



Sunday Morning Worship
April 27, 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

"See here how free Christ was with his disciples; he treated them as friends; he did not say, Come, and wait, Come, and attend me, but *Come, and dine*; not, Go dine by yourselves, as servants are appointed to do, but *Come, and dine* with me."

– Matthew Henry, Commentary on the Gospel of John Chapter 21

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

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

Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:30PM
Greenfield Chapel
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Pittsburgh, PA 15207

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Presider: Elder Joe Stehle

Call to Worship: 1 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!
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,

People **To an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and
unfading, kept in heaven for you,**

Leader Who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a
salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

People **In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary,
you have been grieved by various trials,**

Leader 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.

People **Though you have not seen him, you love him.**

Leader Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice
with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,

People **Obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your
souls.**

Prayer of Invocation

Crown Him With Many Crowns

(Words: Matthew Bridges 1951; Music: George Job Elvey 1868)

Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of love
Behold His hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight
But downward bends each burning eye
At mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of peace
Whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole
That wars may cease
And all be prayer and praise
His reign shall know no end
And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet

Crown Him the Lord of years
The Potentate of time
Creator of the rolling spheres
Ineffably sublime
All hail Redeemer hail
For Thou hast died for me
Thy praise shall never never fail
Throughout eternity

Scripture Reading: Psalm 148

The reading of Psalm 148 will be accompanied by this refrain:

Glorify Thy Name

(Words & Music: Donna Adkins 1976)

Father we love you
We worship and adore you
Glorify thy name in all the earth
Glorify thy name
Glorify thy name
Glorify thy name in all the earth

Jesus we love you
We worship and adore you
Glorify thy name in all the earth
Glorify thy name
Glorify thy name
Glorify thy name in all the earth

Spirit we love You
We worship and adore you
Glorify thy name in all the earth
Glorify thy name
Glorify thy name
Glorify thy name in all the earth

O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

(Words & Music: Benjamin Hastings, Dean Ussher, and Marty Sampson 2015)

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see his wounds his hands his feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise his Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of Heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Call to Confession: 1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, I want to do what is good. Not just so that I can escape punishment, or be seen by others as good, but because it really is good. Yet I see that I constantly fail to do what is good, not just by others' standards, but by my own standards. Ultimately I know in my heart that I fail to do what is good by your standards. I ask you to forgive me, and not only that, to change my heart to love what is good and honest and pure more than my own selfish desires. Teach me from your Word what the good is, so that I don't just make it up as I go along. I thank you that because of the sacrifice of Christ, no matter how much I may fail to do what is good, your forgiveness never fails. I thank you that you promise me never to leave me or forsake me, and you promise to give me your Holy Spirit to change my heart to love what is good and to do it. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:8

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Baptism: Shiloh Joy Snoke, Daughter of Daniel and Bethany

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).

I Know That My Redeemer Lives - Glory Hallelujah

(Words: Samuel Medley 1775; Music: Southern Harmony American Folk Melody 1900's)

I know that my redeemer lives
Glory hallelujah
What comfort this sweet sentence gives
Glory hallelujah

*Shout on pray on we're gaining ground
Glory hallelujah
The dead's alive and the lost is found
Glory hallelujah*

He lives he lives who once was dead
Glory hallelujah
He lives my everlasting Head
Glory hallelujah

He lives to bless me with his love
Glory hallelujah
He lives to plead for me above
Glory hallelujah

He lives all glory to his name
Glory hallelujah
He lives my Jesus still the same
Glory hallelujah

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 21:1-19 "The Restoration of Peter"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast."

Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹(This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

John 1:43 / The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

John 13:36 / Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward."

