



Sunday Evening Communion Service
October 19, 2025

"If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead."

- Timothy Keller, The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism

Evening Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Elder Joe Stehle

Call to Worship: Psalm 16:1-11

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

Leader Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD,
"You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

People **As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight. The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.**

Leader The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

People **I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Leader Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

People **You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Prayer of Invocation

Crown Him With Many Crowns

#295

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love;
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace;
Whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end;
And round his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

I Need Thee Every Hour

#674

I need thee ev'ry hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like thine
Can peace afford.

*I need thee, O I need thee,
Ev'ry hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to thee.*

I need thee ev'ry hour;
Stay thou near by;
Temptations lose their pow'r
When thou art nigh.

I need thee ev'ry hour,
In joy or pain;
Come quickly, and abide,
Or life is vain.

I need thee ev'ry hour;
Teach me thy will,
And thy rich promises
In me fulfil.

I need thee ev'ry hour,
Most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed,
Thou blessed Son.

Call to Confession: 1 Corinthians 15:15

We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious heavenly Father, you tell us that we cannot inherit the kingdom of God if we are earthly and unspiritual, yet we confess the many ways we live our lives neglecting your heavenly kingdom. The pleasures of this world pull us in; too much time wasted on social media, hobbies that distract us from godly pursuits, and worldly enticements like money and status. The love of these things are the roots of all kinds of evil. We confess our sins to you, and ask for your help. Reorder our loves that your kingdom may come first in our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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. Please direct giving online or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207)

The Lord's My Shepherd I'll Not Want (Psalm 23) #87

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill,
For thou art with me; and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me:
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.

Scripture & Homily: 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

"The Resurrection"

- Reverend Joseph Bianco

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Notes

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.

Please join us in song as we celebrate Christ dwelling with his church in the sacrament of communion.

Songs of Communion

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today #277

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise: Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

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Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!
Hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

Doxology

#731

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

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 Murrysville! 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.