



Sunday Morning Worship
July 13, 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

"You never count your money when you're sittin' at the table..."

– Kenny Rogers

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

9:15AM & 11:15AM
Winchester Thurston Upper School
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Welcome
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Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Dave Snoke

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1-7

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

Leader Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

Leader The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

People Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Leader For he is our God,

People And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Prayer of Invocation

Rejoice

(Words & Music: Ben Shive, Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Skye Peterson 2022)

Rejoice in the Lord now and always,
Sing it again, we rejoice
Delight in the love he has shown us,
Gratefully lift up your voice

His gentleness among us
Will join our hearts with praise
We gather in his goodness,
A family of grace

*With each breath he's given,
Praise the Lord
In these times we live in,
We will praise the Lord
Throughout ev'ry season, I am sure
We have ev'ry reason
To praise the Lord*

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing,
Praying for all that you need
Come with a song of thanksgiving,
Lay your requests at his feet

His peace will fall upon us
To guard our hearts and minds
In Christ, who reigns eternal,
Shepherd of our lives

Rejoice in the Lord now and always,
Tell of the good he has done
Worship the Lord to remember,
All of the joy yet to come

The hope that burns within us,
The dark cannot destroy
With praise that's never ending,
We say again rejoice

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

Call to Confession: Galatians 5:16, 25-26

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh... If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we confess that we need you. You are holy and you have called us to be holy. And yet, we are far short of that standard. We don't have good deeds to bribe you and to win your favor, because even the best things that we do are tainted by selfishness. An honest look at your law tells us that we are guilty. If we were to stand before you on our own we would be condemned.

And so we look to Jesus. The savior who stood in our place. He was perfect in holiness and he fulfilled the law. But he was condemned in our place. By his death our debt was paid. He was cursed, and so the curse was lifted from us.

Press this truth on our hearts. Cause us to rejoice in the gospel, that we would prize this truth above all other things. Shape us and change us we pray, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Galatians 3:13-14

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Membership Vows: Lauren Ordinario & Jason Yoo

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).

Psalm 51 | God Be Merciful To Me

(Words: Richard Redhead 1912, Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

God, be merciful to me,
On Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou,
Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within,
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess,
Grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against Thy grace
And provoked Thee to Thy face;
I confess Thy judgment just.
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin;
Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art,
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,
Wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust
By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice
And in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face,
Blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew,
Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee,
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart,
Steadfast make my willing heart.

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Sinners then shall learn from me,
And return, O God, to Thee.
Savior, all my guilt remove,
And my tongue shall sing Thy love.
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,
And my mouth shall praise accord.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: 1 Chronicles 21:1-22:1

"David's Great Sin and the Dangers of Counting"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Then Satan stood against Israel and incited David to number Israel. ²So David said to Joab and the commanders of the army, "Go, number Israel, from Beersheba to Dan, and bring me a report, that I may know their number." ³But Joab said, "May the LORD add to his people a hundred times as many as they are! Are they not, my lord the king, all of them my lord's servants? Why then should my lord require this? Why should it be a cause of guilt for Israel?" ⁴But the king's word prevailed against Joab. So Joab departed and went throughout all Israel and came back to Jerusalem. ⁵And Joab gave the sum of the numbering of the people to David. In all Israel there were 1,100,000 men who drew the sword, and in Judah 470,000 who drew the sword. ⁶But he did not include Levi and Benjamin in the numbering, for the king's command was abhorrent to Joab.

⁷But God was displeased with this thing, and he struck Israel. ⁸And David said to God, "I have sinned greatly in that I have done this thing. But now, please take away the iniquity of your servant, for I have acted very foolishly." ⁹And the LORD spoke to Gad, David's seer, saying, ¹⁰"Go and say to David, 'Thus says the LORD, Three things I offer you; choose one of them, that I may do it to you.'" ¹¹So Gad came to David and

said to him, “Thus says the LORD, ‘Choose what you will:
¹²either three years of famine, or three months of devastation
by your foes while the sword of your enemies overtakes you,
or else three days of the sword of the LORD, pestilence on
the land, with the angel of the LORD destroying throughout
all the territory of Israel.’ Now decide what answer I shall
return to him who sent me.” ¹³Then David said to Gad, “I am
in great distress. Let me fall into the hand of the LORD, for
his mercy is very great, but do not let me fall into the hand of
man.”

¹⁴So the LORD sent a pestilence on Israel, and 70,000 men of
Israel fell. ¹⁵And God sent the angel to Jerusalem to destroy
it, but as he was about to destroy it, the LORD saw, and he
relented from the calamity. And he said to the angel who was
working destruction, “It is enough; now stay your hand.” And
the angel of the LORD was standing by the threshing floor
of Ornan the Jebusite. ¹⁶And David lifted his eyes and saw
the angel of the LORD standing between earth and heaven,
and in his hand a drawn sword stretched out over Jerusalem.
Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell upon
their faces. ¹⁷And David said to God, “Was it not I who gave
command to number the people? It is I who have sinned and
done great evil. But these sheep, what have they done? Please
let your hand, O LORD my God, be against me and against my
father's house. But do not let the plague be on your people.”

