



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**October 13, 2024**

# 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

"As they looked ahead through the shadows, longing for something better, they took hold on the promises of God that He would send the Messiah."

– Vern S. Poythress, *The Shadow of Christ In the Law of Moses*

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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 Worship Service

5:30PM  
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# Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Benjamin Chidester

## Call to Worship: Hebrews 10:19-25

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

Leader Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,

People **And since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,**

Leader With our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

People **Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.**

Leader And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,

People **Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## All Creatures of Our God and King

*(Words: St. Francis of Assisi 1225; Music: Lasst Uns Erfreun 16-1900s)*

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise Him, Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest us both warmth and light,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye souls of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God, and on Him cast your care,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him, Alleluia!  
Praise praise the Father praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Rejoice

*(Words & Music: Ben Shive, Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Skye Peterson 2022)*

Rejoice in the Lord now and always,  
Sing it again, we rejoice  
Delight in the love he has shown us,  
Gratefully lift up your voice  
His gentleness among us  
Will join our hearts with praise  
We gather in his goodness,  
A family of grace

*With each breath he's given,  
Praise the Lord  
In these times we live in,  
We will praise the Lord  
Throughout ev'ry season, I am sure  
We have ev'ry reason  
To praise the Lord*

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing,  
Praying for all that you need  
Come with a song of thanksgiving,  
Lay your requests at his feet  
His peace will fall upon us  
To guard our hearts and minds  
In Christ, who reigns eternal,  
Shepherd of our lives

Rejoice in the Lord now and always,  
Tell of the good he has done  
Worship the Lord to remember,  
All of the joy yet to come  
The hope that burns within us,  
The dark cannot destroy  
With praise that's never ending,  
We say again rejoice

**Scripture Reading:** Proverbs 3:5-8

## **I Need Thee Every Hour**

*(Words & Music: Annie Hawks & Robert Lowry 1872)*

*I need Thee, O I need Thee;  
Every hour I need Thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior,  
I come to Thee.*

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby;  
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.

I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain;  
Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.

I need Thee every hour, most Holy One;  
O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessèd Son.

I need Thee every hour; teach me Thy will;  
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill.

## **Call to Confession: Hebrews 4:14-16**

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Father, we confess that we are weak. We are tempted and we have given into temptation. We sin. And so we hide from you and from your presence. We know that without a savior your holiness would cause us to be undone.

So we don't hope in ourselves but look to Jesus, our great high priest. He took on flesh and dwelt among us. In his death our sin is judged. In his resurrection we live. We thank you that in Christ we have confidence to come to you in prayer. We thank you that in Christ we have access to your presence. We thank you that you have not left us alone, but have drawn us to yourself in Christ.

Help us to see that you are with us, even till the end of time. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 9:11-14**

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

# Corporate Prayer

## Song of Renewal

*We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Cards and donations can be placed in offering bags. Giving can also be directed online ([cityreformed.org/give](http://cityreformed.org/give)) or sent via mail (3929 Coleman St., 15207).*

## So Rest My Rest

*(Words & Music: Daniel Snoko 2023)*

You left within a rocky cave  
My guilt that brought you to the grave  
O Lord you are the doubters' friend  
The Rock on which my confidence depends

*O Prince of Life! One thing I know  
That when I too in death lie low  
The chains of sin that hold me down  
Will be transfigured to a holy crown*

So rest my Rest your love has won  
With your death my work is done  
Your life my life and your rest my rest  
On you my soul relies  
With you my hope will rise

My Jesus King O day by day  
Help me to watch to learn and pray  
Because you died and rest I rest  
My life in you will be forever blest



# Pastoral Prayer

*At this time, children ages 4-7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. Please pick them up after the sermon.*

## Sermon: Colossians 2:8-17

### "Let No One Pass Judgment on You"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. <sup>17</sup>These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Additional Scripture

Deuteronomy 10:16 / Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn.

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Deuteronomy 30:6 / And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

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Romans 2:29 / But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

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Galatians 4:27-29 / For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband." Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now.

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Hebrews 10:1 / For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near.

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## Creedal Response: Westminster Confession of Faith 19:3

**Besides this law, commonly called the moral law, God was pleased to give to the people of Israel, as a church under age, ceremonial laws containing several ordinances as types — some with reference to worship (prefiguring Christ, His graces, actions, sufferings and benefits) and others prescribing various instructions relating to moral duties. All these ceremonial laws have been done away under the New Testament.**



# Songs of Thanksgiving

## All Sufficient Merit

*(Words & Music: Bethany Barnard, Bryan Fowler, and Shane Barnard 2023)*

All sufficient merit shining like the sun  
A fortune I inherit by no work I have done  
My righteousness I forfeit at my savior's cross  
Where all sufficient merit did what I could not

In love he condescended eternal now in time  
A life without a blemish the Maker made to die  
The law could never save us our lawlessness had won  
Until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally come

*It is done it is finished  
No more debt I owe  
Paid in full all sufficient  
Merit now my own*

I lay down my garments any empty boast  
Good works now all corrupted by the sinful host  
I'm dressed in my Lord Jesus a crimson robe made white  
No more fear of judgment his righteousness is mine

All sufficient merit firm in life and death  
The joy of my salvation shall be my final breath  
When I stand accepted before the throne of God  
I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank him for the cross  
Yes I'll thank him for the cross

## 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

## Benediction

*At tonight's Worship Service, Elder Dave Snoke will be preaching from Acts 10:17-44, "What About Those Who Have Never Heard Of Jesus?"*

