



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**December 2, 2018**

# Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us for worship today. Please stop by the Welcome Table in the foyer - we would love to meet you! If you would like more information, please fill out one of the info cards on the table, refer to our print newsletter, *City This Month*, or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

'Tis but thy name that is my enemy;  
Thou art thyself, though not a Montague.  
What's Montague? It is nor hand, nor foot,  
Nor arm, nor face, nor any other part  
Belonging to a man. O, be some other name!  
What's in a name? That which we call a rose  
By any other word would smell as sweet...

- Juliet (William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet")

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*Please speak to an usher or greeter if you have any questions about the nursery and children's programs.*

- *There is a nursery for children infant – 3 during the service.*
- *A Cry Room is available during the service off the foyer.*
- *During the service, children 4 – 7 have the option to be dismissed to attend Children's Church.*
- *Children's bulletins are available at the side table for those staying in service.*

# Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend John McCombs

## Call to Worship: Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7

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

People **For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;**

Leader And the government shall be upon his shoulder,

People **And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Leader Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

People **The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## Our Souls in Stillness Wait

*(Words & Music: Marty Haugen 1982)*

*For you, oh Lord, our souls in stillness wait---  
Truly our hope is in you.*

O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory,  
Your radiance shines in all who look to you;  
Come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.

O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits;  
Our thirsty hearts are yearning for your word;  
Come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts.

O Root of Life, implant your seed within us,  
And in your advent, draw us near to you,  
Our hope reborn in dying and in rising.

O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our journey;  
We ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain;  
Open to us the pathway to your peace.

## To Thee We Run

*(Words & Music: Eric J. Marshall 2012)*

When these days of shadow pass  
And suffering is no more  
A fire in the dark will glow  
And Christ our souls restore

*O Light Heaven shine down on earth  
O Joy Come and break the curse  
We praise the name above every name  
A light has come and Christ to Thee we run*

Holy child of mystery  
Please set ablaze our hearts  
With grace unending love so pure  
And pierce the ancient dark

As the tide of heaven's wrath  
Is washed beneath the sea  
A Living Stream shall quench our thirst  
For all eternity

## **Call to Confession: 1 Peter 2:4-5**

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 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.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Heavenly Father. You have called us precious in your sight. You are building us into a new holy and spiritual community. You have equipped us to do things that matter.

We humbly acknowledge that we fall short. Each day, our thoughts, our words and our deeds betray our true identity and purpose. We forget that we belong to you and we seek to fashion our own identity apart from you.

Please forgive us and renew us. Remind us that we belong to you and that you are with us. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 2:9-10**

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.

## **Corporate Prayer**

# Song of Renewal

*During this song we will pass offering bags through the congregation. We ask that our members and regular attendees will thoughtfully consider their contribution as an act of worship - a response to God's grace in our lives. Those who are not a regular part of our church are not expected to participate in the offering.*

## Who Is This So Weak and Helpless

*(Words: William W. How 1867; Music: Christopher Miner 1997)*

Who is this, so weak and helpless,  
Child of lowly Hebrew maid,  
Rudely in a stable sheltered,  
Coldly in a manger laid?  
'Tis the Lord of all creation,  
Who this wondrous path has trod;  
He is Lord from everlast—ing,  
And to everlasting God.

Who is this, a Man of Sorrows,  
Walking sadly life's hard way,  
Homeless, weary, sighing, weeping  
Over sin and Satan's sway?  
'Tis our God, our glorious Savior,  
Who above the starry sky  
Is for us a place prepar—ing,  
Where no tear can dim the eye.

Who is this? Behold him shedding  
Drops of blood upon the ground!  
Who is this, despised, rejected,  
Mocked, insulted, beaten, bound?  
'Tis our God, Who gifts and graces  
On His church is pouring down;  
Who shall smite in holy ven—geance  
All His foes beneath His throne.

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Who is this that hangs there dying  
While the rude world scoffs and scorns,  
Numbered with the malefactors,  
Torn with nails, and crowned with thorns?  
'Tis our God Who lives forever  
'Mid the shining ones on high,  
In the glorious golden ci—ty,  
Reigning everlastingly.

## **Pastoral Prayer**

*At this time, children ages 4-7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. The leaders will bring the children to children's church and then back to the worship service after the sermon.*

## Sermon: Matthew 1:18-25

Christmas 2018: Names of Jesus

"God Saves, God Is With Us" - Reverend Matthew Koerber

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**N**ow the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup>"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup>but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

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Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



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## Additional Scripture

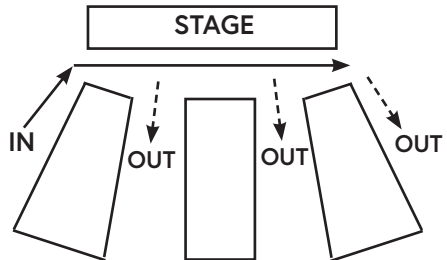
Isaiah 7:10-17 / Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah-- the king of Assyria!"

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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 will be served by elders to several people at a time at the front of the Church. When you are ready, please proceed up using the left aisle. At the ushers' guidance, you may move forward to receive the elements as a group. We encourage you to exit from the front via the nearest aisle.*



*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

*Please stand for the final songs if you are able.*

## **O Come O Come Emmanuel**

*(Words: 1400's French Mass; Music: Veni Emmanuel [Chant])*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice!*

*Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times did give the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe.

O come, Thou Son of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save,  
And give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.

## **Wait For The Lord**

*(Words: Robert Robinson & Martin Madan 1760; Music: Unknown)*

Wait for the Lord  
Whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord  
Keep watch, take heart.

## **O Day of Peace - Come to Him**

*(Music: Josh Garrels 2016; Words: Carl Daw 1982)*

O day of peace that dimly shines  
Through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
Guide us to justice, truth, and love,  
Delivered from our selfish schemes.

May swords of hate fall from our hands,  
Our hearts from envy find release,  
Till by God's grace our warring world  
Shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,  
Nor shall the fierce devour the small  
As beasts and cattle calmly graze,  
A little child shall lead them all.

Then enemies shall learn to love,  
All creatures find their true accord  
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled,  
For all the earth shall know the Lord

Come to Him with all your heart  
Come and lay your burdens down

For peace He came to give  
And Joy shall be the crown  
And Joy shall be the crown

## Christmas Doxology

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

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
Whose advent did thy people free;  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Ghost for evermore.

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

*At the beginning of announcements parents are dismissed to pick up their children from nursery.*

## Benediction

***Tonight's Evening Service: Dave Snoke will be preaching "Who Can Endure the Day of His Coming?" on Malachi 2:17-3:7.***