



Sunday Morning Worship
July 25, 2021

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 we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world."

- C.S. Lewis

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

9AM & 11AM
Winchester Thurston Auditorium
5059 Ellsworth Ave
Pittsburgh PA, 15213

9AM LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

Sunday Evening Communion Service

Winchester Thurston Parking Lot
5059 Ellsworth Ave
Pittsburgh PA, 15213

SUNDAY 7/25 | 6PM

Church Office

3929 Coleman St.
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Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church
Sunday Morning Worship – July 25, 2021
Presider: Reverend John McCombs

Call to Worship: I Peter 1:3-9

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

Leader Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People **According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

Leader To an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,

People **So that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

Leader Though you have not seen him, you love him.

People **Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.**

Prayer of Invocation

I Want to Know You

(Words & Music: James Proctor, Jonny Robinson, Michael Ferren, & 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

Psalm 34 | Gloria

(Words & Music: Mars Hill Music)

I sought for the King.
Then He heard my cry,
And delivered me
From my lonely fears.

They looked unto Him
In His radiance.
All their faces have
Been made unashamed.

Gloria! (4x)

*O, taste and see
That the Lord is good
All you people, all you saints
All you children of the King.*

Call to Confession: | Peter 2:11-12

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep 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.

Prayer of Confession

Father, we confess to you that we have often set our sights too low. We have focused on money, entertaining ourselves, and avoiding pain. Like animals reacting to stimuli, we have often reacted to our passions and anger and pleasures without thought. Like mice, we have scurried in fear before the powers of this world.

Lord, lift up our eyes. We were made in your image, for something far greater. Your kingdom is an eternal and glorious kingdom, populated by people from every language, and tribe and nation. You have planned all history to culminate in your glorious city, the New Jerusalem, and we play a role in that story. All creation cries out to praise you, the Holy One. Change us, O Lord, to remember that our citizenship is in heaven and we are not mere animals or slaves of this world, for you have redeemed us through the blood of your Son. We praise you, for you alone are worthy for us to fix our eyes on. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: | Peter 2:9-10

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. 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.

Baptism: Norah Mercy Heins
daughter of Jonathan & Rebecca Heins (11AM)

Question to the Congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Please direct giving online or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).

Be Thou My Vision

(Translation: Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1905, Tune: "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

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: Hebrews 13:8-16

Hebrews: Running the Race with Endurance "Outside the Camp With Jesus"

- Reverend Matthew Koerber

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them.

¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.

¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Philippians 2:8-10/ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 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, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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.

Hebrews 11:13-16/ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

I Peter 1:1/ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia...

Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 26. How does Christ carry out the office of a king?

A. Christ carries out the office of a king in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

Q. 27. What did Christ's humiliation consist of?

A. Christ's humiliation consisted of his being born in a low condition, living under the Law, undergoing the miseries of this life, undergoing the wrath of God and the cursed death of the Cross, and in being buried and continuing under the power of death for a time.

Q. 28. What does Christ's exaltation consist of?

A. Christ's exaltation consists of his rising again from the dead on the third day, ascending to heaven, sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and coming to judge the world on the last day.

Song of Thanksgiving

Parents are encouraged to pick up their children from Children's Church at this time.

Eternal Weight of Glory

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2013)

Now the days and hours and moments
Of our suff'ring seem so long
And the toilsome wait and wond'ring
Threaten silence to our song

Now our pain is real and pressing
Where our faith is thin and weak
But our hope is set on Jesus
And we cling to him our strength

*For behold I tell a myst'ry
At the trumpet sound we'll wake
Death is swallowed up in vict'ry
When we meet our King of Grace*

*Every year we thought was wasted
Every night we cried How long
All will be a passing moment
In our Savior's vict'ry song*

Oh eternal weight of glory
Oh inheritance divine
We will see our Lord redeeming
Every past and future time
All our pains will be transfigured
Like the scars of Christ our Lord
We will see the weight of glory
And our broken years restored

We will see our wounded Savior
We'll behold him face to face
And we'll hear our anguished stories
Sung as vict'ry songs of grace

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

If you would like to contact a pastor, please email joseph@cityreformed.org.

Life Together

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| Roses | Celebrate Ian and Hannah Jackson's daughter Ainsley Rae Jackson, Chris Williams and Samone Oliveros-Williams' son Leon Julius Williams, & Rauhit and Melanie Seah-Ashar's son Calum Rhys Kai Yi Seah-Ashar. |
| Morning Service Sundays @ 9AM & 11AM <i>WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</i> | We have resumed serving communion on the first Sunday of the month. Morning Service Livestream at 9AM continues indefinitely. |
| Evening Service OUTDOORS TONIGHT Sun 7/25 @ 6PM <i>WT Parking Lot 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</i> | **NOTE: Evening Communion Services remain OUTDOORS through the summer. <i>Also, please note the TIME CHANGE, service will begin at 6:00 PM.</i> ** Please bring your own <i>chairs/blankets</i> to sit on. July services: July 11th and 25th August services: August 8th and 22nd. |
| All Church Picnic Wednesday 7/28 <i>Vietnam Veteran's Pavilion, Schenley Park</i> | Save the date! 5:30 pm B.Y.O.Picnic 7:00-8:00 Music, worship, and celebration |
| Rick Heasley Memorial | Visitation: Friday July 30th @ 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Lanigan Funeral Home (1111 Monroeville Ave, Turtle Creek, PA 15145) Memorial Service: Saturday July 31st @11:00 am Greenfield Chapel (3929 Coleman St. Pittsburgh 15207) Memorial Picnic Sarurday July 31st Contact Sandy (Sandy@cityreformed.org) to assist with food for the picnic. |
| New Part-Time Position at City Reformed | Children's Ministry Coordinator oversees all ministry for children Kindergarten through 5th grade. 28 Hours/week. Job description is found at: cityreformed.org/employment.html |
| New Part-Time Position OPEN at City Reformed: Bookkeeper | City Reformed is looking to hire a new bookkeeper as Allison Barker transitions out of this role. The position is part-time, with flexible hours. Job description is found at: cityreformed.org/employment.html |

