



Sunday Morning Worship
August 10, 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

"The breastpiece of judgment featured twelve precious stones arranged in four rows, three on each row (Ex. 28:16–20). Notably, Ezekiel 28:13 indicates that many of these gems were found in the garden of Eden. This is one of many reasons that scholars believe the tabernacle and priesthood of Israel were a new Eden of sorts, the original Eden being God's tabernacle where He dwelled with humanity before the fall. The tabernacle and priesthood were types of Eden, reminding Israel of the Lord's intent to dwell with humanity and pointing forward ultimately to the coming of a glorified and perfected new Eden at the consummation of all things (see Rev. 21:1–22:5)."

– *Tabletalk* October 2022

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

9:15AM & 11:15AM
Winchester Thurston Upper School
455 Morewood Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
LIVESTREAM 11:15: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

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Welcome
Information:



Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:30PM
Greenfield Chapel
3929 Coleman Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15207

Donations

Online: Church Center App (Give)
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Church)

Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Nameun Cho

Call to Worship: Isaiah 54:9-14

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

Leader "This is like the days of Noah to me: as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, and will not rebuke you.

People **For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.**

Leader "O afflicted one, storm-tossed and not comforted, behold, I will set your stones in antimony, and lay your foundations with sapphires.

People **I will make your pinnacles of agate, your gates of carbuncles, and all your wall of precious stones.**

Leader All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children.

People **In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you.**

Prayer of Invocation

Fairest Lord Jesus

(Words: Unknown; Music: Silesian Folk Melody)

Fairest Lord Jesus ruler of all nature
O Thou of God and Man the Son
Thee will I cherish Thee will I honor
Thou my soul's glory joy and crown

Fair are the meadows fairer still the woodlands
Robed in the blooming garb of spring
Jesus is fairer Jesus is purer
Who makes the woeful heart to sing

Fair is the sunshine fairer still the moonlight
And all the twinkling starry host
Jesus shines brighter Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast

Beautiful Savior Lord of all the nations
Son of God and Son of Man
Glory and honor praise adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine

Gloria Patri

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke 2020)

Blessing honor power to the Lord
Father Maker of heaven and the earth

*Glory be to the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning now and evermore will be
Amen*

Blessing honor power to the Lamb
Jesus Lion of Judah come again

Blessing honor Spirit of the Lord
Help us keep us lead us to the Word

O heavens come join us to
Worship the Lord in the
Splendor of holiness

Call to Confession: 1 Peter 2:1-3

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious heavenly Father, although you call us to spiritual maturity, we confess the many ways we remain immature. We confess the misuse of our words which cut down rather than build up. We confess our laziness in not reading and treasuring your Word as we ought. We confess the ways we hold onto malice and deceit rather than giving grace and being truthful. We confess our jealousy and slander, rather than a desire to see our neighbor succeed and to speak well of one another. Merciful God, grow us up into the image of Christ. Gracious Father, forgive us our sins. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 2:4-6

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, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

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).

I Want to Know You

(Words & Music: James Proctor, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, & Rich Thompson 2016)

I've tried in vain a thousand ways
My fears to quell my hopes to raise
But what I need your Word has said
Is ever only Jesus

You died you live you reign you plead
There's love in all your words and deeds
This weary heart finds all it needs
In ever only Jesus

*I want to know you Jesus my Lord
King of the Heavens king of my soul
I trade my treasure and all my rewards
Jesus to know you then know you more*

Though some should curse me for your name
I have no fear I have no shame
You stand with me for all my days
My ever only Jesus

Like wave after wave on the ocean
Like all of the sand on the shore
Your beauty and glory are endless
O Jesus I must know you more

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: 1 Chronicles 29:1-9

"Precious Stones or Stony Hearts - Temple Offerings"

- Reverend Joseph Bianco

And David the king said to all the assembly, "Solomon my son, whom alone God has chosen, is young and inexperienced, and the work is great, for the palace will not be for man but for the LORD God. ²So I have provided for the house of my God, so far as I was able, the gold for the things of gold, the silver for the things of silver, and the bronze for the things of bronze, the iron for the things of iron, and wood for the things of wood, besides great quantities of onyx and stones for setting, antimony, colored stones, all sorts of precious stones and marble. ³Moreover, in addition to all that I have provided for the holy house, I have a treasure of my own of gold and silver, and because of my devotion to the house of my God I give it to the house of my God: ⁴3,000 talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and 7,000 talents of refined silver, for overlaying the walls of the house, ⁵and for all the work to be done by craftsmen, gold for the things of gold and silver for the things of silver. Who then will offer willingly, consecrating himself today to the LORD?"

