



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**June 22, 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

"Birds have nests foxes have dens  
But the hope of the whole world rests  
On the shoulders of a homeless man."

– Rich Mullins, "You Did Not Have a Home"

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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  
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# Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder David Bacon

## Call to Worship: 1 Peter 2:4-6

*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 For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious,

People **And whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."**

## Prayer of Invocation

## Psalm 34 | Taste and See

(Words & Music: Joe Rigney & Shane Barnard 2015)

I sought the Lord and He answered me  
And delivered me from ev'ry fear  
Those who look on Him are radiant  
They'll never be ashamed  
They'll never be ashamed

This poor man cried and the Lord heard me  
And saved me from my enemies  
The Son of God surrounds His saints  
He will deliver them  
He will deliver them

*Magnify the Lord with me  
Come exalt His name together  
Glorify the Lord with me  
Come exalt His name forever*

O taste and see that the Lord is good  
O blessed is he who hides in Him  
O fear the Lord O all you saints  
He'll give you ev'rything  
He'll give you ev'rything

Let us bless the Lord  
Ev'ry day and night  
Never ending praise  
May our incense rise

## Scripture Reading: Psalm 102:25-27

## 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

## 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

## Call to Confession: 1 Peter 2:11-12

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

## **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 2:9-10**

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. 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.

## **Membership Vows: Harris Family, Jae Choi, Eliana Bacon**

## **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).*

## Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart

*(Words: George Croly 1854; Music: Daniel Snoke 2020)*

Spirit of God descend upon my heart  
Wean it from sin through all its pulses move  
Stoop to my weakness mighty as Thou art  
Make me to love Thee as I ought to love  
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

I ask no dream no prophet ecstasies  
No sudden rending of the veil of clay  
No angel vision no revealing skies  
Take now the dimness of my soul away  
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

Hast Thou not bid us love Thee God and King  
All all Thine own soul heart and strength and mind  
I see the cross there teach my heart to cling  
O let me seek Thee O and let me find  
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear  
Come check my rising doubt, my rebel sigh  
Teach me the patience of unanswered pray'r  
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love  
One holy passion filling all my frame  
Baptize my life with heav'n's descended Dove  
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame  
Spirit of God descend upon my heart



# 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 16:37, 43, 17:1-15

### "God's House and David's House"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

So David left Asaph and his brothers there before the Ark of the covenant of the LORD to minister regularly before the ark as each day required... <sup>43</sup>Then all the people departed each to his house, and David went home to bless his household.

<sup>17:1</sup>Now when David lived in his house, David said to Nathan the prophet, "Behold, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD is under a tent." <sup>2</sup>And Nathan said to David, "Do all that is in your heart, for God is with you."

<sup>3</sup>But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, <sup>4</sup>"Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: It is not you who will build me a house to dwell in. <sup>5</sup>For I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up Israel to this day, but I have gone from tent to tent and from dwelling to dwelling. <sup>6</sup>In all places where I have moved with all Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"' <sup>7</sup>Now, therefore, thus shall you say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be prince over my people Israel, <sup>8</sup>and I have been with you wherever you have gone and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>9</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, that they

may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall waste them no more, as formerly, <sup>10</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will subdue all your enemies. Moreover, I declare to you that the LORD will build you a house. <sup>11</sup>When your days are fulfilled to walk with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>12</sup>He shall build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever. <sup>13</sup>I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from him who was before you, <sup>14</sup>but I will confirm him in my house and in my kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established forever.” <sup>15</sup>In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Additional Scripture

1 Chronicles 16:38-42 / ...and also Obed-edom and his sixty-eight brothers, while Obed-edom, the son of Jeduthun, and Hosah were to be gatekeepers. And he left Zadok the priest and his brothers the priests before the tabernacle of the LORD in the high place that was at Gibeon to offer burnt offerings to the LORD on the altar of burnt offering regularly morning and evening, to do all that is written in the Law of the LORD that he commanded Israel. With them were Heman and Jeduthun and the rest of those chosen and expressly named to give thanks to the LORD, for his steadfast love endures forever. Heman and Jeduthun had trumpets and cymbals for the music and instruments for sacred song. The sons of Jeduthun were appointed to the gate.

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Haggai 1:3-5 / Then the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, "Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? Now, therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways."

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John 14:1-3 / "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."

