



Sunday Morning Worship
September 28, 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

"Those who serve Christ in whatever venue often have to defy their own self-interest. Sometimes they do so in small ways, but at other times the wars are large... It is because of God's holy-love that people do these kinds of things."

– David Well, *"God in the Whirlwind: How the Holy-love of God Reorients Our World"*

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

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

Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:30PM
Greenfield Chapel
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Online: Church Center App (Give)
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Church)

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Information:



Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Dave Snoke

Call to Worship: Romans 5:1-4

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

Leader Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

People Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Leader Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

People And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Prayer of Invocation

Rising Sun

(Words & Music: Leslie Jordan, Kyle Lee, and David Leonard 2012)

Praise him all you sinners
Sing oh sing you weary
Oh praise him all you children of God

We lift high his glory
Shown throughout our stories
We praise him as the children of God

*Our great Redeemer glorious Savior
Your name is higher than the rising sun
Light of the morning you shine forever
Your name is higher than the rising sun
Jesus you're greater than the rising sun*

Praise his name forever
Speak it loud and clear now
Oh praise him all you children of God

Psalm 19 - Glory Glory

(Words & Music: Jenna Knepper, Luke Bennett, Sarah Sassman, Sam Hogue 2024)

Your word authors glory
The seas tell your story
All the earth joins in crying out

*Glory glory calls out creation
Worthy worthy, voiceless they're singing
Holy holy holy we cry out*

Your world, woven splendor
Bestowed to sons and daughters
Day to day, night to night proclaim

Rocks cry out, seas will roar
The voice of God in the thunder's roll
Rocks cry out, seas will roar
The voice of God in the thunder's roll
We join now with creations song
The bridegroom comes to bring us home

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy we cry out

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:25–34

For The Beauty Of The Earth

(Words: Folliott Pierpoint 1864; Music: Conrad Kocher 1838)

For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies

*Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise*

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light

For the joy of human love
Brother sister parent child
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild

For Thy church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above
Offering up on ev'ry shore
Her pure sacrifice of love

For Thyself best gift divine
To the world so freely giv'n
For that great great love of Thine
Peace on earth and joy in heav'n

Call to Confession: Romans 3:22-25a

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

Prayer of Confession:

Heavenly Father, we confess that we love far too little. We want people to affirm us, but we offer mere idle praise to others, not valuing all people as immortals made in the image of God. We want to win in the game of life, doing better than others in one type of success or another, whether in the affirmation of family, job, or cultural experiences; we want to use others so that we can gain control and so that we can be comfortable and at ease. Open our eyes to see people whom Christ died for and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We thank you that your love for us is everlasting and unchanging, and that you can fill us with your Holy Spirit to truly love others who are sinners like us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:8-10

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

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).

Jesus Lover of My Soul

(Words: Charles Wesley 1740 Music: Greg Thompson 2000)

Jesus lover of my soul
Let me to Thy bosom fly
While the nearer waters roll
While the tempest still is high
Hide me O my Savior hide
Till the storm is past
Safe into the haven guide
Receive my soul at last

Other refuge have I none
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee
Leave ah leave me not alone
Still support and comfort me
All my trust on Thee is stayed
Help from Thee I bring
Cover my defenseless head
The shadow of Thy wing

Thou O Christ art all I want
More than all in Thee I find
Raise the fallen cheer the faint
Heal the sick and lead the blind
Just and holy is Thy name
I am all unrighteousness
False and full of sin I am
Thou full of truth and grace

Plenteous grace with Thee is found
Grace to cover all my sin
Let the healing streams abound
Make and keep me pure within
Thou of life the fountain art
Let me take of Thee
Spring Thou up within my heart
To all eternity

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 1:3-11

"Paul Prays for Love"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And 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. ⁷It 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. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

1 Corinthians 13:13 / So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Notes

Songs of Thanksgiving

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

(Words: Charles Wesley 1747; Music: Lowell Mason 1839)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled chest!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest.
Take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver;
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
Till with heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

(Music: Daniel Snoke 2021)

Our Father in heaven
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come
Your will be done
On earth as in heaven

*Give to us today the bread that we need
Forgive us our debts as we forgive
Lead us not into temptation we pray
Deliver us from the evil one*

*For the kingdom power glory are yours
Forever amen forever amen
For the kingdom power glory are yours
Forever amen forever amen*

Lord hear our prayer
Lead us in love for
Yours is the name above all names

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Elder Dave Snoke will be preaching from Philippians 2:5-11, Acts 4:10-12, & John 14:5-10, "Is Jesus the Only Savior?" in our series on the Apostles' Creed.

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Fall Gift Pickup 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: becki@cityreformed.org
Newcomers' Lounge 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!
RUF at Pitt 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!
Women's Bible Study 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 (partridge.ta@gmail.com) or Luda (luda.bates@gmail.com). Childcare provided.
Membership Class 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 https://tinyurl.com/y7re3vp7
Men's Prayer Breakfast 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: https://tinyurl.com/CRPCFall25PB
Missions Dinner Save the Date! Saturday, November 1 6:00-8:00 PM	Enjoy this potluck meal as we hear stories about how the good news of Jesus is spreading to every cultural group. We will hear about cross-cultural work in our backyard (PRISM) and across the world (including North Africa and Ethiopia), and discuss ways to support our partners. We hope you can come!
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

www.cityreformed.org/events

College Shuttle Sundays	9:30AM - PPU: 201 Wood St; Contact: Amy: amy@cityreformed.org 9:40AM - Duquesne University: 1015 Forbes Ave; Contact: Nameun: nameun@cityreformed.org 9:55AM - PITT: 4024 O'Hara St; Contact: Gavin: gavin.breeden@ruf.org
Agora Forum Biweekly Mondays, 7PM, 300 Saline Street	We discuss theology and popular culture topics from a Christian perspective. The next meeting is October 6th. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)
Global Missions Prayer Mondays @ 9:00 PM	We will be praying for the Andrew and Amy this week on September 29th. Held on Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/CRPCglobalprayer2024
Bean Sprouts 3rd Wednesday 12:00 PM	The next Bean Sprouts meeting will be Wednesday, October 15th 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 prayer requests. Held on Zoom at: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer .
Youth Group 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 October 8th!
Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group Biweekly 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 book work. 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.

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All scripture verses are the English Standard Version (ESV), unless otherwise noted.

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- 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
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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