



Sunday Morning Communion Worship
February 2, 2025

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

"The kind of spiritual life and disciplines needed to sustain the Christian life are quiet, repetitive, and ordinary. I often want to skip the boring, daily stuff to get to the thrill of an edgy faith. But it's in the dailiness of the Christian faith—the making the bed, the doing the dishes, the praying for our enemies, the reading the Bible, the quiet, the small—that God's transformation takes root and grows."

– Tish Harrison Warren, *"Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life"*

"There are no ordinary people. You have never spoken to a mere mortal. Natures, civilizations, cultures, arts, these are mortal. But it is with immortals that we work, joke, snub, marry, exploit."

– C.S. Lewis, *"The Weight of Glory"*

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
Winchester Thurston Auditorium
5059 Ellsworth Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

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Welcome
Information:



Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:30PM
Greenfield Chapel
3929 Coleman Street
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Church)

Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Joe Stehle

Call to Worship: 1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10

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

Leader 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,

People **To be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ...**

Leader 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.

People **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.**

Prayer of Invocation

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

(Words: Joachim Neander 1680; Translator: Catherine Winkworth 1863; Music: Anonymous 1665)

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him for
He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to his temple draw near;
Praise him in glad adoration.
All ye who hear,
Now to his temple draw near;
Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How all your longings have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?
Hast thou not seen
How all your longings have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.
Surely his goodness and
Mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
If with his love he befriend thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen
Sound from his people again,
Gladly for aye we adore him.
Let the Amen
Sound from his people again,
Gladly for aye we adore him.

For The Beauty Of The Earth

(Words: Follitt Pierpoint 1864; Music: Conrad Kocher 1838)

For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies

*Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise*

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light

For the joy of human love
Brother sister parent child
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild

For Thy church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above
Offering up on ev'ry shore
Her pure sacrifice of love

For Thyself best gift divine
To the world so freely giv'n
For that great great love of Thine
Peace on earth and joy in heav'n

Oh Lord You're Beautiful

(Words & Music: Keith Green 1980)

Oh Lord you're beautiful
Your face is all I seek
And when your eyes are on this child
Your grace abounds to me

Oh Lord you're merciful
Your love is all we need
And when your love is with your church
Forgiveness we receive

Call to Confession: 1 Peter 1:13-15

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

Prayer of Confession:

Father, you are perfect in holiness and you dwell in unapproachable light. Our every desire is darkened by sin and even our best deeds are far from perfect. Show us Christ our savior, our righteousness, and our Lord. Give us faith to rest in him.

You have called us your children and you have called us to be holy. We can't be holy on our own. We cannot purify our own hearts and we lack strength to do what is right continually. Show us the power of your Spirit to make dead things live. Give us grace to turn from sin and walk each step with Jesus.

You have promised that you will finish this work and make us new in Jesus. But, our hope is often dim as our minds are darkened by the temptations and failures of this present age. Show us the glory of who we will be in Christ. Give us hope that we might think and live differently. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 1:18-19

[Know] that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

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) or sent via mail (3929 Coleman St., 15207).

All Glory Be To Christ

(Words & Music: Dustin Kensrue 2012)

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ

*All glory be to Christ our king, all glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ*

His will be done, his kingdom come, on earth as is above
Who is himself our daily bread, praise him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be, all glory be to Christ

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 4:7-18

"Walk in Wisdom Toward Outsiders"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. ⁸I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, ⁹and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.

¹⁰Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him), ¹¹and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. ¹²Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. ¹³For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. ¹⁴Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas. ¹⁵Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. ¹⁶And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. ¹⁷And say to Archippus, “See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord.”

¹⁸I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you. _____

Additional Scripture

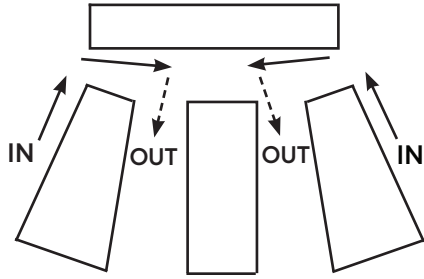
Mark 6:3 / Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

Colossians 3:1-2 / If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

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

Psalm 16 | Faces of the Saints

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoko & Naaman Wood 2019)

Preserve me God in you I take my refuge
I have no good without your daily presence
You are my hope my portion and my substance
And you are making me a pleasant home

*I see eternity in faces of the saints
And you will not abandon us to hopelessness and death
For we are resurrected with the presence of your breath
Your full delight you'll give to those who wait
Your full delight you give forevermore*

I set the LORD in ev'ry way before me
And in the night my heart proclaims your counsel
When you are near then I will not be shaken
My heart, my mind, and body sing with joy

