



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**March 9, 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](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

"Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD."

– *Malachi 3:1-3*

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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  
Greenfield Chapel  
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# Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Joe Stehle

## Call to Worship: Isaiah 40:3-5, 9-11a

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

Leader A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

People **Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.**

Leader And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together,

People **for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."**

Leader Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not;

People **say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"**

Leader Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

People **He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms;**

## Prayer of Invocation

## O Worship The King

*(Music: Johann Haydn 1700's; Words: Robert Grant 1833)*

O worship the King all-glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love  
Our shield and defender the Ancient of Days  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

O tell of his might and sing of his grace  
Whose robe is the light whose canopy space  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite  
It breathes in the air it shines in the light  
It streams from the hills it descends to the plain  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail  
In you do we trust nor find you to fail  
Your mercies how tender how firm to the end  
Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend

O measureless might ineffable love  
While angels delight to worship above  
The humbler creation though feeble their ways  
With true adoration shall all sing your praise

## **Psalm 25 (Refrain)**

*(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke 2025)*

To you, O LORD, I light up my soul.  
O my God, in you I trust.

## **Approach My Soul**

*(Words & Music: Jordan Kauflin & Laura Story 2024)*

Approach my soul the mercy seat where Jesus answers prayer  
There humbly fall before his feet for none can perish there  
Thy promise is my only plea with this I venture nigh  
Thou calls our burdened souls to Thee and such O Lord am I

*Oh wondrous love  
Oh boundless grace  
Rejoice my soul forever  
Christ has made a way*

Bowed down beneath a load of sin by satan sorely pressed  
By wars without and fears within I come to Thee for rest  
Be Thou my shield and hiding place that sheltered near Thy side  
I may my fierce accuser face and tell him Thou hast died

O wondrous love to bleed and die to bear the cross and shame  
That guilty sinners such as I might plead Thy gracious name  
The tempted soul he tells be still my promised grace receive  
'Tis Jesus speaks I must I will I can I do believe  
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## **Call to Confession: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Heavenly Father, we walk in the valley of the shadow of death. We face hostility in the world and persistent temptations. Our minds and bodies are weak. Sin lurks in our own desires and threatens us from within.

And yet, you pursue us with goodness and mercy. We look with hope to Christ our savior. He is able to understand our weak condition. In his death he pardoned our sin. He rose victorious over all powers in heaven and on earth. We rejoice as the Holy Spirit brings power and freedom into our lives. We yearn for the return of Christ and the renewal of all things. We long to dwell in your house forever. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon: 1 Corinthians 6:11**

...You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

## **Membership & Baptism:**

Drew Alexander Laughran, son of Steve and Kati  
Maxwell Paul Van Meerbeke, son of James and Sara

## **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).*

## In Tenderness

*(Words & Music: Adoniram Judson Gordon, Nate Garvey, and W. Spencer Walton 2013)*

In tenderness he sought me  
Weary and sick with sin  
And on his shoulders brought me  
Back to his fold again  
While angels in his presence sang  
Until the courts of heaven rang

*Oh the love that sought me  
Oh the blood that bought me  
Oh the grace that brought me to the fold of God  
Grace that brought me to the fold of God*

He died for me while I was sinning  
Needy and poor and blind  
He whispered to assure me  
I've found thee, thou art mine  
I'd never heard a sweeter voice  
It made my aching heart rejoice

Upon his grace I'll daily ponder  
And sing anew his praise  
With all adoring wonder  
His blessings I retrace  
It seems as if eternal days  
Are far too short to sing his praise

# 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: John 2:13-22**

### **"The Lord Comes to His Temple "**

- Reverend Matt Koerber

**T**he Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup>And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

<sup>18</sup>So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

**Leader** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**





## Additional Scripture

Malachi 4:5-6 / "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

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John 1:23 / He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

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Ephesians 2:19-22 / So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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James 1:2-3 / Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

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Revelation 2:16-17 / Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

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## Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q 35. What is sanctification?