Hebrews 13:20-21 / Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Creedal Response: Westminster Confession of Faith 18:4

True believers may have the assurance of their salvation shaken in various ways, diminished, and cease for a time,

- **by negligence in preserving it,**
- **by falling into some special sin which wounds the conscience and grieves the Spirit;**
- **by some sudden or vehement temptation,**
- **or by God's withdrawing the light of his face, allowing even those who fear him to walk in darkness and to have no light.**

Yet are they never utterly destitute of the seed of God, the life of faith, the love of Christ and the brethren, sincerity of heart, and consciousness of duty, all of which the operation of the Spirit may use to revive this assurance in due time. In the meantime, they are supported by the Spirit from utter despair.

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

Come Thou Fount

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

Come thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by thy help I'm come
And I hope by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to thee
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for thy courts above

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Joseph Bianco will be preaching from Acts 20:1-16, "Missions & Worship: Why You Shouldn't Fall Asleep During a Sermon"

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Marathon Sunday, May 4	The marathon will impact almost everyone's ability to get to church unless you live "inside the loop!" We will have more information in our weekly email about how to get there. Please reach out to chrisie@cityreformed.org if you have any questions.
Building Work Day Greenfield Chapel 3929 Coleman Street Saturday, May 10	Work day will include small repairs and major debris removal and house cleaning. For more information please call or email Bill Gould (412-389-2859, wwgould@verizon.net).
Men's Prayer Breakfast Saturday, May 17 9-10:30 AM 300 Saline Street	Men, and young men of City Reformed, please join us for a nourishing breakfast and a time of fellowship and spiritual reflection. Pastor Derek Bates will be our guest speaker and will lead us through the next topic in our Caring for One Another teaching series! Registration is now open at the following link: https://tinyurl.com/CRPCSpring25PB
Pittsburgh Region International Student Ministry (PRISM) You can connect with a student!	PRISM needs connection partners! It's a wonderful opportunity to invest in the life of an international student. You can complete a profile and be matched to a student at https://tinyurl.com/crpc-prism25 . Talk to Bethany Beck or a Missions Committee member to learn more.
Children's Church this Summer	Our Teach Me To Worship class (ages 6-7) will be closed from May through August. Please consider joining this team of teachers, and make sure to smile at the new faces you might see in your row this summer!

Congratulations to our 2025 Graduates!

Audrey Chen
 Sarah Jensen
 Connor Tsui
 Jeremy Kilbride
 Lauren McKenna
 Kaia Johnson
 Annika Frick
 Maya Kang
 Paisley Weaver
 Jayden Provance

Charis Carroll
 David Teklea
 Sarah Gould
 Mary Boyd Barker
 Maliya Byun
 Lillian Divelbiss
 Luke Douglas
 Alaina Frick
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Regular Events

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College Shuttle: Sundays	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
Agora Forum: Every other Monday 7:00 PM 300 Saline Street	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 May 5th. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)
Global Missions Prayer: Monday @ 9:00 PM	We will have open prayer this week on April 28th. Held on Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/CRPCglobalprayer2024
Bean Sprouts Ministry: 3rd Wednesday 12:00 PM	The next Bean Sprouts meeting will be Wednesday, May 21st at noon in the Greenfield Chapel. Contact Joe Stehle: joestehle@gmail.com.
Wednesday Prayer Meetings: 8:30-9:30 AM	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 .
Youth Group: Biweekly Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM Greenfield Chapel	Youth Group will continue on May 7th. We invite all middle and high school students to join us as we study God's Word!
Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group: Bi-Weekly Wednesdays 7:00 PM	Meets on the North Side and Squirrel Hill. Contact Lindsay Karr for more info: lindsay.karr@gmail.com.
Thursday Women's Bible Study 1:00-3:00 PM	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
Mommies' Discipleship Group: 2nd & 4th Thursdays 7:00 - 9:00 PM	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.
Young Adults Fellowship	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.

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)*
- *Young Women's Discipleship Group (lindsay.karr@gmail.com)*
- *Ultimate Frisbee (danielrtoney@gmail.com)*
- *Board Game Gatherings (gatcheson@gmail.com)*

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