



Sunday Morning Worship
June 25, 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

"If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ."

- *Saul of Tarsus, Letter to the Philippians*

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

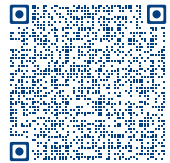
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Church)

Welcome Information:



Morning Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Worship – June 25, 2023

Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

Call to Worship: Philippians 2:5-11

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

Leader Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

People **And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.**

Leader Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

People **And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Prayer of Invocation

Agnus Dei / Sanctus

(Words & Music: Michael W. Smith 1990)

Alleluia alleluia

For the Lord God Almighty reigns

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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

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Amen

O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

(Words & Music: Benjamin Hastings, Dean Ussher, and Marty Sampson 2015)

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Scripture Reading: Psalm 25:4-10

Psalm 25

(Words & Music: Joe Day 2000)

Good and upright
Are you Lord
You teach us sinners
In your ways (2x)

You guide the humble
In what is right
And instruct them
In your ways (2x)

All your ways are
Loving, faithful, Lord
To those who
Seek your face (2x)

You give grace to
The humble hearted
And instruct them
In your ways (2x)

Call to Confession: Philippians 2:14-15

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.

Prayer of Confession:

Father in heaven, you have called us to shine as lights in the world and to be your children – innocent, blameless and without blemish. You have given us your Spirit and wrapped us in the righteousness of Christ. But we must confess that we are quick to grumble and question you when our own plans are disturbed. We need your grace to renew us and build us up in Christ. We ask that you would renew our hope and faith. Help us to see the beauty of Christ and find hope in the promise of his return. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Philippians 3:20-21

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Take a moment and fill out your care card and please use offering bags or direct giving online or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).

Bless the Lord (Son of Man)

(Jon Owens & Kelly Owens)

Son of man
Son of righteousness
King of the earth for sinners slain
I was lost
In darkness bound
You ransomed my heart and I will sing

(You are) my Strength (You are) my Deliverer
The One who rescued me
(You are) my Hope (You are) my redeemer
Your love has set me free

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Bless the Lord oh my soul
Bless the Lord oh my soul
Bless the Lord oh my soul

In the splendor of your majesty
from deep within my spirit sings Holy Holy
Holy Holy (2x)
Holy Holy Holy

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 from G8 after the sermon from Children's Church.

Sermon:

Matthew 23:1-12

"Woe to the Pharisees Part 1: Faithful Leadership"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ²“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, ³so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice. ⁴They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. ⁵They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, ⁶and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues ⁷and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others. ⁸But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers. ⁹And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. ¹⁰Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ. ¹¹The greatest among you shall be your servant. ¹²Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scriptures

Matthew 22:29 / But Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God."

Philippians 3:17-18 / Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.

James 3:1 / Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

James 4:6-12 / But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

Scriptural Response: | Peter 5:5-7

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

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Songs of Thanksgiving

Wood and Nails

(Words & Music: Isaac Wardell, Keith Watts, & Madison Cunningham 2017)

O humble carpenter down on your hands and knees
Look on your handiwork and build a house
So you may dwell in me
So you may dwell in me

*The work was done with nothing but wood and nails
In Your scar-borne hands
O show me how to work and praise
Trusting that I am Your instrument*

O loving laborer with the sweat upon your face
O build a table that I too may join you
In the Father's place
Oh in the Father's place

*The kingdom's come and built upon
Wood and nails gripped with joyfulness
So send me out within Your ways
Knowing that the task is finished*

*The dead will rise and give You praise
Wood and nails will not hold them down
These wooden tombs we'll break them soon
And fashion them into flower beds*

*The curse is done the battle won
Swords bent down into plowshares
Your scar-borne hands we'll join with them
Serving at the table You've prepared*

Hallelujah What A Savior - Man of Sorrows

(Words & Music: Philip Paul Bliss 1875)

Man of Sorrows! What a name
For the Son of God, Who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood.

Guilty, vile, and helpless we;
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement! Can it be?

Lifted up was He to die;
"It is finished!" was His cry;
Now in heav'n exalted high.

When He comes, our glorious King,
All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew His song we'll sing:

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Elder Dave Snoke will be preaching from 2 Corinthians 10:1-6, "Spiritual Warfare in the Realm of Ideas."

