



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**September 21, 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](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

"We live by each other and for each other. Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much."

– Helen Keller

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM  
Winchester Thurston Auditorium  
5059 Ellsworth Ave  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
LIVESTREAM: [tinyurl.com/CRPCLive](http://tinyurl.com/CRPCLive)

### Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:30PM  
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# Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder David Bacon

## Call to Worship: Ephesians 2:13-14, 17-22

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

**Leader** But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

**People** For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one...

**Leader** And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

**People** For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

**Leader** So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

**People** Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,

**Leader** In whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

**People** In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

## Prayer of Invocation

## Rejoice

(Words & Music: Ben Shive, Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Skye Peterson 2022)

Rejoice in the Lord now and always,  
Sing it again, we rejoice  
Delight in the love he has shown us,  
Gratefully lift up your voice  
His gentleness among us  
Will join our hearts with praise  
We gather in his goodness,  
A family of grace

*With each breath he's given,  
Praise the Lord  
In these times we live in,  
We will praise the Lord  
Throughout ev'ry season, I am sure  
We have ev'ry reason  
To praise the Lord*

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing,  
Praying for all that you need  
Come with a song of thanksgiving,  
Lay your requests at his feet  
His peace will fall upon us  
To guard our hearts and minds  
In Christ, who reigns eternal,  
Shepherd of our lives

Rejoice in the Lord now and always,  
Tell of the good he has done  
Worship the Lord to remember,  
all of the joy yet to come  
The hope that burns within us,  
The dark cannot destroy  
With praise that's never ending,  
We say again rejoice

# Scripture Reading: Psalm 13

## What Wondrous Love Is This

*(Words: Anonymous Music: American Folk Southern Harmony)*

What wondrous love is this  
O my soul O my soul  
What wondrous love is this O my soul  
What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse  
For my soul for my soul  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

To God and to the Lamb  
I will sing I will sing  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing  
To God and to the Lamb  
Who is the Great I Am  
While millions join the theme  
I will sing I will sing  
While millions join the theme I will sing

And when from death I'm free  
I'll sing on I'll sing on  
And when from death I'm free I'll sing on  
And when from death I'm free  
I'll sing and joyful be  
And through eternity  
I'll sing on I'll sing on  
And through eternity I'll sing on

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I'll sing and joyful be  
And through eternity  
I'll sing on I'll sing on  
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## All I Have Is Christ

(Words & Music: Jordan Kauflin 2008)

*Hallelujah all I have is Christ  
Hallelujah Jesus is my life*

I once was lost in darkest night  
Yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life  
Had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that you would own  
A rebel to your will  
And if you had not loved me first  
I would refuse you still

But as I ran my hell-bound race  
Indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state  
And led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed  
You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me  
Now all I know is grace

Now Lord I would be yours alone  
And live so all might see  
The strength to follow your commands  
Could never come from me  
O Father use my ransomed life  
In any way you choose  
And let my song forever be  
My only boast is You

## **Call to Confession: Isaiah 53:6**

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Father, we have heard your voice speaking to us many times in your word. We have seen the greatness of your salvation in Christ for your people and for our own lives. But we confess that we have not always taken to heart your truth and your love. In our hearts we have questioned your ways and have many times chosen to go our own way. We have responded to your care with faithlessness and disobedience. We have scorned the promise of rest in your presence. Make us a people who respond to you with trust. Make us a people whose hearts remain close to you and who walk in loving obedience to you. Do these things by the power of your Holy Spirit working in us, and lead us by your Spirit into the rest we find only in your presence. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 2:9-10**

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## **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](http://cityreformed.org/give)) or sent via mail (3929 Coleman St., 15207).*

## Jesus I Come

*(Words: William Sleeper 1887; Music: Greg Thompson 2000)*

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light  
Jesus, I come to Thee,  
Out of my sickness into Thy health,  
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,  
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy blessed will to abide,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,  
Out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward forever on wings like a dove,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the joy and light of Thy home,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold,  
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.



