



Sunday Morning Worship
May 25, 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

"And one of the elders said to me, 'Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'"

— Revelation 5:5

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
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Presider: Elder Dave Snoke

Call to Worship: Psalm 72:1-3, 17-19

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

Leader Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness
to the royal son!

People **May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor
with justice!**

Leader Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in
righteousness!

People **...May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as
the sun!**

Leader May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed!

People **Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does
wondrous things.**

Leader Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be
filled with his glory!

People **Amen and Amen!**

Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 72 | Jesus Shall Reign

(Words: Isaac Watts 1719; Music "Duke Street" John Hatton 1793)

Jesus shall reign wher e'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall rise and set no more

To him shall endless prayer be made
And princes throng to crown his head
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name

Blessings abound wherever he reigns
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains
The weary find eternal rest
And all the sons of want are blest

Let every creature rise and bring
The highest honors to our King
Angels descend with songs again
And earth repeats the loud amen

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 4:9–16

So Rest My Rest

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke 2023; Inspiration & Title by Solomon Frank 1659-1725)

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

Holy Forever

(Words & Music: Brian Johnson, Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson, and Phil Wickham; Brian and Jenn Publishing)

A thousand generations
Falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb

And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all

All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

*And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever*

If you've been forgiven
And if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb

If you walk in freedom
And if you bear his name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

*Hear your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever*

Call to Confession: Romans 7:18-24

For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we come to you in prayer remembering that you have made peace in Jesus Christ. When we were your enemies you sent Jesus to die for our sins. You have taken away the hostility of sin and brought us near to you by your Spirit.

And yet we are still surrounded by sin. Our world is in conflict. Spiritual powers war against your church. Even in our own hearts there is a war between sin and holiness.

We pray that we would never make peace with sin, but that we would struggle after godliness. We pray that your Spirit would work in power among us. Cause your gospel to prosper and bring down the barriers of opposition to Christ. We pray that you would have increased victory even in our own hearts as you make us more and more like Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 7:25a, 8:1

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! ...There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

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).

How Firm a Foundation

(Words: R. Keene & George Keith 1787; Music: American Folk)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

In every condition, in sickness, in health;
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth;
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,
As thy days may demand, shall My strength ever be.

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow,
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply,
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not, desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to break,
I will never, no, never, no, never forsake."

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 14

"David's Successful Reign"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, also masons and carpenters to build a house for him. ²And David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel, and that his kingdom was highly exalted for the sake of his people Israel.

³And David took more wives in Jerusalem, and David fathered more sons and daughters. ⁴These are the names of the children born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon, ⁵Ibhar, Elishua, Elpelet, ⁶Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia, ⁷Elishama, Beeliada and Eliphelet.

⁸When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to search for David. But David heard of it and went out against them. ⁹Now the Philistines had come and made a raid in the Valley of Rephaim. ¹⁰And David inquired of God, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will you give them into my hand?" And the LORD said to him, "Go up, and I will give them into your hand." ¹¹And he went up to Baal-perazim, and David struck them down there. And David said, "God has broken through my enemies by my hand, like a bursting flood." Therefore the name of that place is called Baal-perazim. ¹²And they left their gods there, and David gave command, and they were burned.

¹³And the Philistines yet again made a raid in the valley.

¹⁴And when David again inquired of God, God said to him, "You shall not go up after them; go around and come against

them opposite the balsam trees. ¹⁵And when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, then go out to battle, for God has gone out before you to strike down the army of the Philistines.” ¹⁶And David did as God commanded him, and they struck down the Philistine army from Gibeon to Gezer. ¹⁷And the fame of David went out into all lands, and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

Matthew 19:4-8 / He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." They said to him, "Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?" He said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so."

1 Corinthians 15:10 / But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

Galatians 5:16-17 / But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

Philippians 2:12-13 / Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Rev 19:11-16 / Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

Additional Creedal Statements

Westminster Confession of Faith 19:3-4 3. / Beside this law, commonly called the moral law, God was pleased to give to the people of Israel, as a church under tutelage, ceremonial laws, containing several typological ordinances, partly of worship, prefiguring Christ, his graces, actions, sufferings, and benefits, and partly presenting various instructions of moral duties. All of these ceremonial laws are now abrogated under the New Testament. He also gave to them, as a corporate body, various judicial laws, which expired together with the nation-state of that people. These are not required of any other people now, other than the general justice of such laws may require.

Creedal Response: Westminster Confession of Faith 13:2,3

This sanctification is throughout the whole person, yet imperfect in this life, because some remnants of corruption still remain in every part of the person, from which a continual and irreconcilable war arises, the flesh lusting against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.

In this war, although the remaining corruption may prevail for a time, yet through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, the regenerate part of the person wins, so that the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

(Words & Music: Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, & Michael Farren 2018)

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine!
Yet not I but through Christ in me."

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior, he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome!
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price, it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free!
Yet not I but through Christ in me."

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
"Yet not I but through Christ in me."

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"Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me."

Be Thou My Vision

(Words: Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1905; Music: "Slane")

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father I thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and thou only first in my heart
High King of Heaven my treasure thou art

High King of Heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of All

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Mark Robinson will be preaching from Psalm 8, "A Song, the Self, and the Savior."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Roses	Anna Louise to Taylor & Jeremy Kilbride on May 5
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
Women's Bible Study	Join Women at City in studying the book of Ephesians together this Summer. Various locations and times, starting mid June. Register at https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2946747 by June 1 if you would like us to order a book. Contact Debbie (dpasewark@gmail.com)
Men's Camping Trip Moraine State Park Friday June 20th - Saturday June 21st	Activities will include ultimate frisbee, relaxing by a campfire, fishing from Mr. Luke's boat, bike riding and swimming in the lake! Registration is required (https://tinyurl.com/CRPCMensCampingTrip2025) as we will be providing dinner on Friday and breakfast on Saturday. Bring your sons, your favorite outdoor games/equipment and invite your friends and neighbors. General questions can be directed to Adam Schwab. Limited lodging is available for those that are not able to camp. For questions related to lodging, please contact Luke Kephart.
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.
Nursery and Children's Ministry Summer Rooms	Starting June 1st, we will be moving to new rooms while WT does construction. Maps are available on the welcome table, as well as on the Nursery check in table!
Nursing Room Summer Update	Starting June 1st, the nursing room will move to room 116.

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 June 2. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)
Global Missions Prayer: Monday @ 9:00 PM	We will be taking a break from our usual prayer meeting for the holiday.
Bean Sprouts Ministry: 3rd Wednesday 12:00 PM	The next Bean Sprouts meeting will be Wednesday, June 18 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/crcpwednesdayprayer .
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. 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)*
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