



Sunday Morning Worship
August 24, 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

"But I would walk five hundred miles
And I would walk five hundred more
Just to be the man who walked a thousand
Miles to fall down at your door"

– "I'm Gonna Be", *The Proclaimers*

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM & 11:15AM
Winchester Thurston Auditorium
5059 Ellsworth Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:30PM
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Church)

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Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Dave Snoke

Call to Worship: Romans 11:33-12:2

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

Leader Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

People **"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"**

Leader "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"

People **For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.**

Leader I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

People **Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

Prayer of Invocation

Come Ye Sinners

(Words: Joseph Hart 1759; Music: Southern Harmony Folk 1835; Arrangement: Daniel Snoke 2018)

Come ye sinners, poor and needy
Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity love and pow'r
He is able, he is able
He is willing doubt no more

Come ye thirsty, come and welcome
God's free bounty, glorify
True belief and true repentance
Ever'y grace that brings you nigh
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Let not conscience make you linger
Nor of fitness fondly dream
All the fitness he requireth
Is to feel your need of him
This he gives you, this he gives you
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Come ye weary, heavy laden
Bruised and broken by the Fall
If you tarry 'till you're better
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Agonizing in the garden
Lo! your Master prostrate lies
On the bloody tree behold him
Hear him cry before he dies
"It is finished, it is finished"
Sinner, will not this suffice?

Lo! incarnate God ascended
Pleads the merit of his blood
Venture on him, venture wholly
Let no other trust intrude
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.

Saints and angels joined in concert
Sing the praises of the Lamb
While the blissful seats of heaven
Sweetly echo with his name
"Hallelujah, hallelujah!"
Sinners here may do the same.

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 36:26–27

The Beauty Of The Heart Of Christ

(Mitch Wong, Timothy Timmons, and Travis Ryan 2023)

May my life carry the heart of Christ
Lord, in all I say and all that I do
Selfless love, lowly in sacrifice
Laying down my pride, nothing to prove

*Now that I have seen, now that I have tasted
Of your mercy and your love divine
May my life be full, full of one thing only
Just the beauty of the heart of Christ
Just the beauty of the heart of Christ*

For the least of these, even my enemies
Who am I to dare, dare to with hold
What I've received forgiveness and grace so free
Let your fire in me never grow cold

Oh, what a privilege
Oh, what an honor it is
No greater joy than this
To carry your heart, carry your heart

Psalm 24 | We Long to See You

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2015)

Almighty God, we long to see you.
Open our hearts and make them pure.
Spirit, we wash our hands in mercy.
Come teach our souls to love your truth.

Call to Confession: Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Prayer of Confession:

Adapted from "Meeting God," The Valley of Vision

Great God, in public and private, in sanctuary and home, may my life be steeped in prayer and filled with the spirit of grace. Help me, defend me, until from praying ground I pass to the realm of unceasing praise. Urged by my need, invited by Your promises, and called by Your Spirit, I enter Your presence, worshipping You with godly fear, awed by Your majesty, greatness, glory - but encouraged by Your love.

I am all poverty as well as all guilt, having nothing of my own with which to repay you, but I bring Jesus to you in the arms of faith - pleading His righteousness to offset my iniquities, rejoicing that He will weigh down the scales for me and satisfy Your justice. Strengthen me to pray until Christ shall reign supreme within me in every thought, word, and deed, that I may have a faith that purifies the heart, overcomes the world, works by love, fastens me to You, and ever clings to the cross.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 10:11-14

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Membership Testimony & Send-Off:

The Pope Family

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).

Holy Spirit

(Words & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend 2006)

Holy Spirit living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole
Cause your word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit come abide within
May your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show your power once again on earth
Cause your church to hunger for your ways

Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: 1 Chronicles 29:20 - 2 Chronicles 1:1-6

"Sacrifice as Worship"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Then 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.

And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and they anointed him as prince for the LORD, and Zadok as priest.

²³Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king in place of David his father. And he prospered, and all Israel obeyed him. ²⁴All the leaders and the mighty men, and also all the sons of King David, pledged their allegiance to King Solomon. ²⁵And the LORD made Solomon very great in the sight of all Israel and bestowed on him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

²⁶Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel. ²⁷The time that he reigned over Israel was forty years. He reigned seven years in Hebron and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. ²⁸Then he died at a good age, full of days, riches, and honor. And Solomon his son reigned in his place. ²⁹Now the acts of King David, from first to last, are written in the Chronicles of Samuel the seer, and in the Chronicles of Nathan the prophet, and in the Chronicles of Gad the seer, ³⁰with accounts of all

his rule and his might and of the circumstances that came upon him and upon Israel and upon all the kingdoms of the countries.

^{1:1}Solomon the son of David established himself in his kingdom, and the LORD his God was with him and made him exceedingly great.

²Solomon spoke to all Israel, to the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, to the judges, and to all the leaders in all Israel, the heads of fathers' houses. ³And Solomon, and all the assembly with him, went to the high place that was at Gibeon, for the tent of meeting of God, which Moses the servant of the LORD had made in the wilderness, was there. ⁴(But David had brought up the ark of God from Kiriath-jearim to the place that David had prepared for it, for he had pitched a tent for it in Jerusalem.) ⁵Moreover, the bronze altar that Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, had made, was there before the tabernacle of the LORD. And Solomon and the assembly sought it out. ⁶And Solomon went up there to the bronze altar before the LORD, which was at the tent of meeting, and offered a thousand burnt offerings on it.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Matthew 13:44 / "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

Philippians 3:8-11 / Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Hebrews 13:15 / Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

Creedal Response: PCA Book of Church Order 54-2.