# Pastoral Prayer

*At this time, children ages 4-6 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. Parents, please have your children meet the teachers at the back of the sanctuary and pick them up after the sermon from Children's Church in room 115.*

## Sermon: Philippians 1:1-7, 4:14-18

### "Partnership in Ministry"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

**P**aul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,  
To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with  
the overseers and deacons:

<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in  
every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy,  
<sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first  
day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that he who began a  
good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of  
Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about you all,  
because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with  
me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and  
confirmation of the gospel...

<sup>4:14</sup>...it was kind of you to share my trouble. <sup>15</sup>And you  
Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the  
gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into  
partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only.  
<sup>16</sup>Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once  
and again. <sup>17</sup>Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that  
increases to your credit. <sup>18</sup>I have received full payment, and  
more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus  
the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable  
and pleasing to God.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**      \_\_\_\_\_

## Additional Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 12 / Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good... For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

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## Congregational Response: Westminster Confession of Faith 26.1

**All saints are united to Jesus Christ their Head by his Spirit through faith, and have fellowship with him in his grace, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory. Being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obligated to the performance of such public and private duties as support their mutual good, both in the inward and outward person.**

# Songs of Thanksgiving

## The Church's One Foundation

*(Words: Samuel Stone & Music: Brian Moss)*

The church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is his new creation  
By water and the Word:  
From heav'n he came and sought her  
To be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her,  
And for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder  
Men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping,  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish!  
Her dear Lord to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish,  
Is with her to the end;  
Though there be those that hate her,  
And false sons in her pale,  
Against or foe or traitor  
She ever shall prevail.

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'Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious  
Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
In rest may dwell with thee.  
To receive all praise

## **This I Believe - Apostles' Creed**

*(Words & Music: Ben Fielding & Matt Crocker 2014)*

Our Father everlasting  
The All-Creating One, God Almighty  
Through your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Savior

*I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is Three in One  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

Our judge and our defender  
Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in you  
Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high

*I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the Virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

## **Benediction**

**At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Nameun Cho will be preaching from Genesis 1:1-2:3, "God as Creator" in our series on the Apostles' Creed.**

# Announcements

[www.cityreformed.org/events](http://www.cityreformed.org/events)

<b>Fall Gift Pickup</b> Children's Ministry Families	Any school-aged children who have not picked up a set of Bible tabs or "Entering His Presence" should come visit Miss Becki in the foyer after church this week or next week! Contact: <a href="mailto:becki@cityreformed.org">becki@cityreformed.org</a>
<b>Newcomers' Lounge</b> WT Cafeteria	Looking for a dedicated space to meet leaders in the church? For all new visitors, we invite you to the cafeteria for a time of coffee and refreshments!
<b>RUF at Pitt</b> Thursdays, 9 PM David Lawrence Hall, 104	RUF Large Group Worship and Bible Study is meeting on Thursdays in David Lawrence Hall Room 104 this semester at Pitt. All college students welcome!
<b>Women's Bible Study</b> Tuesdays 9:45 AM-11:45 AM Greenfield Chapel	Studying Revelation using Blessed: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Revelation by Nancy Guthrie. Contact Tracy ( <a href="mailto:partridge.ta@gmail.com">partridge.ta@gmail.com</a> ) or Luda ( <a href="mailto:luda.bates@gmail.com">luda.bates@gmail.com</a> ). Childcare provided.
<b>Children's Church Training</b> September 26, 7:30-9 PM, September 27, 9-10:30 AM	If you are a Children's Church teacher or are interested in learning about serving, please plan to join us for one of two identical training sessions! Both will be hosted at Coleman Street. Contact: <a href="mailto:becki@cityreformed.org">becki@cityreformed.org</a>
<b>Membership Class</b> October 3-4 300 Saline Street	Looking to learn more about our church and/or pursue formal membership? Consider attending our dual-session class at 300 Saline Street. Registration now open at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/y7re3vp7">https://tinyurl.com/y7re3vp7</a>
<b>Men's Prayer Breakfast</b> Saturday, October 11 9-10:30 AM 300 Saline Street	Men, and young men of City Reformed, please join us for a nourishing breakfast and a time of fellowship and spiritual reflection on our <i>Caring for One Another</i> teaching series! Registration is now open at the following link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/CRPCFall25PB">https://tinyurl.com/CRPCFall25PB</a>
<b>Pittsburgh Region International Student Ministry (PRISM)</b> 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 <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpc-prism25">https://tinyurl.com/crpc-prism25</a> . Talk to Bethany Beck or a Missions Committee member to learn more.
<b>Youth Ministry Job Opening</b>	The Youth Ministry is looking for a male candidate to engage in discipleship relationships with our male youth. Email <a href="mailto:nameun@cityreformed.org">nameun@cityreformed.org</a> to apply or for more information.

