



Sunday Morning Worship
August 17, 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

"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others."

– Pericles

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)
OR cityreformed.org/give
Mail: Church Office address above "Attn:
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Church)

Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Derek Bates

Call to Worship: Psalm 100

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

Leader Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

People Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

People For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Prayer of Invocation

O Worship The King (Psalm 104)

(Music: Johann Haydn 1700's; Words: Robert Grant 1833)

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love
Our shield and defender the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

O tell of his might and sing of his grace
Whose robe is the light whose canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite
It breathes in the air it shines in the light
It streams from the hills it descends to the plain
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail
In you do we trust nor find you to fail
Your mercies how tender how firm to the end
Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend

O measureless might ineffable love
While angels delight to worship above
The humbler creation though feeble their ways
With true adoration shall all sing your praise

Behold Him

(Words & Music: Mitch Wong & Paul Baloche 2019)

He who was before there was light
Walked across the pages of time
He who made every living thing
Behold him
He who heard humanity's cry
Left his throne to wake as a child
He became like the least of us
Behold him

*Jesus Son of God Messiah
The Lamb the roaring Lion
Oh be still and behold Him
Jesus Alpha and Omega
Our God the risen Savior
Oh be still and behold him*

He who dined with sinners and saints
Healed the blind the lost and the lame
Even now he is in our midst
Behold him
He who chose a criminal's end
Paid with blood to settle our debt
Buried death as He rose to life
Behold him

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Worthy worthy worthy
To receive all praise

Call to Confession: 1 Timothy 1:12-14

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, you have shown your love to us by sending your son to die for our sins. Your love is vast, unending, boundless and free. But we are slow to believe and slow to respond. Our hearts turn back to the things of this world and we forget your love. Forgive us and renew us. Strengthen us through your Spirit that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. Help us to better know the surpassing love of Christ. Help us to see the depth of his love to cover our sin. Help us to taste the heights of his love to satisfy our deep longings. Help us to trust the length of his love which continues to the end of time. Help us to rest in the broadness of his love as it meets us in our disappointment. Help us to abide in his love. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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).

God The Uncreated One (King Forevermore)

(Words & Music: Aaron Keyes and Pete James 2016)

God the uncreated one
The author of salvation
Wrote the laws of space and time
And fashioned worlds to his design
The one whom angel hosts revere
Hung the stars like chandeliers
Numbered every grain of sand
Knows the heart of every man
He is King forever
He is King forever
He is King forevermore

God our fortress and our strength
The Rock on which we can depend
Matchless in his majesty
His power and authority
Unshaken by the schemes of man
Never changing Great I Am
Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall
He is faithful through it all
Crown him King forever
Crown him King forever
Crown him King forevermore

Mighty God in mortal flesh
Forsaken by a traitor's kiss
The curse of sin and centuries
Did pierce the lowly Prince of Peace
Lifted high the sinless man
Crucified the spotless Lamb
Buried by the sons of man
Rescued by the Father's hand
To reign as King forever
Reign as King forever
Reign as King forevermore

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King eternal God of grace
We crown you with the highest praise
Heaven shouts and saints adore
You're holy holy holy Lord
What joy in everlasting life
All is love and faith is sight
Justice rolls and praises rise
At the name of Jesus Christ
King of kings forever
King of kings forever
King of kings forevermore

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: 1 Chronicles 29:10-22a "David's Final Prayer as King"

- Reverend Nameun Cho

Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: "Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. ¹¹Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. ¹²Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

¹⁴"But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. ¹⁵For we are strangers before you and sojourners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding. ¹⁶O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. ¹⁷I know, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. ¹⁸O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you. ¹⁹Grant to Solomon my son a whole heart that he may keep your commandments, your testimonies, and your

statutes, performing all, and that he may build the palace for which I have made provision.”

²⁰Then David said to all the assembly, “Bless the LORD your God.” And all the assembly blessed the LORD, the God of their fathers, and bowed their heads and paid homage to the LORD and to the king. ²¹And they offered sacrifices to the LORD, and on the next day offered burnt offerings to the LORD, 1,000 bulls, 1,000 rams, and 1,000 lambs, with their drink offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel. ²²And they ate and drank before the LORD on that day with great gladness.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Luke 1:68-75 / "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days."

Revelation 5:13 / And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

Creedal Response: Westminster Larger Catechism

Q 196. What does the conclusion of the Lord's prayer teach us?

A. The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer (which is, "For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.") teaches us to reinforce our petitions with arguments which are taken, not from any worthiness in ourselves or in any other creature, but from God; and to join praises with our prayers, ascribing to God alone eternal sovereignty, omnipotence, and glorious excellency. In light of this, because he is able and willing to help us, we are emboldened by faith to plead with him that he would, and to quietly rely on him that he will fulfill our requests. And to testify that this is our desire and assurance, we say Amen.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Psalm 103:1 | Bless the Lord

(Words & Music: Jacques Berthier 1923-1994)

Bless the Lord, my soul
And bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul
Who leads me into life

To God Be The Glory

(Words: Fanny Crosby 1875 & Music: W. Howard Doane 1875)

To God be the glory great things he has done
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in

*Praise the Lord (praise the Lord)
Let the earth hear his voice
Praise the Lord (praise the Lord)
Let the people rejoice
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory, great things he has done*

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

Great things he has taught us
Great things he has done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Joseph Bianco will be preaching from Psalm 93, "A Flood of Assurance"

Community Groups

Community Groups meet for Bible study, fellowship, and service, and are some of the best opportunities to connect with church life - always open for visitors throughout the year. Visit the welcome table after service to find out more information! Contact Pastor Nameun Cho (nameun@cityreformed.org)

Sunday

Fox Chapel A - Watson Barker

Every other Sunday, 5:30pm

Fox Chapel B - Damon Claus & Ben Sera

Every other Sunday, 5:30pm

North Hills - David Bacon

Two Sundays per month, 3:00pm

Monday

Forest Hills - Adam Schwab & Don McMillan

1st, 2nd, 4th Mondays, 6:00pm

Tuesday

Bellevue/North Side - Joe Benscoter & Cyril Isaac

1st, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays, 6:00pm

Friendship - Michael Hilton & Dan Toney

1st, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays, 6:00pm

Morningside - James Lettow

1st, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays, 6:00pm

Squirrel Hill - Ben Chidester & Andrew Roberts

7:00pm

Wednesday

Baldwin/Greenfield - Max Winters, Wesley Jernigan, Matt Yost

Regent Square - Dave Snoke, Drew Hayward, Michael Plittman

7:30pm

Thursday

Shadyside - Chris Bollinger & Eric Martin

7:00pm

West Hills - Jon Dodd & Bryan Campbell

1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30pm

Friday

East Suburban - Joe Stehle & Luke Kephart

1st Fridays, 6:30pm

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

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

www.cityreformed.org/events

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. The next meeting is August 25. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)
Global Missions Prayer: Monday @ 9:00 PM	We will be praying for Jon and Beka this week on August 18. Held on Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/CRPCglobalprayer2024
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 Michele Kloes, michele.kloes@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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