



Sunday Morning Communion Worship
July 6, 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

"Underneath all notions of justice is a set of faith assumptions that are essentially religious, and these are often not acknowledged."

– Timothy Keller, *Generous Justice: How God's Grace Makes Us Just*

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

9:15AM & 11:15AM
Winchester Thurston Upper School
455 Morewood Ave
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Welcome
Information:



Sunday Evening Worship Service

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Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Craig Kozminski

Call to Worship: Psalm 33:1-6

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

Leader Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

People Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

Leader Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

People For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

Leader He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

People By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

Prayer of Invocation

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

(Words: Joachim Neander 1680; Translator: Catherine Winkworth 1863; Music: Anonymous 1665)

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him for
He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear,
Now to his temple draw near;
Praise him in glad adoration. *(repeat)*

Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen
How all your longings have been
Granted in what he ordaineth? *(repeat)*

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.
Surely his goodness and
Mercy here daily attend thee.

Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
If with his love he befriend thee. *(repeat)*

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before him.

Let the Amen
Sound from his people again,
Gladly for aye we adore him. *(repeat)*

Apostles' Creed

(Words & Music: Traditional Sacred Heart Melody)

I believe in God the Father,
Maker of all heav'n and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, our Savior,
God's own Son of matchless worth;
By the Spirit was conceived,
Of the virgin Mary born,
He in whom I have believ'd;
God Almighty, Three in One.

Suffered under Pontious Pilate,
Crucified for me he died.
Laid within the grave so silent,
Gates of hell he opened wide;
For the stone sealed tomb was empty;
On the third day He arose;
Into heaven made his entry,
Mighty conquer'r of his foes.

At God's right hand he is seated,
Till his coming, as he said;
Final judgement will be meted
To the living and the dead;
I confess the Holy Spirit,
Who was sent through Christ the Son.
To apply salvation's merit:
God, the Spirit Three in one.

I believe the church of Jesus,
Universal e'er remains;
We are one through all the ages
In communion of the saints.
I believe sins are forgiven,
That our bodies will be raised.
To eternal life in glory,
Ever let his name be praised.

Call to Confession: Romans 12:14-19

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious heavenly Father, we confess our sins before you, that we have not desired your justice and righteousness. We have taken the law into our own hands, and made ourselves the judge and jury over our neighbor. We have judged our fellow man in our hearts and withheld love and grace from each other. We have desired vengeance and at times have even exacted the debt of another, while we ourselves have been forgiven an infinite debt. Father, we have distorted righteousness and justice and have sinned before your face. Forgive us for our sins, and have mercy on us. Work mercy deep into our hearts for those who sin against us. We pray in the name of Jesus. 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.

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 72 | Hail to The Lord's Anointed

(Words: James Montgomery 1821; Music: Sandra McCracken 2012)

*Hail to the Lord's anointed
Great David's greater Son
Hail in the time appointed
His reign on earth begun
His reign on earth begun*

He comes to break oppression
To set the captive free
To take away transgression
And rule in equity

He comes with comfort speedy
To those who suffer wrong
To help the poor and needy
And bid the weak be strong
To give them songs for sighing
Their darkness turn to light
Whose souls, condemned and dying
Are precious in his sight

He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers
Spring in his path to birth
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove
His name shall stand forever
That name to us is Love

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: 1 Chronicles 18, 19:16-20, 20

"Do I Really Want Justice?"

- Reverend Joseph Bianco

After this David defeated the Philistines and subdued them, and he took Gath and its villages out of the hand of the Philistines.

²And he defeated Moab, and the Moabites became servants to David and brought tribute.

³David also defeated Hadadezer king of Zobah-Hamath, as he went to set up his monument at the river Euphrates. ⁴And David took from him 1,000 chariots, 7,000 horsemen, and 20,000 foot soldiers. And David hamstringed all the chariot horses, but left enough for 100 chariots. ⁵And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David struck down 22,000 men of the Syrians. ⁶Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus, and the Syrians became servants to David and brought tribute. And the LORD gave victory to David wherever he went. ⁷And David took the shields of gold that were carried by the servants of Hadadezer and brought them to Jerusalem. ⁸And from Tibhath and from Cun, cities of Hadadezer, David took a large amount of bronze. With it Solomon made the bronze sea and the pillars and the vessels of bronze.

⁹When Tou king of Hamath heard that David had defeated the whole army of Hadadezer, king of Zobah, ¹⁰he sent his son Hadoram to King David, to ask about his health and to bless him because he had fought against Hadadezer and defeated him; for Hadadezer had often been at war with Tou. And he sent all sorts of articles of gold, of silver, and of bronze.

¹¹These also King David dedicated to the LORD, together with the silver and gold that he had carried off from all the

nations, from Edom, Moab, the Ammonites, the Philistines, and Amalek.

¹²And Abishai, the son of Zeruiah, killed 18,000 Edomites in the Valley of Salt. ¹³Then he put garrisons in Edom, and all the Edomites became David's servants. And the LORD gave victory to David wherever he went.

¹⁴So David reigned over all Israel, and he administered justice and equity to all his people. ¹⁵And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the army; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder; ¹⁶and Zadok the son of Ahitub and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar were priests; and Shavsha was secretary; ¹⁷and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were the chief officials in the service of the king...