# Regular Events

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<b>College Shuttle</b> Sundays	<b>9:30AM - PPU:</b> 201 Wood St; Contact: Amy: amy@cityreformed.org <b>9:40AM - Duquesne University:</b> 1015 Forbes Ave; Contact: Nameun: nameun@cityreformed.org <b>9:55AM - PITT:</b> 4024 O'Hara St; Contact: Gavin: gavin.breeden@ruf.org
<b>Agora Forum</b> Biweekly Mondays, 7PM, 300 Saline Street	We discuss theology and popular culture topics from a Christian perspective. The next meeting is September 22. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)
<b>Global Missions Prayer</b> Mondays @ 9:00 PM	We will be praying for the Hannah Nation this week on September 22nd. Held on Zoom: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/CRPCglobalprayer2024">https://tinyurl.com/CRPCglobalprayer2024</a>
<b>Bean Sprouts</b> 3rd Wednesday 12:00 PM	The next Bean Sprouts meeting will be Wednesday, October 1st at noon in the Greenfield Chapel. Contact Joe Stehle: joestehle@gmail.com.
<b>Wednesday Prayer Meetings</b> 8:30-9:30 AM	Please join us for Scripture reading, adoration, thanksgiving, and sharing prayer requests. Held on Zoom at: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer</a> .
<b>Youth Group</b> Biweekly Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM Greenfield Chapel	This is an opportunity for our MS & HS students to connect with God through His Word & with one another through games, Bible teaching, discussion, & prayer. Our next gathering is September 24th!
<b>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group</b> Biweekly Wednesdays, 7:00 PM	Meets on the North Side. Current study: Psalms 31-60. Contact Lindsay Karr for more info: <a href="mailto:lindsay.karr@gmail.com">lindsay.karr@gmail.com</a> .
<b>Men's New Hope</b> Bi-Weekly Wednesdays	A ministry for men struggling with various kinds of sexual sin where we practice accountability, scripture reading, and book work. If you are interested in joining, you'll need to first meet with the group leader. Please contact <a href="mailto:joseph@cityreformed.org">joseph@cityreformed.org</a> for more information.
<b>Thursday Women's Bible Study</b> 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
<b>Young Adults Fellowship</b>	Young Adults Fellowship is a monthly time of fellowship, food, and connection for young adults at City. Contact Michele Kloes, <a href="mailto:michele.kloes@gmail.com">michele.kloes@gmail.com</a> , for more info.
<b>Ultimate Frisbee</b> Thursdays	Ultimate frisbee group meets Thursday evenings. All skill levels are welcome! Contact Dan Toney ( <a href="mailto:danielrtoney@gmail.com">danielrtoney@gmail.com</a> ) for more information.

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- [cityreformed.org/collegestudents](http://cityreformed.org/collegestudents)

**Community Groups** meet for Bible study, fellowship, and service. Contact Elder Ben Chidester ([ben@cityreformed.org](mailto:ben@cityreformed.org)) or visit our website at [www.cityreformed.org/community-groups/](http://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  
Morningside - James Lettow

**Tuesday:**

Shaler - Dan Toney  
Bellevue/North Side - Joe Benscoter  
Squirrel Hill - Ben Chidester

**Wednesday:**

Friendship - Michael Hilton  
Greenfield - Max Winters  
Regent Square - Dave Snoke

**Thursday:**

Shadyside - Chris Bollinger  
West Hills - Jon Dodd

**Friday:**

East Suburban - Joe Stehle

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