Those who run to other gods will suffer
I will not follow in their greedy worship
No other name but yours is my devotion
I bless the LORD again I bless the LORD
I bless the LORD again I bless the LORD

Agnus Dei / Sanctus

(Words & Music: Michael W. Smith 1990)

Alleluia
Alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
(Repeat)
Alleluia

*Holy holy
Are you Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
(Repeat)
A-men*

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.
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, Alleluia

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

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.
(repeat)
Amen

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Gavin Breeden will be preaching from Revelation 4:1-11, "Watch the Throne."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Congregational Meeting: February 16th, immediately after service</p>	<p>Please mark your calendars to join us as we report in on various ministries of CRPC and celebrate what the Lord is doing in the midst of our community. Sunday School will be taking a break this week for our congregational meeting.</p>
<p>Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study (on hold for two weeks - resumes February 11) 9:45 AM-12:00 PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>Join us for a 3 week study on the book of Ruth with Paige Brown. We will be meeting Tuesday mornings 9:45-noon February 11 & 18 (for the final two studies) at the Greenfield building. For more info please contact Luda Bates at 314-229-2023.</p>
<p>Men's Retreat February 28 - March 1 Ligonier Camp and Conference Center</p>	<p>Mark your calendars, gentlemen! Our annual men's retreat is returning to Ligonier Camp and Conference Center from February 28th to March 1st. Save the date for a time of fellowship, growth, and renewal in a beautiful setting. Register here: https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2702959</p>
<p>Save the Date: "Guess Who's Coming for Dinner?" Saturday, March 15th, 6:00 PM</p>	<p>Mark your calendars for one of CRPC's favorite events: "Guess Who's Coming for Dinner?" Saturday, March 15th, 6pm. Home hosts and traveling guests (with sides) needed!</p>
<p>Women's Retreat March 28, 5:30 PM - March 29, 7:00 PM Ligonier Camp and Conference Center</p>	<p>Women of the church: mark your calendars for study, fellowship, discussion, prayer, food, and games at our annual Women's Retreat! Join in as Irene Sun leads us through Psalm 23. Friday, March 28, 5:30 PM - Saturday, March 29, 7:00 PM at Ligonier Camp & Conference Center. Find out more and register at http://tinyurl.com/womensretreat2025.</p>
<p>Welcome Activities Committee (WAC) Please consider joining us!</p>	<p>WAC is dedicated to fostering a warm and inclusive environment for all members of our congregation. Our mission is to create engaging and meaningful activities that provide a sense of belonging and allow everyone to thrive and contribute to Christ's kingdom. For more information, contact WAC@cityreformed.org.</p>

Regular Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>College Shuttle: Sundays</p>	<p>9:30AM- PPU: 201 Wood St; Contact: Daphne: drriddl@pointpark.edu 9:45AM- PITT: 4024 O'Hara St; Contact: Rebekka: rjh152@pitt.edu or David: DGT12@pitt.edu</p>
<p>Agora Forum: Every other Monday 7:00 PM 300 Saline Street</p>	<p>We discuss theology and popular culture topics from a Christian perspective. We meet every other Monday at the new building at 7 pm (300 Saline St). The next meeting is February 10. We will be continuing our series on apologetics. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)</p>
<p>Global Missions Prayer: Monday @ 9:00 PM</p>	<p>We will have open prayer this week on February 3rd. Held on Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/CRPCglobalprayer2024</p>
<p>Bean Sprouts Ministry: 3rd Wednesday 12:00 PM</p>	<p>The February Bean Sprouts meeting will be Wednesday, February 19 at noon in the Greenfield Chapel. Contact Joe Stehle: joestehle@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Wednesday Prayer Meetings: 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/thanksgiving, then share specific prayer requests and pray through them. Held on Zoom at: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer.</p>
<p>Youth Group: Biweekly Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>Youth Group will continue on February 12th. We invite all middle and high school students to join us as we study God's Word together!</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group: 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>Thursday Women's Bible Study 1:00-3:00 PM</p>	<p>Women's Bible study on Becoming A Woman of Strength. Thursdays from 1:00-3:00PM at Cathy Taylor's House. Contact Cathy Taylor for more information at lawyerdad5@aol.com</p>
<p>Mommies' Discipleship Group: 2nd & 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>Young Adults Fellowship</p>	<p>Young Adults Fellowship is a monthly time of fellowship, food, and connection for young adults at City. Contact Claire Josey, clairemjosey@gmail.com, for information on our next gathering.</p>

College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- CMU: Chris Bollinger (cwbollinger@gmail.com)
- CCO at PPU: Matt Koerber (pastormatt@cityreformed.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** (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)
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- **Board Game Gatherings** (gatcheson@gmail.com)

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