



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**July 20, 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

"And? If we win our independence?  
'Zat a guarantee of freedom for our descendants?  
Or will the blood we shed begin an endless  
Cycle of vengeance and death with no defendants?"

– "My Shot", *Hamilton the Musical*

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

9:15AM & 11:15AM  
Winchester Thurston Upper School  
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LIVESTREAM 11:15: [tinyurl.com/CRPCLive](http://tinyurl.com/CRPCLive)

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### Sunday Evening Worship Service

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Greenfield Chapel  
3929 Coleman Street  
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# Morning Worship Service

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Sunday Morning Worship – July 20, 2025

Presider: Elder Joe Stehle

## Call to Worship: Ephesians 2:13-22

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

**Leader** But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

**People** **For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility**

**Leader** By abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

**People** **And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.**

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

**People** **So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,**

**Leader** 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.

**People** **In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## Psalm 96 | Christ is the Lord Redeemer and King

(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

## 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

## **Call to Confession: Ephesians 5:1-2**

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Father, we long for true spirituality in our connection with you and we long for true relationships with other people, but our sin gets in the way. We wake up each day pondering our own concerns and we struggle to look beyond ourselves. In our pride we puff ourselves up. In our pain we retreat inwards. By nature we are selfish and sinful. We don't love others and we don't love you very well. By nature, we love ourselves.

But you have made us alive in Christ. Our iniquity was laid on Jesus and our sins were pardoned. Our enmity with God is removed and peace is restored. Our hope is in Jesus. Help us to look beyond ourselves, to love others and to love you. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 1:7**

In [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace...

## **Membership Vows: Abbey & Jordan Kocsis**

## **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).*

## Isaiah 2 | Come Let Us Walk In The Light

*(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke 2019)*

Come to the mountain of the LORD,  
A home for the nations.  
Come to the hill above all hills,  
Greater than kingdoms.  
People from all the earth will flow  
Into his presence.

*Come let us walk in the light of the LORD.  
Come let us walk in the light of the LORD.*

Let us go up to meet with God  
And follow his pathway.  
Let the LORD teach us in the Word  
That goes out from Zion.  
The Law of the LORD will be the light  
That leads us to worship.

Bring your dispute before the LORD,  
And look for his justice.  
Bring to our God your love for war;  
Replace it with mercy.  
Nations will lay their weapons down  
And take up forgiveness.

# Pastoral Prayer

## Sermon: 1 Chronicles 22:1-19

"War and Peace"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

**T**hen David said, "Here shall be the house of the LORD God and here the altar of burnt offering for Israel."

<sup>2</sup>David commanded to gather together the resident aliens who were in the land of Israel, and he set stonecutters to prepare dressed stones for building the house of God. <sup>3</sup>David also provided great quantities of iron for nails for the doors of the gates and for clamps, as well as bronze in quantities beyond weighing, <sup>4</sup>and cedar timbers without number, for the Sidonians and Tyrians brought great quantities of cedar to David. <sup>5</sup>For David said, "Solomon my son is young and inexperienced, and the house that is to be built for the Lord must be exceedingly magnificent, of fame and glory throughout all lands. I will therefore make preparation for it." So David provided materials in great quantity before his death.

<sup>6</sup>Then he called for Solomon his son and charged him to build a house for the LORD, the God of Israel. <sup>7</sup>David said to Solomon, "My son, I had it in my heart to build a house to the name of the LORD my God. <sup>8</sup>But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'You have shed much blood and have waged great wars. You shall not build a house to my name, because you have shed so much blood before me on the earth. <sup>9</sup>Behold, a son shall be born to you who shall be a man of rest. I will give him rest from all his surrounding enemies. For his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quiet to Israel in his days. <sup>10</sup>He shall build a house for my name. He shall be my son, and I will be his father, and I will



establish his royal throne in Israel forever.’

<sup>11</sup>“Now, my son, the LORD be with you, so that you may succeed in building the house of the LORD your God, as he has spoken concerning you. <sup>12</sup>Only, may the LORD grant you discretion and understanding, that when he gives you charge over Israel you may keep the law of the LORD your God. <sup>13</sup>Then you will prosper if you are careful to observe the statutes and the rules that the LORD commanded Moses for Israel. Be strong and courageous. Fear not; do not be dismayed. <sup>14</sup>With great pains I have provided for the house of the LORD 100,000 talents of gold, a million talents of silver, and bronze and iron beyond weighing, for there is so much of it; timber and stone, too, I have provided. To these you must add. <sup>15</sup>You have an abundance of workmen: stonemasons, masons, carpenters, and all kinds of craftsmen without number, skilled in working <sup>16</sup>gold, silver, bronze, and iron. Arise and work! The LORD be with you!”

