



Sunday Morning Worship
October 12, 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

"Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands!"

– Psalm 90:17

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM

Winchester Thurston Auditorium

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Welcome
Information:



Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:30PM

Greenfield Chapel

3929 Coleman Street

Pittsburgh, PA 15207

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Church)

Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Craig Kozminski

Call to Worship: Psalm 30:1-5, 11-12

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

Leader I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

People O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

Leader O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

People Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

Leader For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

People Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning...

Leader You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

People O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 19 - Glory Glory

(Jenna Bennett, Luke Bennett, Sarah Sassaman, 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 creation's song
The bridegroom comes to bring us home

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

Scripture Reading: Psalm 90:1–4

Be Unto Your Name

(Words & Music: Gary Sadler and Lynn DeShazo 1998)

We are a moment you are forever
Lord of the ages God before time
We are a vapor you are eternal
Love everlasting reigning on high

*Holy holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Highest praises honor and glory
Be unto your name
Be unto your name*

We are the broken you are the healer
Jesus Redeemer mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before you blessing your name

Solid Rock (My Hope Is Built)

(Words: Edward Mote 1834; Music: William Batchelder Bradbury 1863)

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

When darkness veils his lovely face
I rest on his unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

His oath his covenant his blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

When he shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in him be found
Dressed in his righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

Call to Confession: Psalm 30:8, 10

To you, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy: ... Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!"

Prayer of Confession:

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, prone to evil and lazy in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. But you, O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for everything in which we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our sins; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins, for the sake of your dear Son. And most holy and loving Father, help us, we ask you, to live in your light and walk in your ways according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 2:10, 5:10-11

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...

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Missions Moment:

Ethiopia Team Sendoff - Tracy Partridge & Olivia Martin

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).

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

(Words: Thomas Obediah Chisholm; Music: William Marion Runyan 1923)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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 1:21-30

"Fruitful Labor"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Creedal Response: WCF 16:2

These good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and living faith. By them believers:

- make known their thankfulness,
- strengthen their assurance,
- edify their brethren,
- adorn the profession of the Gospel,
- stop the mouths of the adversaries,
- and glorify God, whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus for good works, so that, having their fruit to holiness, they may have the goal, eternal life.

Notes

Songs of Thanksgiving

Your Labor Is Not in Vain

(Words & Music: Isaac Wardell, Paul Zach, & Wendell Kimbrough 2017)

Your labor is not in vain
Though the ground underneath you
Is cursed and stained
Your planting and reaping are never the same
But your labor is not in vain

Your labor is not unknown
Though the rocks they cry out
And the sea it may groan
The place of your toil may not seem like a home
But your labor is not unknown

*For I am with you I am with you
I am with you I am with you
For I have called you
Called you by name
Your labor is not in vain*

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit
The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth
For all that is old will at last be made new
The vineyards you plant will bear fruit

The houses you labor to build
Will finally with laughter and joy be filled
The serpent that hurts and destroys will be killed
And all that is broken be healed

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

(Words: Samuel Stennett 1787; Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land!

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Nameun Cho will be preaching from John 18:28-19:16, "He Suffered Under Pontius Pilate" in our series on the Apostles' Creed.

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

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.
CRPC Annual Hayride Gearhard Farms Saturday, October 25 3:00-5:00 PM	Join us for our annual fellowship event at Gearhard Farms in Murrys ville! It will be a sweet time of gathering, snacking and singing, culminating with a fun hayride and corn maze activity. We are asking for a \$5 donation if you can attend (\$20 for a family). Looking forward to celebrating this season with you! Register and fill out waivers at https://tinyurl.com/CRPC2025Hayride
Missions Dinner 300 Saline Street 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. Sign up here: https://tinyurl.com/missionspotluck
Mentor Lunch Sunday, November 2 Winchester Thurston	Women of all ages are invited to the annual mentor lunch after morning worship. Come enjoy fellowship, soup and desserts and hear testimonies of the Lord's faithfulness through the relationships of our mentors and mentees. Contact Sandy at scsnoke@comcast.net
Shepherd's Heart Clothing Drive Sunday, November 9 Winchester Thurston	CRPC is partnering with Shepherd's Heart Fellowship for a clothing drive this fall to benefit homeless veterans. Please bring any lightly used clothes, especially winter clothing items, to church 11/9.
Thanksgiving Dinner RMU Dome, Coraopolis Saturday, November 15	Mark your calendars for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner! Bring food to share as we reflect and give thanks to our God while feasting with one another.
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 9:40AM - 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 13th. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)
Global Missions Prayer Mondays @ 9:00 PM	We will have open prayer this week on October 13th. 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 22nd!
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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