Announcements

<p>Rose</p>	<p>Our rose up front is for the family of Joanna born to Jennifer and Max Winters, June 3. Thanks God!</p>
<p>VBS July 10-14!</p>	<p>If you haven't registered for VBS, now is the time! VBS is open to any 4 year old to rising 5th grader, and youth can serve as leaders! So, invite your friends to come and hear about God's mighty works in Daniel's life (and help them see Him working in their lives, too!). www.myvbs.org/CRPC</p>
<p>VBS Donations</p>	<p>If you would like to donate supplies to help make our crafts, games, and teaching a success, please stop by the VBS table in the cafeteria after the service and pick up one or more supply donation slips. Thank you!</p>
<p>VBS Prep Party Save the Date July 8th, 9 AM - 12 PM</p>	<p>Help us make decorations, organize crafts, create posters, and more - all while listening to VBS music and getting a sneak peek of the week. Lunch will be provided at 11:30, and all are welcome!</p>
<p>New Grief Share Recovery Ministry at CRPC</p>	<p>Have you recently lost a family member or friend? GriefShare is an international, biblically based ministry to help you navigate and receive support in your grief journey after the loss of a loved one. Contact Katrina (katrina.campbell.170@gmail.com). Griefshare.org</p>
<p>Women's Summer Study Tuesdays @ 7:30-9PM, from June 6th - July 18th</p>	<p>Join us for a six-week study on Jen Wilkin's book "Ten Words to Live By" meeting on Tuesday nights from 6/6-7/18 from 7:30-9pm (except 7/4) at Sam's Highland Park home. Contact Rachael Leuenberger (raleuen@gmail.com) or Sam Phillip (samantharaephilip@gmail.com) for more info!</p>
<p>Men and Boys of CRPC! Camping Trip: Moraine State Park 5 Points Group Campground: June 30 - July 2</p>	<p>No registration or cost for coming. And opportunities for many activities such as ultimate frisbee, relaxing by a campfire, fishing from Mr. Luke's boat, bike riding, swimming, maybe even rockclimbing! Downside is we are providing spiritual food only (devotions), the rest is on you! Those with disabilities can reserve a spot in a modern cabin with Luke Kephart. So bring your sons and invite your friends and neighbors!! Questions can be directed to Adam Schwab (ahs27@pitt.edu) or Jim Partridge (partridge.je6@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Susannah Sonbare Farewell fellowship on July 4th barbeque from 5 - 8 pm:</p>	<p>All welcome for food and fellowship with Susannah and baby Josphine before their July 11 flight to India and transitions back, meeting at the home of Katrina & Bryan Campbell, 225 Sonni Ln, Mc Kees Rocks, PA 15136. Burgers/hotdogs provided, consider signing-up for other food items: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A44A9AA2DA3FF2-susannah</p>

Regular Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Agora Forum: Every other Monday @ 7PM 3929 Coleman St.</p>	<p>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 June 26. We will be continuing our summer series "How to think about God". Often we brush over the deep theology of God's nature, on such things as the Trinity, God's eternity, why God wants worship, his relationship to creation, etc. Some things are a mystery, but the Bible also tells us much. In this series we will look at the basic theology of God, drawing from the creeds of the historical church. This week's topic is "Are men more like God? Why does God use male pronouns for himself in the Bible?" Dr. Snoko will lead the discussion. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)</p>
<p>Bean Sprouts Ministry: Monthly</p>	<p>Although many of us are retired, anyone who is free for lunch, please join us (and bring a friend!) at 12pm once a month. Contact Joe Stehle: joestehle@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Mens Discipleship</p>	<p>Please contact Adam Schwab (ahs27@pitt.edu) 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 Hannah Nation. Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer.</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group</p>	<p>*New Leader & Location*: Wednesdays bi-weekly (beginning on July 19th) @ 7PM at Amelia Morrissey's Home on the North Side. For more info, contact Lindsay Karr (lindsay.karr@gmail.com) .</p>
<p>Ultimate Frisbee: Thursdays @ 6PM</p>	<p>Anyone who is interested in playing Ultimate Frisbee is welcome to join us Thursdays (6 PM) at McKnight Playground near the aviary. Contact Dan Toney, danielrtoney@gmail.com</p>
<p>Summer RUF @ Breeden Abode: Dinner at 6pm</p>	<p>Thursdays, starting on June 1st at the Breeden Abode, 414 Stratton Lane (Shadyside) Dinner at 6.00pm, Study + Discussion at 7.00pm. All college students, recent HS grads, and recent college grads are welcome to join us! Questions? Contact gavin.breeden@ruf.org or callie.miller@ruf.org</p>

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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)
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