<sup>17</sup>David also commanded all the leaders of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying, <sup>18</sup>“Is not the LORD your God with you? And has he not given you peace on every side? For he has delivered the inhabitants of the land into my hand, and the land is subdued before the LORD and his people. <sup>19</sup>Now set your mind and heart to seek the LORD your God. Arise and build the sanctuary of the LORD God, so that the ark of the covenant of the LORD and the holy vessels of God may be brought into a house built for the name of the LORD.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Additional Scripture

Deuteronomy 12:8-11 / "You shall not do according to all that we are doing here today, everyone doing whatever is right in his own eyes, for you have not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance that the LORD your God is giving you. But when you go over the Jordan and live in the land that the LORD your God is giving you to inherit, and when he gives you rest from all your enemies around, so that you live in safety, then to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name dwell there, there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, and all your finest vow offerings that you vow to the LORD.

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Joshua 1:9 / Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

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Nehemiah 4:15-18 / When our enemies heard that it was known to us and that God had frustrated their plan, we all returned to the wall, each to his work. From that day on, half of my servants worked on construction, and half held the spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail. And the leaders stood behind the whole house of Judah, who were building on the wall. Those who carried burdens were loaded in such a way that each labored on the work with one hand and held his weapon with the other. And each of the builders had his sword strapped at his side while he built. The man who sounded the trumpet was beside me.

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Ephesians 4:1-6 / I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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Jude 1:3 / Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

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# Songs of Thanksgiving

## Jesus with Thy Church Abide

*(Words: Thomas Pollock 1871 & Music: Christopher Miner 1997)*

Jesus, with Thy Church abide,  
Be her Savior, Lord, and Guide,  
While on earth her faith is tried:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

Bid our strife and envy cease,  
Grant the lovely gift of peace:  
All her dreadful sin release.  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

Keep her life and doctrine pure,  
Help her, patient, to endure,  
Trusting in Thy promise sure:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

May she one in doctrine be,  
One in truth and charity,  
Winning all to faith in Thee:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

May she guide the poor and blind,  
Seek the lost until she find,  
And the broken hearted bind:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

May she thus all glorious be,  
Spotless and from sin borne free,  
Pure and bright, bring praise to Thee:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

## **Speak Peace (Psalm 85)**

*(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke and Paul Zach 2019)*

*Speak peace to your people  
Speak peace to your saints  
Speak peace to your people  
Speak peace to all the earth*

Surely his salvation is at hand  
Unfailing love and truth have met  
Righteousness will cover all the earth  
And his glory will fill the land

Lord revive your joy in us again  
And let us hear what you will say  
Will your anger always be on us  
Will you not restore us again

You have covered all our sin  
We have been restored again  
Show us your unfailing love  
Grant us salvation

## **Benediction**

*At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Joseph Bianco will be preaching from Psalm 132, "The Chosen."*

# Announcements

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

<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 ( <a href="mailto:dpasewark@gmail.com">dpasewark@gmail.com</a> )
<b>VBS Volunteers Needed</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 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: <a href="https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2887119">https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2887119</a>
<b>Youth Ministry Events (Post-VBS)</b> Monday, July 21st through Friday, July 25th, 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM	The Youth Ministry will host a couple of fun activities for our MS and HS students directly after VBS on the Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of that week. Contact Molly ( <a href="mailto:molly@cityreformed.org">molly@cityreformed.org</a> ) to learn more about the activities for each day!
<b>East Suburban Community Group Open Swim</b> Friday, August 8 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM Haymaker Pool, 106 Penn Lear Drive	If you like to swim, or just sit around the pool and chat, bring your family and friends to a pool party on Friday evening, August 8. The East Suburban Community Group is hosting an open swim (after regular pool hours) at the Haymaker Pool in Monroeville. The pool has a grill and pavilion, deck chairs and loungers, a lane for lap swimming, a volleyball court, and more.
<b>Women's Mentor Information Meeting</b> Friday, August 15, 7-9 PM 955 LaClair Street, 15218	Women of all ages are invited to meet with the Women's Discipleship Committee to learn about the mentor program and the role of a mentor! No age requirement for there is always a woman younger than you! Please come and learn about the joy of spending time and sharing life with a younger sister in Christ. Yummy desserts will be available, too! Contact Sandy <a href="mailto:scsnoke@comcast.net">scsnoke@comcast.net</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 RUF Bible Study</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

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

<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 July 28. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)
<b>Global Missions Prayer:</b> Monday @ 9:00 PM	We will have open prayer and pray for City Reformed's VBS this week on July 21st. 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, August 20th 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/crpcwednesdayprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer</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. 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 The Attributes of God 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)
- 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)*
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- *Board Game Gatherings (gatcheson@gmail.com)*

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