It is both a privilege and a duty, plainly enjoined in the Bible, to make regular, weekly, systematic and proportionate offerings for the support of religion and for the propagation of the Gospel in our own and foreign lands, and for the relief of the poor. This should be done as an exercise of grace and an act of worship...

Songs of Thanksgiving

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

(Words: Henry Lyte 1825; Music: Bill Moore 2001)

Jesus I my cross have taken
All to leave and follow Thee
Destitute despised forsaken
Thou from hence my all shall be
Perish every fond ambition
All I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition
God and heaven are still my own

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Let the world despise and leave me
They have left my Savior too
Human hearts and looks deceive me
Thou art not like them untrue
O while Thou dost smile upon me
God of wisdom love, and might
Foes may hate and friends disown me
Show Thy face and all is bright

Man may trouble and distress me
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast
Life with trials hard may press me
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest
Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me
While Thy love is left to me
Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me
Were that joy unmixed with Thee

Go then earthly fame and treasure
Come disaster scorn and pain
In Thy service pain is pleasure
With Thy favor loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father
I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl and clouds may gather
All must work for good to me

Soul then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station
Something still to do or bear
Think what Spirit dwells within thee
Think what Father's smiles are thine
Think that Jesus died to win thee
Child of heaven canst thou repine

Haste thee on from grace to glory
Armed by faith and winged by prayer
Heaven's eternal days before thee
God's own hand shall guide us there
Soon shall close thy earthly mission
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days
Hope shall change to glad fruition
Faith to sight and prayer to praise

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

(Words & Music: Jonny Robinson & Rich Thompson 2015)

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of Kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall his love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am his forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes his work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for his name
But mine is armor for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And he has said he will deliver
Safely to the golden shore
And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now O my soul
For his love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Nameun Cho will be preaching from Psalm 110, "The Priestly King"

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

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| Fall Kick-Off (MS & HS) TODAY 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 Sunday, 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) |
| Welcome Picnic/CG Fair Sunday, September 7th WT Parking Lot/Gym Immediately following service | CRPC will be providing fried chicken for fun and fellowship and welcoming new folks into town and our community. Please plan on bringing a side or a dessert to share this year! All are welcome to join immediately after service to check out community groups & get to know new folks. Contact Chrissie for more information: chrissie@cityreformed.org |
| Women's Bible Study Tuesdays 9:45 AM-11:45 AM Greenfield Chapel | Studying Revelation using the book and video series by Nancy Guthrie: Blessed: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Revelation. Restarts Sep. 2. Contact Tracy (partridge.ta@gmail.com) or Luda (luda.bates@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. |

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Regular Events

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| College Shuttle Sundays | 9:30AM - PPU: 201 Wood St; Contact: Amy: amy@cityreformed.org 9:45AM - PITT: 4024 O'Hara St; Contact: Gavin: gavin.breeden@ruf.org |
| 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 Jonathan and Vicky this week on August 25. Held on Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/CRPCglobalprayer2024 |
| Bean Sprouts 3rd Wednesday 12:00 PM | The next Bean Sprouts meeting will be Wednesday, September 17th at noon in the Greenfield Chapel. Contact Joe Stehle: joestehle@gmail.com. |
| Wednesday Prayer Meetings 8:30-9:30 AM | Please join us for Scripture reading, adoration, thanksgiving, and sharing specific prayer requests. Held on Zoom at: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer . |
| Youth Group Biweekly Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM Greenfield Chapel | Youth Group will run from 9/10 to 12/3. 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. |
| Men's New Hope Bi-Weekly Wednesdays | A ministry for men struggling with various kinds of sexual sin where we practice accountability, scripture reading, and written work that helps to foster a greater understanding of the root of the particular problem. If you are interested in joining, you'll need to first meet with the group leader. Please contact joseph@cityreformed.org for more information |
| 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. |
| Ultimate Frisbee Thursdays | Ultimate frisbee group meets Thursday evenings. All skill levels are welcome! Contact Dan Toney (danielrtoney@gmail.com) for more information. |

College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- CMU: Chris Bollinger (cwbollinger@gmail.com)
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- RUF at Pitt: Gavin Breeden & Callie Miller (gavin.breeden@ruf.org, callie.miller@ruf.org)
- cityreformed.org/collegestudents

Community Groups meet for Bible study, fellowship, and service. Contact Elder Ben Chidester (ben@cityreformed.org) or visit our website at www.cityreformed.org/community-groups/

Sunday:

Fox Chapel A - Watson Barker
Fox Chapel B - Damon Claus
North Hills - David Bacon

Monday:

Forest Hills - Adam Schwab

Tuesday:

Bellevue/North Side - Joe Benscoter
Friendship - Michael Hilton
Morningside - James Lettow
Squirrel Hill - Ben Chidester

Wednesday:

Baldwin/Greenfield - Max Winters
Regent Square - Dave Snoke

Thursday:

Shadyside - Chris Bollinger
West Hills - Jon Dodd

Friday:

East Suburban - Joe Stehle

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