¹⁸Now the angel of the LORD had commanded Gad to say to
David that David should go up and raise an altar to the LORD
on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. ¹⁹So David
went up at Gad's word, which he had spoken in the name
of the LORD. ²⁰Now Ornan was threshing wheat. He turned
and saw the angel, and his four sons who were with him hid
themselves. ²¹As David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and
saw David and went out from the threshing floor and paid

homage to David with his face to the ground. ²²And David said to Ornan, “Give me the site of the threshing floor that I may build on it an altar to the LORD—give it to me at its full price—that the plague may be averted from the people.” ²³Then Ornan said to David, “Take it, and let my lord the king do what seems good to him. See, I give the oxen for burnt offerings and the threshing sledges for the wood and the wheat for a grain offering; I give it all.” ²⁴But King David said to Ornan, “No, but I will buy them for the full price. I will not take for the LORD what is yours, nor offer burnt offerings that cost me nothing.” ²⁵So David paid Ornan 600 shekels of gold by weight for the site. ²⁶And David built there an altar to the LORD and presented burnt offerings and peace offerings and called on the LORD, and the LORD answered him with fire from heaven upon the altar of burnt offering. ²⁷Then the LORD commanded the angel, and he put his sword back into its sheath.

²⁸At that time, when David saw that the LORD had answered him at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he sacrificed there. ²⁹For the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses had made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt offering were at that time in the high place at Gibeon, ³⁰but David could not go before it to inquire of God, for he was afraid of the sword of the angel of the LORD.

^{22:1}Then David said, “Here shall be the house of the LORD God and here the altar of burnt offering for Israel.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Exodus 30:11-16 / The LORD said to Moses, "When you take the census of the people of Israel, then each shall give a ransom for his life to the LORD when you number them, that there be no plague among them when you number them. Each one who is numbered in the census shall give this: half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is twenty gerahs), half a shekel as an offering to the LORD. Everyone who is numbered in the census, from twenty years old and upward, shall give the LORD's offering. The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less, than the half shekel, when you give the LORD's offering to make atonement for your lives. You shall take the atonement money from the people of Israel and shall give it for the service of the tent of meeting, that it may bring the people of Israel to remembrance before the LORD, so as to make atonement for your lives."

2 Samuel 24:1 / Again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he incited David against them, saying, "Go, number Israel and Judah."

Proverbs 30:7-9 / Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die: Remove far from me falsehood and lying; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, lest I be full and deny you and say, "Who is the LORD?" or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God.

Luke 14:28-30 / For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'

Hebrews 10:30-31 / For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The LORD will judge his people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q 25. How does Christ carry out the office of a priest?

A. Christ carries out the office of a priest in offering up himself as a sacrifice one time, to satisfy divine justice and to reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

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."

Hosanna

(Words & Music: Israel Houghton, Sidney Mohede, and M. Sidney 2010)

Hosanna, in the highest
Let our King be lifted up
Hosanna

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Elder Ben Chidester will be preaching from Psalm 89, "The Royal Psalms Take a Downward Turn."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Women's Bible Study	Join Women at City in studying the book of Ephesians together this Summer. Various locations and times. Register at https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2946747 . Contact Debbie (dpasewark@gmail.com)
All Church Picnic TODAY, Following Morning Worship Anderson Playground	All church picnic at Anderson Playground on 7/13 after church. WMC will provide hot dogs. Please bring a side or dessert to share!
Game Night (MS Only) Wednesday, July 16th 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM Greenfield Chapel	We invite all rising 6th-grade students through 8th-grade students to a Game Night at the Greenfield Chapel the week before VBS! This is a Welcome Party for our rising 6th-graders, introducing them to the Youth Ministry Team and to the space that we use for Youth Group during the academic year.
VBS Training: Save the Date Friday July 18 or Saturday July 19 300 Saline Street	Youth and adult volunteers, please join us for mandatory training: July 18th from 7-8:30pm OR July 19th from 10-11:30am
VBS Volunteers Needed 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 4 youth or 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: 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.
Summer College Student Bible Study Hosted by RUF 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, gavin.breeden@ruf.org or 931-303-6006.

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 July 14. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)
Global Missions Prayer: Monday @ 9:00 PM	We will be praying for MTW Bulgaria this week on July 14th. Held on Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/CRPCglobalprayer2024
Bean Sprouts Ministry: 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.
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	Regular Youth Group meetings will resume in the fall. Contact Molly at molly@cityreformed.org for more info on summer youth events and more!
Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group: Bi-Weekly Wednesdays 7:00 PM	Meets on the North Side. 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 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
Mommies' Discipleship Group: 2nd & 4th Thursdays 7:00 - 9:00 PM	On summer break and will resume in August. 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:

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- 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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