



Sunday Morning Worship
May 18, 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

"Why do people in church seem like cheerful, brainless tourists on a packaged tour of the Absolute? ... Does anyone have the foggiest idea what sort of power we blithely invoke? Or, as I suspect, does no one believe a word of it? The churches are children playing on the floor with their chemistry sets, mixing up a batch of TNT to kill a Sunday morning. It is madness to wear ladies' straw hats and velvet hats to church; we should all be wearing crash helmets. Ushers should issue life preservers and signal flares; they should lash us to our pews. For the sleeping god may wake someday and take offense, or the waking god may draw us to where we can never return."

– Annie Dillard

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
Winchester Thurston Auditorium
5059 Ellsworth Ave
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Welcome
Information:



Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:30PM
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Church)

Morning Worship Service

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Sunday Morning Worship – May 18, 2025

Presider: Elder Craig Kozminski

Call to Worship: Hebrews 10:19-25, 12:28-29

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, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some,

People **But encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.**

Leader Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,

People **And thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.**

Prayer of Invocation

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

(Words & Music: Jordan Kauflin, Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Matthew Merker 2020)

What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone, Christ alone

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to him belong

Who holds our days within his hand?

What comes, apart from his command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ, in which we stand

O sing hallelujah!

Our hope springs eternal

O sing hallelujah!

Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul?

God is good, God is good

Where is his grace and goodness known?

In our great Redeemer's blood

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh

Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what will we sing?

"Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring?

Everlasting life with him

There we will rise to meet the Lord

Then sin and death will be destroyed

And we will feast in endless joy

When Christ is ours forevermore

Scripture Reading: Psalm 96:1-4

Psalm 96 | Christ is the Lord Redeemer and King

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke, Jalen Bell, Nate Glasper Jr., Eron Lauchié 2024)

Sing to the LORD, sing a new song
To God whom the glory of nations belong
Trust in the LORD and not empty praise
For Great is the LORD and great are his ways

Give to the LORD O drifter and saint
Give to the LORD both glory and strength
Bring him your life and make it his throne
Offer your heart and enter his home

*Say the LORD reigns, he's breaking the curse
Here the LORD brings his kingdom to earth
Now The LORD reigns! With heaven we sing
"Christ is the Lord Redeemer and King"*

The heavens rejoice with earth and the sea
They join in the song of true jubilee
Creation proclaims the day of the Lord
And kingdom shalom will soon be restored

*Say the LORD reigns! All nations and tribes
Here the LORD reigns, the church as his bride
Now The LORD reigns! Let everyone sing
"Christ is the Lord Redeemer and King"*

His good good justice is fixed like the mountains
His faithfulness and mercy are boundless

Satisfied

(Words: Clara T. Williams 1875; Music: Karl Digerness 1997; Arranged: Daniel Snoke 2010)

All my life long I had panted
For a drink from some clear spring,
That I hoped would quench the burning
Of the thirst I felt within.

*Hallelujah! He has found me.
The one my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings,
Through His blood I now am saved.*

Feeding on the filth around me,
Till my strength was almost gone,
Longed my soul for something better,
Only still to hunger on.

Poor I was, and sought for riches,
Something that would satisfy,
But the dust I gathered round me
Only mocked my soul's sad cry.

Well of water, ever springing,
Bread of life so rich and free,
Untold wealth that never faileth,
My Redeemer is to me.

Call to Confession: Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

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: Romans 5:8-9

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

Baptism: Abigail Engle Chidester, daughter of Ben and Emily

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).

Bless the Lord (Son of Man)

(Words & Music: Jon Owens & Kelly Owens)

Son of man
Son of righteousness
King of the earth for sinners slain
I was lost
In darkness bound
You ransomed my heart and I will sing

(You are) my Strength (You are) my Deliverer
The One who rescued me
(You are) my Hope (You are) my redeemer
Your love has set me free

*Bless the Lord oh my soul
Bless the Lord oh my soul
Bless the Lord oh my soul
Bless the Lord oh my soul*

In the splendor of your majesty
From deep within my spirit sings holy holy (7x)
Holy holy (2x)
Holy Holy Holy

Pastoral Prayer

At this time, children ages 4-5 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. Please pick them up after the sermon.

Sermon: 1 Chronicles 13:1-14

"The Blessing and Trauma of God's Holy Presence"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

David consulted with the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, with every leader. ²And David said to all the assembly of Israel, "If it seems good to you and from the LORD our God, let us send abroad to our brothers who remain in all the lands of Israel, as well as to the priests and Levites in the cities that have pasturelands, that they may be gathered to us. ³Then let us bring again the ark of our God to us, for we did not seek it in the days of Saul." ⁴All the assembly agreed to do so, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.

⁵So David assembled all Israel from the Nile of Egypt to Lebo-hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kiriath-jearim.