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## Scriptural Response: Ephesians 2:18-22

**For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 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.**

# Songs of Thanksgiving

## Wood and Nails

*(Words & Music: Isaac Wardell, Keith Watts, & Madison Cunningham 2017)*

O humble carpenter down on your hands and knees  
Look on your handiwork and build a house  
So you may dwell in me  
So you may dwell in me

*The work was done with nothing but wood and nails  
In Your scar-borne hands  
O show me how to work and praise  
Trusting that I am Your instrument*

O loving laborer with the sweat upon your face  
O build a table that I too may join you  
In the Father's place  
Oh in the Father's place

*The kingdom's come and built upon  
Wood and nails gripped with joyfulness  
So send me out within Your ways  
Knowing that the task is finished*

*The dead will rise and give You praise  
Wood and nails will not hold them down  
These wooden tombs we'll break them soon  
And fashion them into flower beds*

*The curse is done the battle won  
Swords bent down into plowshares  
Your scar-borne hands we'll join with them  
Serving at the table You've prepared*

## Mystery

(Words & Music: Charlie Hall 2008)

Bread of heaven broken for me  
Cup of Salvation held out to drink  
Jesus mystery

*Christ has died, and Christ is risen  
Christ will come again*

## Holy Holy Holy

(Words: Reginald Heber 1826; Music: John Bacchus Dykes 1823)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,  
In earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

## Benediction

*At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Nameun Cho will be  
preaching from Psalm 72, "The Davidic King Mold."*

# Announcements

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

<b>Bible Study for Moms</b> 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
<b>Women's Bible Study</b>	Join Women at City in studying the book of Ephesians together this Summer. Various locations and times. Register at <a href="https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2946747">https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2946747</a> . Contact Debbie (dpasewark@gmail.com)
<b>All Church Picnic</b> Sunday July 13, Following Morning Worship Anderson Playground	Save the date! All church picnic at Anderson Playground on 7/13 after church. WMC will provide hot dogs. Please bring a side or dessert to share!
<b>Volunteers needed @ VBS</b> July 21-25, 9:30-12:30 300 Saline Street	Get ready to adventure to Alaska for this summer's True North VBS! We still need 12 youth and 3 adult volunteers to guide kids ages 4 through rising 5th graders in what it means to TRUST JESUS in this wild world! Registration is open now: <a href="https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2887119">https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2887119</a>
<b>Pittsburgh Region International Student Ministry (PRISM)</b> 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 <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpc-prism25">https://tinyurl.com/crpc-prism25</a> . Talk to Bethany Beck or a Missions Committee member to learn more.
<b>Summer College Student Bible Study Hosted by RUF</b> Tuesdays, June and July Dinner 6:30 PM Bible study 7:30 PM	All college students, recent HS grads, and recent college grads are welcome to join us!  Hosted at various homes. For locations and more info contact Gavin Breeden, <a href="mailto:gavin.breeden@ruf.org">gavin.breeden@ruf.org</a> or 931-303-6006.

# Regular Events

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<b>College Shuttle:</b> On Pause	The college shuttle is on pause for the summer and will resume in time for the beginning of the academic year.
<b>Agora Forum:</b> 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 16. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)
<b>Global Missions Prayer:</b> Monday @ 9:00 PM	We will be praying for Hannah Nation this week on June 23rd. Held on Zoom: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/CRPCglobalprayer2024">https://tinyurl.com/CRPCglobalprayer2024</a>
<b>Bean Sprouts Ministry:</b> 3rd Wednesday 12:00 PM	The next Bean Sprouts meeting will be Wednesday, July 16th at noon in the Greenfield Chapel. Contact Joe Stehle: joestehle@gmail.com.
<b>Wednesday Prayer Meetings:</b> 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: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crcpwednesdayprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crcpwednesdayprayer</a> .
<b>Youth Group:</b> Biweekly Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM Greenfield Chapel	Regular Youth Group meetings will resume in the fall. Contact Molly at molly@cityreformed.org for more info on summer youth events and more!
<b>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group:</b> 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.
<b>Thursday Women's Bible Study</b> 1:00-3:00 PM	Women's Bible study on Becoming A Woman of Prayer will continue throughout the summer. Thursdays from 1:00-3:00PM at Cathy Taylor's House. Contact Cathy Taylor for more information at lawyerdad5@aol.com
<b>Mommies' Discipleship Group:</b> 2nd & 4th Thursdays 7:00 - 9:00 PM	On summer break and will resume in August. Contact Sandy for more info: scssnoke@comcast.net.
<b>Young Adults Fellowship</b>	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)
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- 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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