



Sunday Morning Communion Worship
August 3, 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 saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he also will deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself."

— II Timothy 2:11-13

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

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Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder David Bacon

Call to Worship: Revelation 4:1-3, 6b, 8

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

Leader After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."

People **At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne.**

Leader And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald...

People **And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind...**

Leader And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

People **"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"**

Prayer of Invocation

Holy Holy Holy

(Words: Reginald Heber 1826 & Music: John Bacchus Dykes 1823-76)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,
In earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy Forever

(Words & Music: Brian Johnson, Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson, and Phil Wickham)

A thousand generations
Falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

*Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all*

*And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever*

If you've been forgiven
And if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom
And if you bear his name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

*Hear your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever*

Call to Confession: Revelation 2:1, 3-5

To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands... I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, help us to love you. Not just to respect you or just to obey you but to love you. Help us to love your Word, to love your ways, and to love your character, high and holy yet also near and gracious to the broken and contrite in heart. We love you because you first loved us. Help us to see your love for us, which seeks us out, and your eternal goodness. Help us to love your people who represent you, though imperfectly, and to love our neighbors who are made in your image. We fail in love; send your Holy Spirit to give us life and love, obedience and rest in you. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 4:9-10

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

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).

O Come To The Altar

(Words & Music: Christopher Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, and Wade Joye 2015)

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

*O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: 1 Chronicles 28

"Do Not Forsake Your Father's God"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

David assembled at Jerusalem all the officials of Israel, the officials of the tribes, the officers of the divisions that served the king, the commanders of thousands, the commanders of hundreds, the stewards of all the property and livestock of the king and his sons, together with the palace officials, the mighty men and all the seasoned warriors. ²Then King David rose to his feet and said: "Hear me, my brothers and my people. I had it in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord and for the footstool of our God, and I made preparations for building. ³But God said to me, 'You may not build a house for my name, for you are a man of war and have shed blood.' ⁴Yet the Lord God of Israel chose me from all my father's house to be king over Israel forever. For he chose Judah as leader, and in the house of Judah my father's house, and among my father's sons he took pleasure in me to make me king over all Israel. ⁵And of all my sons (for the Lord has given me many sons) he has chosen Solomon my son to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the Lord over Israel. ⁶He said to me, 'It is Solomon your son who shall build my house and my courts, for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father. ⁷I will establish his kingdom forever if he continues strong in keeping my commandments and my rules, as he is today.' ⁸Now therefore in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of the Lord, and in the hearing of our God, observe and seek out all the commandments of the Lord your God, that you may possess this good land and leave it for an inheritance to your children after you forever.

⁹"And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father and

serve him with a whole heart and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches all hearts and understands every plan and thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will cast you off forever. ¹⁰Be careful now, for the Lord has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong and do it.”

¹¹Then David gave Solomon his son the plan of the vestibule of the temple, and of its houses, its treasuries, its upper rooms, and its inner chambers, and of the room for the mercy seat; ¹²and the plan of all that he had in mind for the courts of the house of the Lord, all the surrounding chambers, the treasuries of the house of God, and the treasuries for dedicated gifts; ¹³for the divisions of the priests and of the Levites, and all the work of the service in the house of the Lord; for all the vessels for the service in the house of the Lord, ¹⁴the weight of gold for all golden vessels for each service, the weight of silver vessels for each service, ¹⁵the weight of the golden lampstands and their lamps, the weight of gold for each lampstand and its lamps, the weight of silver for a lampstand and its lamps, according to the use of each lampstand in the service, ¹⁶the weight of gold for each table for the showbread, the silver for the silver tables, ¹⁷and pure gold for the forks, the basins and the cups; for the golden bowls and the weight of each; for the silver bowls and the weight of each; ¹⁸for the altar of incense made of refined gold, and its weight; also his plan for the golden chariot of the cherubim that spread their wings and covered the ark of the covenant of the Lord. ¹⁹“All this he made clear to me in writing from the hand of the Lord, all the work to be done according to the plan.”

²⁰Then David said to Solomon his son, “Be strong and courageous and do it. Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed, for the Lord God, even my God, is with you. He

will not leave you or forsake you, until all the work for the service of the house of the Lord is finished. ²¹And behold the divisions of the priests and the Levites for all the service of the house of God; and with you in all the work will be every willing man who has skill for any kind of service; also the officers and all the people will be wholly at your command.”

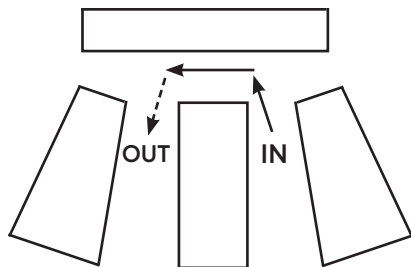
Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to 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.

Additional Scripture

1 Corinthians 10:12 / Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

1 Corinthians 3:15 / If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

Matthew 7:21 / "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."

Songs of Communion

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

(Words & Music: Stuart Townend 1995)

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no power no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from his reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

(Words: Isaac Watts 1707 & Music: Lowell Mason 1824)

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Promises

(Words & Music: Aaron Moses, Carrington Gaines, Dante Bowe, Keila Alvarado, and Lemuel Marin 2020)

God of Abraham
You're the God of covenant
Of faithful promises
Time and time again
You have proven
You do just what you say

Though the storms may come
And the winds may blow
I'll remain steadfast
And let my heart learn
When you speak a word
It will come to pass

*Great is your faithfulness to me
Great is your faithfulness to me
From the rising sun
To the setting same
I will praise your name
Great is your faithfulness to me*

God from age to age
Though the earth may pass away
Your Word remains the same
Your history can prove
There's nothing you can't do
You're faithful and true

I put my faith in Jesus
My anchor to the ground
My hope and firm foundation
He'll never let me down

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

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Elder Ben Chidester will be preaching from Psalm 127, "House Building 101."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>East Suburban Community Group Open Swim Friday, August 8 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM Haymaker Pool, 106 Penn Lear Drive</p>	<p>If you like to swim, or just sit around the pool and chat, bring your family and friends to a pool party. 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. Register by August 7 - https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3038057</p>
<p>In-Person Prayer Monday, August 11, 7 PM CRPC Chapel, 3929 Coleman St.</p>	<p>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@alexwatt.com for more info.</p>
<p>Women's Mentor Information Meeting Friday, August 15, 7-9 PM 955 LaClair Street, 15218</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Women's Ephesians Study End of Summer Get Together Saturday, August 31, 1 PM 300 Saline Street</p>	<p>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)</p>
<p>Pittsburgh Region International Student Ministry (PRISM) You can connect with a student!</p>	<p>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. Garage Giveaway is August 16 - please see Joe Stehle for details.</p>
<p>Children's Ministry Job Opening</p>	<p>The Children's Ministry has an opening to assist with weekly rhythms of administrative tasks and Sunday ministry. Email nameun@cityreformed.org to apply or for more information.</p>
<p>Youth Ministry Job Opening</p>	<p>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.</p>

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. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)
Global Missions Prayer: Monday @ 9:00 PM	We will be praying for Sonya Campbell and Sarah Gould this week on August 4th. 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	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. Current study: Psalms 31-60. Contact Lindsay Karr for more info: lindsay.karr@gmail.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 Michele Kloes, michele.kloes@gmail.com, for more info.

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*

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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