  
Alleluia, Allelu...

The golden evening  
brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful  
warriors comes their rest;  
Sweet is the calm  
of paradise the blessed.  
Alleluia, Allelu...

But lo! There breaks  
a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant  
rise in bright array;  
The King of glory  
passes on his way,  
Alleluia, Allelu...

From earth's wide bounds,  
from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl  
streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father,  
Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **Agnus Dei / Sanctus**

*(Words: William W. How 1864; Music: Christopher Miner 1997)*

Alleluia alleluia

For the Lord God Almighty reigns

Alleluia alleluia

For the Lord God Almighty reigns

Alleluia

Holy holy

Are You Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb

Worthy is the Lamb

You are holy holy

Are You Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb

Worthy is the Lamb

Amen

## **Doxology**

*(Words: Thomas Ken 1674 Music: Louis Bourgeois 1510)*

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

## **Prayer**

## **Announcements**

## **Benediction**

***Tonight's Worship Service: Reverend John McCombs will be preaching on 1 Corinthians 15:1-34, "Christ Has Been Raised" Please join us!***

***\*Grill the Preacher immediately following.***

# Announcements

[www.cityreformed.org/events](http://www.cityreformed.org/events)

<b>WT Blackout Dates</b> This week and next!	Due to an upcoming production we will be shifting from the auditorium to the gym across the parking lot both of these Sundays. The 13th: 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.
<b>Annual PPWM Fall 2022 Event</b>	The women of City Reformed are invited to gather with women from the Pittsburgh Presbytery on Saturday, Nov. 12th, from 11:00-1:30 pm at New Life Presbyterian Church in Harrison City, PA for a time of Songs and Stories of Praise and Thanksgiving with guest speaker, Nancy Capper of Faith Presbyterian Church, MD. Lunch will follow. To register: <a href="https://www.pcapittsburgh.org/upcoming-events">https://www.pcapittsburgh.org/upcoming-events</a>
<b>Building Work Day:</b> November 12, 10am-12pm	If you have any flexibility on November 12th, please join us for our building work day! No skills required - just able and willing workers.

# Employment and Volunteer Needs

[www.cityreformed.org/employment](http://www.cityreformed.org/employment)

<b>Youth Ministry Need</b>	We are recruiting a fellow 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 <a href="mailto:Nameun@cityreformed.org">Nameun@cityreformed.org</a> .
<b>Sound Volunteers Needed</b>	If you are interested in serving on sound team for either the morning or evening service, please contact Pat Spallinger at <a href="mailto:pat@cityreformed.org">pat@cityreformed.org</a> . Prior experience preferred!

# Regular Events

[www.cityreformed.org/events](http://www.cityreformed.org/events)

<p><b>Wednesday Prayer Meetings</b> 8:30-9:30 AM</p>	<p>Join our staff as they pray for our church. Wednesday weekly prayer is held on Zoom at: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer</a></p>
<p><b>Global Mission Prayer</b> Mondays @9PM</p>	<p>Join our church in prayer for our mission partners We will be praying for Jon and Beka. <b>Zoom link:</b> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer</a></p>
<p><b>College Shuttle</b> The college shuttle for Fall semester.</p>	<p>Pickup (details upon request!) 9:30AM- Point Park University 9:45- Pitt Return: 12pm Contact Katelyn (<a href="mailto:katelyn@cityreformed.org">katelyn@cityreformed.org</a>) for more information.</p>
<p><b>Women's Tuesday morning Bible Study:</b> <i>Standing Alone: Scenes from Elijah and Elisha</i></p>	<p>Come join with other women on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12pm for an eight week Bible study led by Paige Brown of West End Community Church, Nashville, TN. Lectures will be viewed weekly via livestream followed by group discussion at the home of Luda Bates at 3334 Dawson St, Pittsburgh 15213. Childcare is not provided. For more information contact Luda at <a href="mailto:Luda.bates@gmail.com">Luda.bates@gmail.com</a></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 (<a href="mailto:elizabeth.mcmillan20@gmail.com">elizabeth.mcmillan20@gmail.com</a>).</p>
<p><b>Youth Group</b> Wednesday Nights Next mtg: 11/16 (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 <a href="mailto:john@cityreformed.org">john@cityreformed.org</a>, 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!</p>
<p><b>Church Directory</b></p>	<p><a href="http://crpc.churchcenter.com/directory">http://crpc.churchcenter.com/directory</a> -- email: <a href="mailto:chrisse@cityreformed.org">chrisse@cityreformed.org</a> for help accessing!</p>

# 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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