⁶Then the leaders of fathers' houses made their freewill offerings, as did also the leaders of the tribes, the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, and the officers over the king's work. ⁷They gave for the service of the house of God 5,000 talents and 10,000 darics of gold, 10,000 talents of silver, 18,000 talents of bronze and 100,000 talents of iron. ⁸And whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the LORD, in the care of Jehiel the Gershonite. ⁹Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly,

for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the LORD.
David the king also rejoiced greatly.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Notes

Additional Scripture

2 Kings 12:4 / Jehoash said to the priests, "All the money of the holy things that is brought into the house of the Lord, the money for which each man is assessed—the money from the assessment of persons—and the money that a man's heart prompts him to bring into the house of the Lord,

2 Corinthians 9:7 / Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Revelation 21:19-21 / The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

Creedal Response: Westminster Confession of Faith: Ch. 10

All those whom God hath predestinated unto life, and those only, He is pleased, in His appointed and accepted time, effectually to call, by His Word and Spirit, out of that state of sin and death in which they are by nature, to grace and salvation by Jesus Christ: enlightening their minds, spiritually and savingly, to understand the things of God, taking away their heart of stone, and giving unto them an heart of flesh; renewing their wills, and by His almighty power determining them to that which is good; and effectually drawing them to Jesus Christ; yet so as they come most freely, being made willing by His grace.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Take My Life and Let It Be

(Words: Frances R. Havergal 1874; Music: Henri A. Cesar Malan 1823)

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.
Ever, only, all for thee.

Be Unto Your Name

(Gary Sadler and Lynn DeShazo 1998)

We are a moment you are forever
Lord of the ages God before time
We are a vapor you are eternal
Love everlasting reigning on high

*Holy holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Highest praises honor and glory
Be unto your name
Be unto your name*

We are the broken you are the healer
Jesus Redeemer mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before you blessing your name

Benediction

*At tonight's Worship Service, Elder Ben Chidester will be preaching
from Psalm 96, "The Lord Reigns!"*

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

In-Person Prayer Monday, August 11, 7 PM CRPC Chapel, 3929 Coleman St.	Join the missions committee to pray for international student ministry in Pittsburgh and to pray for Matt and Chrissie as they serve for a week in Bulgaria. Contact Alex@alexcwatt.com for more info
Women's Mentor Information Meeting 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 scsnoke@comcast.net
Fall Kick-Off (MS & HS) Sunday, August 24th, 12:00 PM-2:00 PM, Schenley Park Overlook	We invite all MS and HS students to join in celebrating the start of another academic year! We will meet at the Schenley Park Overlook immediately after Morning Worship for fellowship and tournament-style yard games (e.g., Spikeball, Cornhole, Kan Jam). Snacks will be provided, but please pack a lunch and picnic blanket! Contact Molly (molly@cityreformed.org)
Women's Ephesians Study End of Summer Get Together Saturday, August 31, 1 PM 300 Saline Street	Join us for lunch and fellowship to celebrate the end of our Women's Summer Bible Studies! Sign up to contribute here: https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3052271 . Contact Amanda (mooreae1@gmail.com)
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.
Children's Ministry Job Opening	The Children's Ministry has an opening to assist with weekly rhythms of administrative tasks and Sunday ministry. Job descriptions can be customized to the gifts and availability of applicants. Email nameun@cityreformed.org to apply or for more information.
Youth Ministry Job Opening	The Youth Ministry is looking for a male candidate to engage in discipleship relationships with our male youth. Email nameun@cityreformed.org to apply or for more information.

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 August 11. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)
Global Missions Prayer: Monday @ 9:00 PM	We will be praying for PRISM and Bulgaria this week in person on August 11. See left side announcement for details.
Bean Sprouts Ministry: 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.
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/crpcwednesdayprayer .
Youth Group: Biweekly Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM Greenfield Chapel	Mark your calendars! Youth Group will resume on Wednesday, September 10th and continue bi-weekly through Wednesday, December 3rd. This is an opportunity for our MS and HS students to connect with God through His Word and to connect with one another through games, Bible teaching, discussion, and prayer.
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 The Attributes of God Thursdays from 1:00-3:00PM at Cathy Taylor's House. Contact Cathy Taylor for more info at lawyerdad5@aol.com
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)*
- *Men's Discipleship Committee (mdc@cityreformed.org)*
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