^{19:16}...But when the Syrians saw that they had been defeated by Israel, they sent messengers and brought out the Syrians who were beyond the Euphrates, with Shophach the commander of the army of Hadadezer at their head. ¹⁷And when it was told to David, he gathered all Israel together and crossed the Jordan and came to them and drew up his forces against them. And when David set the battle in array against the Syrians, they fought with him. ¹⁸And the Syrians fled before Israel, and David killed of the Syrians the men of 7,000 chariots and 40,000 foot soldiers, and put to death also Shophach the commander of their army. ¹⁹And when the servants of Hadadezer saw that they had been defeated by Israel, they made peace with David and became subject to him. So the Syrians were not willing to save the Ammonites anymore.

^{20:1}In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, Joab led out the army and ravaged the country of the Ammonites and came and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. And Joab struck down Rabbah and

overthrew it. ²And David took the crown of their king from his head. He found that it weighed a talent of gold, and in it was a precious stone. And it was placed on David's head. And he brought out the spoil of the city, a very great amount. ³And he brought out the people who were in it and set them to labor with saws and iron picks and axes. And thus David did to all the cities of the Ammonites. Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

⁴And after this there arose war with the Philistines at Gezer. Then Sibbecai the Hushathite struck down Sippai, who was one of the descendants of the giants, and the Philistines were subdued. ⁵And there was again war with the Philistines, and Elhanan the son of Jair struck down Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. ⁶And there was again war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature, who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number, and he also was descended from the giants. ⁷And when he taunted Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea, David's brother, struck him down. ⁸These were descended from the giants in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

Matthew 5:7 / "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."

Luke 18:6-8 / And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

James 2:13 / For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Creedal Response: Westminster Confession of Faith 11.1

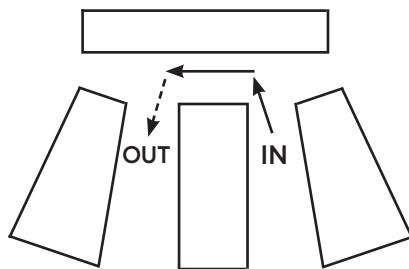
Those whom God effectually calleth, He also freely justifieth: not by infusing righteousness into them, but by pardoning their sins, and by accounting and accepting their persons as righteous; not for any thing wrought in them, or done by them, but for Christ's sake alone; not by imputing faith itself, the act of believing, or any other evangelical obedience to them, as their righteousness; but by imputing the obedience and satisfaction of Christ unto them, they receiving and resting on Him and His righteousness by faith; which faith they have not of themselves, it is the gift of God.

Communion

City Reformed Church invites all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sins and trust Christ alone for salvation, and who are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. Parents with non-communing children are encouraged to bring their children forward during communion. The elders will lay a hand on their head and briefly pray for them as they serve you.

Communion is served with wine and with grape juice. The wine is placed in the two outer circles of the communion tray, and the grape juice is placed in the inner circle. Because Jesus used wine during the first communion service, we believe using real wine is beneficial. However, participants are welcome to choose.

There is also gluten-free bread available on each plate.



City Reformed Church distributes communion to groups of people who come forward to eat and drink the Lord's Supper together. Please join us in song as we celebrate Christ dwelling with his church in the sacrament of communion. Lines are formed at the front of the room and the entire line will eat and drink at the same time. Not everyone should stand and line up at the same time and it is often better to remain seated until the line progresses. Please notify an usher if you are unable to come forward and need to receive communion in your seat.

Songs of Communion

Approach My Soul

(Words & Music: Jordan Kauflin and Laura Story)

Approach my soul the mercy seat
Where Jesus answers prayer
There humbly fall before his feet
For none can perish there
Thy promise is my only plea
With this I venture nigh
Thou calls our burdened souls to Thee
And such O Lord am I

*Oh wondrous love
Oh boundless grace
Rejoice my soul forever
Christ has made a way*

Bowed down beneath a load of sin
By satan sorely pressed
By wars without and fears within
I come to Thee for rest
Be Thou my shield and hiding place
That sheltered near Thy side
I may my fierce accuser face
And tell him Thou hast died

O wondrous love to bleed and die
To bear the cross and shame
That guilty sinners such as I
Might plead Thy gracious name
The tempted soul he tells be still
My promised grace receive
'Tis Jesus speaks I must I will
I can I do believe
'Tis Jesus speaks I must I will
I can I do believe

Jesus What a Friend for Sinners

(Words: J. Wilbur Chapman 1910; Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard 1811)

Jesus what a friend for sinners
Jesus lover of my soul
Friends may fail me foes assail me
He my Savior makes me whole

Jesus What a strength in weakness
Let me hide myself in him
Tempted tried and sometimes failing
He my strength my victory wins

*Hallelujah what a Savior
Hallelujah what a Friend
Saving helping keeping loving
He is with me to the end*

Jesus what a help in sorrow
While the billows o'er me roll
Even when my heart is breaking
He my comfort helps my soul

Jesus what a guide and keeper
While the tempest still is high
Storms about me, night has found me
He my pilot hears my cry

Jesus I do now receive him
More than all in him I find
He hath granted me forgiveness
I am his and he is mine

Doxology

(Words: Thomas Ken 1674; Music: Louis Bourgeois 1510)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. (repeat)
Amen

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Elder Dave Snoke will be preaching from Psalm 110, "A Prophecy of the Messiah."

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)
Decorating Day THIS Saturday July 12 300 Saline Street	All are welcome to help decorate 300 Saline Street for VBS on Saturday from 11 to 4. Come and go as you are able and we'll provide lunch!
All Church Picnic 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!
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: 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 Andy and Bev Warren this week on July 7th. 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 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 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:

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

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