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| <p>Agora Forum Mon 7/26 @ 7PM 3929 Coleman St., 15207 tinyurl.com/CRPCAgora</p> | <p>David Snoke will give the first of three lectures on apologetics. The first lecture will be based on his article "The Problem of the Absolute". Contact Alex (amain8511@gmail.com).</p> |
| <p>Vacation Bible School (VBS) July 26 - 30 10:30AM-12:30PM Vietnam Veteran's Pavilion, Schenley Park tinyurl.com/CRPCVBS21</p> | <p>REGISTRATIONS OPEN for VBS 2021: <i>Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through</i> Children 4 yrs old to rising 5th graders. Sign up at: tinyurl.com/CRPCVBS21 Contact Charis@cityreformed.org.</p> <p>VBS Staff and Crew Leader training TODAY at 10:15AM</p> |
| <p>Congregational Prayers Needed</p> | <p>Would you consider being added to our Congregational Prayer Rotation list? It's a beautiful opportunity to serve those around us by hearing various voices lifting our requests to our Lord. Contact Chrissie@cityreformed.org</p> |
| <p>Women's Informal Gatherings Social events for women of all ages!</p> | <p>Contact Katelyn@cityreformed.org.</p> |
| <p>Nursery Ministry Reopening Sundays 9AM</p> | <p>INFANT (0-23 months) & TODDLER Nursery (2-3 yrs) has reopened in the Dance Studio (G8). Please pre-register: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations.</p> <p>Nursery Disciplers NEEDED! If you would like to serve in the nursery to care for and disciple our littles, please sign up: tinyurl.com/servantcity. Contact Charis@cityreformed.org.</p> |
| <p>Speak Peace Release Event Friday 8/20 @ 6:30PM 3929 Coleman St., 15207</p> | <p>Join us as we worship together and celebrate Daniel's new album, Speak Peace. We will also be releasing the accompanying book and displaying the original artwork. Doors open at 6:30 and the music will start at 7. FREE with \$10 suggested donation. For more info, join the event on Facebook: bit.ly/3AMqs74</p> |
| <p>PRISM Garage Giveaway 8/20 & 8/21</p> | <p>PRISM is collecting donations of small furniture and appliances for international students. Key needs: volunteers, drivers, lifters for giveaway days. Drop-off days: August 16, 17, 18 from 10am to 8pm Setup & Sorting: August 16-19 from 10am to 8pm Giveaway days: August 20 & 21 Contact Bernadette (bfischer.prism@gmail.com)</p> |

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| Young Adult Women's Fellowship | Informal gatherings of young adult women in the church with the purpose to do life together, get to know each other, and to foster a sense of community. Contact <i>Katelyn@cityreformed.org</i> . |
| Ladies Monday Bible Study Mondays @ 6-7:30PM <i>Cathy Taylor's House, 1532 Williamsburg Place</i> | Every other Monday: Becoming A Woman of Purpose (Biblical Growth Towards Peace and Fulfillment). Contact Cathy Taylor (<i>lawyerdad5@aol.com</i>) |
| Men's & Women's Discipleship Committees | Men and women who are interested in discipleship through a mentoring relationship, contact Adam at <i>mdc@cityreformed.org</i> or Sandy at <i>Sandy@cityreformed.org</i> |
| Bethany Food Bank and Master's Kitchen Service Thurs @ 9AM - 1PM or 4 - 6PM; Fri @ 12 - 1PM | Volunteer to help transport and package food with Bethany Community Ministries. Contact Donna at Bethany: 412.251.1227 or any of the <i>Deacons@cityreformed.org</i> . |

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:

- ***cityreformed.org/community-groups***

Specialty Groups meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, and service. For a listing of current groups, please refer to:

- ***cityreformed.org/prayer--specialty-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: Derek Bates (***dbates@ruf.org***), Callie Miller (***callie.miller@ruf.org***)
- ***cityreformed.org/collegestudents***

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We are glad to have you join us for worship today. If you are new, we would love to meet you! And, if you would like more information about our ministries, resources, and ways to engage, please fill out the visitor's card below or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Visitor's Card

We would love to get to know you. Please contact us at office@cityreformed.org with the following information.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request, we will pray for you. Please send prayer requests to Pastor Joseph through prayer@cityreformed.org.
