



Sunday Morning Communion Worship
September 7, 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

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

– *Jesus' High Priestly Prayer (John 17:20-21)*

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: Reverend Nameun Cho

Call to Worship: Ephesians 4:1-7

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

Leader I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,

People **Eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

Leader There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—

People **One Lord, one faith, one baptism,**

Leader One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

People **But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.**

Prayer of Invocation

Behold Our God

(Words & Music: Jonathan, Meghan, & Ryan Beird, & Stephen Altrogge 2011)

Who has held the oceans in his hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

*Behold our God, seated on his throne
Come, let us adore him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come, let us adore him!*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

You will reign forever!
Let your glory fill the earth
You will reign forever!
Let your glory fill the earth
You will reign forever!
Let your glory fill the earth
You will reign forever!
Let your glory fill the earth

Lord I Need You

(Words & Music: Daniel Carson, Matt Maher, Christy Nockels, and Jesse Reeves 2011)

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

*Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You*

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Call to Confession: James 5:16

Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

Prayer of Confession:

God of glory and love, You have loved us from the beginning with a vast and boundless love. You and the Son have called us to love one another as you have loved us, but we confess before you our complete unwillingness to obey this command. Forgive us, Father.

Jesus, we thank you that we can have confidence before the Father because your blood has purified us from our sin. You took on our humanity and loved others on our behalf, forgiving and confronting people around you with sacrificial and generous compassion. Thank you, Jesus, for your shining goodness that dresses us in glory to stand before the King.

Holy Spirit, we need your strength and help to survive our many failures to love others every day. Convict us of our selfishness and pride, and soften our hearts to cherish and love one another. Lead us to see the cross more clearly and more often, where the power of your love is openly displayed, where our sin is crushed and destroyed, and where our names are written in the wounds of our crucified Savior. We come in his name, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 2 Corinthians 13:11

Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

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).

Heal Us Emmanuel

(Lyrics: William Cowper 1779 & Music: Kevin Twit, Lucas Morton 2015)

*Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are
We long to feel Thy touch
Deep wounded souls to Thee we fly
O Savior hear our cry*

Our faith is feeble, we confess
We faintly trust Thy word
But will You pity us the less?
Be that far from You Lord!

Remember him who once applied
With trembling for relief
"Lord, I believe," with tears he cried
"O help my unbelief!"

She, too, who touched you in the press
And healing virtue stole
Was answered, "Daughter, go in peace
Thy faith has made you whole."

Like her, with hopes and fears we come
To touch You if we may
O send us not despairing home
Send none unhealed away

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Acts 2:29-47

"Witnesses in Community"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

“**B**rothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand,

³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.”

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he

bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

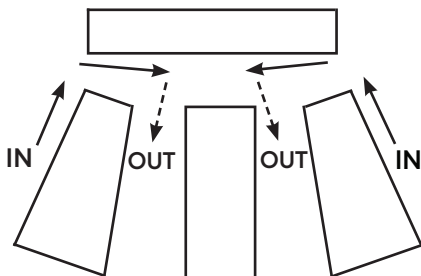
Ephesians 2:19-22 / So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Ephesians 4:15-16 / Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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.

Songs of Communion

For All the Saints

(Words: William W. How 1864; Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

For all the saints,
Who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith
Before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus,
Be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Allelu

Thou wast their rock,
Their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain
In the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness
Drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Allelu

O blest communion,
Fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle,
They in glory shine;
Yet all are one in
Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia, Allelu

The golden evening
Brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful
Warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm
Of paradise the blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia

But lo! There breaks
A yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant
Rise in bright array;
The King of glory
Passes on his way,
Alleluia, Allelu

From earth's wide bounds,
From ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl
Streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, Alleluia

King of Kings

(Words & Music: Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, Scott Ligertwood 2018)

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from heaven you came running
There was mercy in your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father praise the Son
Praise the Spirit Three in One
God of Glory majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake you died

And the morning that you rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By his blood and in his name
In his freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

(Words & Music: Sandra McCracken 2015)

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

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.

(repeat)

Amen

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Matt Koerber will be preaching from Psalm 103, "Psalm 103 Revisited."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Welcome Picnic/CG Fair TODAY 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. 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
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 the book and video series by Nancy Guthrie: Blessed: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Revelation. Contact Tracy (partridge.ta@gmail.com) or Luda (luda.bates@gmail.com). Childcare provided.
Women's Brunch Saturday, September 20 10-12:00 PM 300 Saline Street	Come hear women reflect on the ways that God has created them in Christ Jesus for good works (Eph 2:10). We are especially eager to include college women! Register at https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3133250h . Contact Amanda (mooreae1@gmail.com)
Tie-Dye/Backyard Bonfire (MS & HS) Saturday, September 20 6:30 PM-8:30 PM	All MS and HS students are invited to join us for food and fellowship at the McMillan's house! We will provide one t-shirt to tie-dye per student, but students can bring additional clothing to dye. See you there!
Membership Class Save the Date! October 3-4	Looking to learn more about our church and/or pursue formal membership? Consider attending our dual-session class at 300 Saline Street.
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.

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

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 praying for Adrienne Willhoft this week on September 8th. 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 resume this Wednesday (September 10th)! 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. Hope you will join us!
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 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, and Abbay Kocsis (gavin.breeden@ruf.org, callie.miller@ruf.org, abbay.kocsis@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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