# Announcements

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

<b>New Nursing Area for Mothers</b>	For moms needing a private space to nurse babies or pump milk, there is a small office space available for use. It is located on the second floor next to Room #112. The diaper changing table has now been placed in the corner stairwell next to Rm. G9.
<b>Women's Brunch</b> Saturday, October 19 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Greenfield Chapel	Women of all ages are invited to a brunch hosted by the Women's Council. Come hear testimonies of God's faithfulness in the lives of our sisters in Christ, enjoy yummy food, and greet old and new friends. Surprise book giveaway to all who attend! We are especially eager to include college women! Please sign up here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/WomensBrunchCRPC2024">https://tinyurl.com/WomensBrunchCRPC2024</a> so we can prepare for you and coordinate food and rides.
<b>Fall Hayride &amp; Maze</b> Saturday, October 26 3:00 - 5:30 PM	Join us for our annual Hayride event at Gearhard Farms (Murrysville)! There will be a bonfire and reserved field space for us, with tractor hayrides. Light refreshments will be provided! \$5 per person and \$20 for families. Please register & pay easily at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2024CRPCHayride">https://tinyurl.com/2024CRPCHayride</a> .
<b>Shepherd's Heart Clothing Drive</b> November 10 After Church	There has been a greater need since a rise in homelessness post-pandemic for men's and women's winter clothing including: winter coats, hoodies, sweaters, hats and scarves, gloves, new thermal socks and underwear. Donations will be collected on Sunday, November 10. Please have all donations cleaned, folded, and placed in a heavy duty black garbage bag or a lidless box. For questions please contact Mark Prascak @ (412) 576-4961.
<b>Thanksgiving Dinner</b> Saturday, November 16 RMU Sports Island Center 7600 Grand Ave, 15225 5:30 PM	Join us for our annual, church-wide, potluck-style dinner! Please bring a side dish or dessert to share or sign up to be one of the needed 11 folks to roast a turkey! Many hands are needed to help set-up, greet, serve food, and tear down in order to make this event a success. Sign-ups will be provided next week. Contact <a href="mailto:chris@cityreformed.org">chris@cityreformed.org</a> for more info.
<b>Women's Ministry Need</b>	We still have an opening for the full-time Women's Ministry Director position. The job description has been slightly revised since its initial posting and can be found on our website. If you or someone you know would like to be considered for the position, please email <a href="mailto:nameun@cityreformed.org">nameun@cityreformed.org</a> .

# Regular Events

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<p><b>College Shuttle:</b> Sundays</p>	<p><b>9:30AM- PPU:</b> 201 Wood St; Contact: Daphne: drriddl@pointpark.edu <b>9:45AM- PITT:</b> 4024 O'Hara St; Contact: Rebekka: rjh152@pitt.edu or David: DGT12@pitt.edu</p>
<p><b>Agora Forum:</b> Every other Monday 7:00 PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>Agora Forum: We discuss theology and popular culture topics from a Christian perspective. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)</p>
<p><b>Global Missions Prayer:</b> Mondays @ 9:00 PM</p>	<p>We will be praying this week for Jon and Beka serving in North Africa. Held on Zoom: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/CRPCglobalprayer2024">https://tinyurl.com/CRPCglobalprayer2024</a></p>
<p><b>Women's Bible Study:</b> Tuesdays, 9:45 AM - 12:00 PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>We are having an 8-week Paige Benton Brown study on the books Joshua and Judges. Contact Luda Bates for more info: luda.bates@gmail.com.</p>
<p><b>Bean Sprouts Ministry:</b> 3rd Wednesday 12:00 PM</p>	<p>Although many of us are retired, anyone who is free for lunch once a month is welcome. Next meeting will be October 16th. Contact Joe Stehle for more information: joestehle@gmail.com.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday Prayer Meetings:</b> 8:30-9:30 AM</p>	<p>All are welcome to join our Wednesday prayer community. We begin with Scripture, move to a general opening prayer of adoration/thankssgiving, then share specific prayer requests and pray through them. Held on Zoom at: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer</a>.</p>
<p><b>Youth Group:</b> Biweekly Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>We will continue to look at Christ's miracles in the Gospels and recognize the greatest of Christ's miracles, the resurrection. We invite all MS and HS students to join us. Next date is October 23rd. Hope to see you there!</p>
<p><b>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group:</b> Bi-Weekly Wednesdays 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Meets on the North Side and Squirrel Hill. Fall study: Jesus' 7 "I Am" statements in the book of John. Contact Lindsay Karr for more info: lindsay.karr@gmail.com.</p>
<p><b>Mommies' Discipleship Group:</b> 2nd &amp; 4th Thursdays 7:00 - 9:00 PM</p>	<p>Join us for a time of fellowship and encouragement as we pray for one another and study the book of Luke. Contact Sandy for more info: scssnoke@comcast.net.</p>
<p><b>Grief Share:</b> Thursdays, 6:00 - 8:00 PM 3929 Coleman Street</p>	<p>If you have lost a loved one and want to work through the grieving process with friends on a similar journey, please join us. Sign up on the Grief Share website (griefshare.org) or see Joe Stehle or Ginny Heasley.</p>

**College Students** please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- CMU: Chris Bollinger (cwbollinger@gmail.com)
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- [cityreformed.org/collegestudents](http://cityreformed.org/collegestudents)

**Specialty Groups** meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, learning, and service.

- **Agora Forum** ([amain8511@gmail.com](mailto:amain8511@gmail.com))
- **Men's New Hope** ([Joseph@cityreformed.org](mailto:Joseph@cityreformed.org))
- **Mommies' Group** ([Sandy@cityreformed.org](mailto:Sandy@cityreformed.org))
- **Wednesday Morning Prayer** ([Nameun@cityreformed.org](mailto:Nameun@cityreformed.org))
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