⁶And David and all Israel went up to Baalah, that is, to Kiriath-jearim that belongs to Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD who sits enthroned above the cherubim. ⁷And they carried the ark of God on a new cart, from the house of Abinadab, and Uzzah and Ahio were driving the cart. ⁸And David and all Israel were celebrating before God with all their might, with song and lyres and harps and tambourines and cymbals and trumpets.

⁹And when they came to the threshing floor of Chidon, Uzzah put out his hand to take hold of the ark, for the oxen stumbled. ¹⁰And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah, and he struck him down because he put out his hand to the ark, and he died there before God. ¹¹And David was

angry because the LORD had broken out against Uzzah. And that place is called Perez-uzza to this day. ¹²And David was afraid of God that day, and he said, "How can I bring the ark of God home to me?" ¹³So David did not take the ark home into the city of David, but took it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. ¹⁴And the ark of God remained with the household of Obed-edom in his house three months. And the LORD blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that he had.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

Exodus 33:18-20 / Moses said, "Please show me your glory." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live."

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 / For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Creedal Response: PCA Book of Church Order 47-2

A service of public worship is not merely a gathering of God's children with each other, but before all else, a meeting of the triune God with His chosen people. God is present in public worship not only by virtue of the Divine omnipresence but, much more intimately, as the faithful covenant Savior. The Lord Jesus Christ said: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there, I am in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

Notes

Songs of Thanksgiving

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 wake to worlds unknown
See thee on thy judgment throne
Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee

Behold Him

(Words & Music: Mitch Wong & Paul Baloche 2019)

He who was before there was light
Walked across the pages of time
He who made every living thing
Behold him
He who heard humanity's cry
Left his throne to wake as a child
He became like the least of us
Behold him

*Jesus Son of God Messiah
The Lamb the roaring Lion
Oh be still and behold Him
Jesus Alpha and Omega
Our God the risen Savior
Oh be still and behold him*

He who dined with sinners and saints
Healed the blind the lost and the lame
Even now he is in our midst
Behold him
He who chose a criminal's end
Paid with blood to settle our debt
Buried death as He rose to life
Behold him

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Worthy worthy worthy
To receive all praise

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Nameun Cho will be preaching from Psalm 24, "Attaining the Impossible: On God's Holiness."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Summer Family Devotional Pickup on May 18	Families of children and youth: We have purchased an on-the-go devotional for you called Road Talk by John Kwasny. When you find yourself on the road this summer, we pray that this devotional would help you to engage in conversations about God's word. Come visit Molly or Becki after service to pick up a copy!
Youth Group Backyard Bash Wednesday, May 21	We invite all MS and HS students to join us as we celebrate the end of the academic year with fellowship, tournament-style yard games (e.g., Spikeball, Cornhole, Kan Jam, Volleyball, and Basketball), and (of course) summertime snacks. Please reach out to Molly Knauer (molly@cityreformed.org) if your child needs a ride to and from the Bacons' house.
Bible Study for Moms Wednesdays for 5 weeks: May 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25 7:30-9:00 PM	Join fellow City moms as we read through Gloria Furman's "Treasuring Christ When Your Hands are Full", a short book of gospel meditations guiding us toward a vibrant relationship with God amidst the season of motherhood. Sam Philip's home: 1012 Winterton St. 15206
Save the Date: VBS July 21-25, 9:30-12:30 300 Saline Street	Get ready to adventure to Alaska for this summer's True North VBS! July 21 - 25, 9:30 to 12:30 at 300 Saline Street. Youth and adult volunteers needed to guide kids ages 4 through rising 5th graders in what it means to TRUST JESUS in this wild world! Registration is open now! https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2887119
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. Complete a profile & 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 young faces you might see remaining in your row for the sermon!
Women's Ministry Council Email	Women of the church: Do you want to receive the monthly Women's Council newsletter? Scan the QR code to sign up! 

Regular Events

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College Shuttle: On Pause	The college shuttle is on pause for the summer and will resume in time for the beginning of the academic year.
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 19. We will be continuing our series on justice, looking at "What is justice, from a Biblical perspective?" Dr. Snoke will lead the discussion. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)
Global Missions Prayer: Monday @ 9:00 PM	We will be praying for Jonathan and Vicky this week on May 19th. 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/thankssgiving, 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	See announcements for info about our final meeting of the year! Regular Youth Group meetings will resume in the fall. Contact Molly at molly@cityreformed.org for more info.
Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group: Bi-Weekly Wednesdays 7:00 PM	Meets on the North Side and Squirrel Hill. Current study: Psalms 31-60. 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. Join us for a backyard BBQ on May 23 at 6:30 PM at the Rampelts' house, 5325 Wilkins Ave. Optionally, sign up to bring food here: tinyurl.com/yafpicnic . Contact Claire Josey, clairemjosey@gmail.com, for more info.

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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- *Ultimate Frisbee (danielrtoney@gmail.com)*
- *Board Game Gatherings (gatcheson@gmail.com)*

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