**A. Sanctification is the work of God's free grace by which we are renewed in our whole person in the image of God and by which we are enabled more and more to die to sin and live to righteousness.**

# Songs of Thanksgiving

## Christ Is Mine Forevermore

*(Words & Music: Jonny Robinson & Rich Thompson 2015)*

Mine are days that God has numbered  
I was made to walk with him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of Kings  
But mine is hope in my Redeemer  
Though I fall his love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing  
I am his forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good  
But mine is peace that flows from heaven  
And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes his work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for his name  
But mine is armor for this battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And he has said he will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now O my soul  
For his love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure  
Christ is mine forevermore

## **Psalm 103:1 | Bless the Lord**

*(Words & Music: Jacques Berthier 1923-1994)*

Bless the Lord, my soul  
And bless God's holy name  
Bless the Lord, my soul  
Who leads me into life

## **Benediction**

*At tonight's Worship Service, Elder Dave Snoke will be preaching from Acts 17:22-34, "The Universal Gospel"*

# Community Groups

**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. Visit the welcome table after service to find out more information! Contact Pastor Nameun Cho (nameun@cityreformed.org)

## Sunday

**Fox Chapel A - Watson Barker**

*Every other Sunday, 5:00pm*

**Fox Chapel B - Damon Claus & Ben Sera**

*Every other Sunday, 5:00pm*

**North Hills - David Bacon**

*Two Sundays per month, 3:00pm*

## Monday

**Forest Hills - Adam Schwab & Don McMillan**

*1st, 2nd, 4th Mondays, 6:00pm*

## Tuesday

**Bellevue/North Side - Joe Benscoter & Cyril Isaac**

*1st, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays, 6:00pm*

**Friendship - Michael Hilton & Dan Toney**

*1st, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays, 6:00pm*

**Morningside - James Lettow**

*1st, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays, 6:00pm*

**Squirrel Hill - Ben Chidester & Andrew Roberts**

*7:00pm*

## Wednesday

**Baldwin/Greenfield - Max Winters, Wesley Jernigan, Matt Yost**

**Regent Square - Dave Snoke, Drew Hayward, Michael Plittman**

*7:30pm*

## Thursday

**Shadyside - Stephen Pollard & Chris Bollinger**

*7:00pm*

**West Hills - Jon Dodd & Bryan Campbell**

*1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30pm*

## Friday

**East Suburban - Joe Stehle & Luke Kephart**

*1st Fridays, 6:30pm*

# Announcements

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

<p><b>Guess Who's Coming for Dinner?</b> Saturday, March 15, 6:30 PM</p>	<p><b>Last day to sign up is today!</b> This is a really fun opportunity to get to know folks in the church that are not otherwise connected to your life. Home hosts and traveling guests (with sides) needed! Signup using: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/GWCTD2025">https://tinyurl.com/GWCTD2025</a></p>
<p><b>Pray for the Muslim World</b> Monday, March 24 at 7:30 PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>Please join our missions committee as we pray for the Muslim world (1.9 billion people) during Ramadan!</p>
<p><b>Women's Retreat</b> March 28, 5:30 PM - March 29, 7:00 PM Ligonier Camp and Conference Center</p>	<p>Women of the church: join us 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 &amp; Conference Center. Find out more and register at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/womensretreat2025">http://tinyurl.com/womensretreat2025</a>.</p>
<p><b>Welcome Activities Committee (WAC)</b> 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 <a href="mailto:WAC@cityreformed.org">WAC@cityreformed.org</a>.</p>

# 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 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 March 10. We will be continuing our series on apologetics. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)</p>
<p><b>Global Missions Prayer:</b> Monday @ 9:00 PM</p>	<p>We will be praying for Jonathan and Vicky in North Africa this week on March 10th. Held on Zoom: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/CRPCglobalprayer2024">https://tinyurl.com/CRPCglobalprayer2024</a></p>
<p><b>Bean Sprouts Ministry:</b> 3rd Wednesday 12:00 PM</p>	<p>The March Bean Sprouts meeting will be Wednesday, March 19 at noon in the Greenfield Chapel. Contact Joe Stehle: 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/thanksgiving, then share specific prayer requests and pray through them. Held on Zoom at: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crcpwednesdayprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crcpwednesdayprayer</a>.</p>
<p><b>Youth Group:</b> Biweekly Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>Youth Group will continue on March 12. We invite all middle and high school students to join us as we study God's Word and reflect on Christ's miracles!</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. Current study: Jesus' 7 "I Am" statements in the book of John. Contact Lindsay Karr for more info: lindsay.karr@gmail.com.</p>
<p><b>Thursday Women's Bible Study</b> 1:00-3:00 PM</p>	<p>Women's Bible study on Becoming A Woman of Prayer. Thursdays from 1:00-3:00PM at Cathy Taylor's House. Contact Cathy Taylor for more information at lawyerdad5@aol.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>Young Adults Fellowship</b></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 about Taco Night, March 21 @ 6:30PM.</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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