



Sunday Morning Worship
August 31, 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

"To know the will of God, we need an open Bible and an open map."

– William Carey

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
Winchester Thurston Auditorium
5059 Ellsworth Ave
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LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:30PM
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Presider: Elder Ben Chidester

Call to Worship: Revelation 5:1-2, 9-14

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

Leader Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?"...And they sang a new song, saying,

People "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Leader Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

People "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Leader 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,

People "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

Leader And the four living creatures said, "Amen!"

People And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Prayer of Invocation

O God of Our Salvation

(Words & Music: Michael Bleecker and Matt Boswell 2009)

O God of our salvation
Who reigns upon the throne
The sov'reign Father great is he
From whom all blessings flow

*O God of our salvation
From whom redemption comes
O Father Son and Spirit
The blessed Three in One*

Behold the Son our savior
Who for our sin was slain
The Christ Who purchased with his blood
The wretched souls of men

O God the Holy Spirit
Revealing deity
The fount of life and love divine
Throughout eternity

Now Behold The Lamb

(Words & Music: Kirk Franklin 1995)

Now behold the Lamb
The Precious Lamb of God
Born into sin that I may live again
The Precious Lamb of God

Holy is the Lamb
The Precious Lamb of God
Why you love me so
Lord I shall never know
The Precious Lamb of God

Thank you for the Lamb
The Precious Lamb of God
Because of your grace
I can finish this race
The Precious Lamb of God

Call to Confession: 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. § The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,* the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

§ Christ suffered God's wrath on the cross

* Universal church

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).

My Jesus I Love Thee

(Words: William Featherston 1864; Music: Adoniram Gordon 1876)

My Jesus I love Thee I know Thou art mine
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign
My gracious Redeemer my Savior art Thou
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

I'll love Thee in life I will love Thee in death
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

In mansions of glory and endless delight
I'll ever adore Thee with heaven so bright
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Acts 1:1-9

"Witnesses for King Jesus"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Ephesians 2:19-21 / So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

1 Peter 3:14-16 / But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

Notes

Songs of Thanksgiving

Send Me

(Brandon Lake, Jenn Johnson, and Kari Jobe 2020)

If it's bandaging the broken or washing filthy feet
Here I am Lord send me
If it's loving one another even when we don't agree
Here I am Lord send me

If I'm poor or if I'm wealthy I'll serve you just the same
Here I am Lord send me
On the mountain or the valley I will choose to praise
Here I am Lord send me

*If I'm known by how I love
Let my life reflect how much I love you,
I love you
And before you even ask
Oh my answer will be yes because I love you
I love you*

If the truth cuts like an arrow I will say it anyway
Here I am Lord send me
If it means that they'll reject me Lord I will still obey
Here I am Lord send me

When I'm standing in your glory I'll be glad I chose to say
Here I am Lord send me
Well done good and faithful I live to hear you say
Here I am Lord send me

O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing

(Words & Music: Charles Wesley 1739)

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
The humble poor believe.

To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n;
By saints below and saints above,
The church in earth and heav'n.

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Elder Dave Snoke will be preaching from Psalm 146 & 149, "The King of Power & Mercy"

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Women's Ephesians Study End of Summer Get Together TODAY, 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)
Men's Prayer Breakfast Saturday, October 11 9-10:30 AM	Mark your calendars! Men and young men of City Reformed are invited to the Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, October 11th, at 9:00 AM. Join us for food, fellowship, prayer, and a morning of connection. More details regarding our topic and our special guest speaker to follow soon.
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.
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 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 September 8. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)
Global Missions Prayer Monday @ 9:00 PM	We will be taking a break from the missions prayer meeting this week due to the holiday. We will resume September 8th.
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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