



Sunday Morning Worship
October 26, 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

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

– Matthew 5:16

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM

Winchester Thurston Auditorium
5059 Ellsworth Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

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Welcome
Information:



Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:30PM

Greenfield Chapel
3929 Coleman Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15207

Donations

Online: Church Center App (Give)
OR cityreformed.org/give

Mail: Church Office address above "Attn:
Bookkeeper" (please make checks
payable to City Reformed Presbyterian
Church)

Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

Call to Worship: 2 Corinthians 3:17-4:2,5-6

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

Leader Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

People And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.

Leader For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

People Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart.

Leader But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways.

People We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

Leader For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

People For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 34 | Taste and See

(Words & Music: Joe Rigney & Shane Barnard 2015)

I sought the Lord and He answered me
And delivered me from ev'ry fear
Those who look on Him are radiant
They'll never be ashamed
They'll never be ashamed

This poor man cried and the Lord heard me
And saved me from my enemies
The Son of God surrounds His saints
He will deliver them
He will deliver them

*Magnify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name together
Glorify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name forever*

O taste and see that the Lord is good
O blessed is he who hides in Him
O fear the Lord O all you saints
He'll give you ev'rything
He'll give you ev'rything

Let us bless the Lord
Ev'ry day and night
Never ending praise
May our incense rise

Scripture Reading: Psalm 27:1-6

Psalm 27 | The Everlasting

(Words & Music: Fellowship Church 2010)

The Lord is my light and salvation
Whom shall I fear of whom shall I be afraid
The Lord is the strength of my life
Whom shall I fear of whom shall I be afraid

I will wait for you I will wait for you
I will wait for you I will wait for you

I will remain confident in this
I will see the goodness of the Lord
I will remain confident in this
I will see the goodness of the Lord

We set our hope on You
We set our hope on Your love
We set our hope on the Lord
Who is the everlasting God
You are the everlasting God

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

Call to Confession: 1 John 1:6-7

If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Prayer of Confession:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Baptism: Roman James Roberge, son of Andrew and Rachel

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).

Come Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted

(Words: Joseph Swain 1785; Music: Kevin Twit 2013)

Come ye souls by sin afflicted
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down
By the broken law convicted
Through the cross behold the crown
Look to Jesus, look to Jesus
Look to Jesus mercy flows through him alone

Take his easy yoke and wear it;
Love will make your obedience sweet
Christ will give you strength to bear it
While his grace shall guide your feet
Safe to glory, safe to glory
Safe to glory where his ransomed captives meet

Blessèd are the eyes that see him
Blest the ears that hear his voice
Blessèd are the souls that trust him
And in him alone rejoice
His commandments, his commandments
His commandments then become their happy choice

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary
Light to newly opened eyes
Like full springs in deserts dreary
Is the rest the cross supplies
All who taste it, all who taste it
All who taste it shall to rest immortal rise

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 2:12-18

"God's Work and Our Work"

- Reverend Gavin Breedon

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

Philippians 1:6 / 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.

2 Corinthians 4:6 / For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Notes

Songs of Thanksgiving

Living Stones | 1 Peter 2:1-12

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke 2019)

May you keep your actions noble
May your neighbors see your love
When they speak about your failure
May they see your deeds and give God glory

*For you, you have been chosen
To be God's holy people
That he builds into his house like living stones
Full of the Spirit
And you, you have been chosen
To be God's holy people
That he builds into his house like living stones
Full of the Spirit of peace*

If you've seen that God is precious
If you've tasted that he's good
If you struggle with your passion
Come to rest your soul as God's beloved

Come to him, the stone rejected
Come to him and give your life
Put away your sin and slander
Come to Christ the Living Stone of Zion

His mercy calls you
From darkness into his glory
The day of the Lord will come

His Glory And My Good

(Words & Music: Ben Fielding, Jonny Robinson, and Rich Thompson 2024)

I have seen my Father's glory revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold him the more he satisfies
When I gaze upon his beauty, when I see him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward for his glory and my good

There is hope in every trial for I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards him and help me bear the thorn
So in faith I follow Jesus on the road not understood
For I know that he is working for his glory and my good

*To our God be the glory to our God be praise
He alone, the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know his glory is my good*

See the open arms of Jesus upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me it was nailed into the wood
Yes I know that he has saved me for his glory and my good

Would I gladly be made nothing that Christ would be made more
Would I seek the only kingdom that far outweighs them all
I will stand before my Father where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy my heart shall praise him for his glory and my good

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Elder Dave Snoke will be preaching from Acts 1:6-11 & 1 Corinthians 15:12-19,25-28,50-55 "Jesus our Eternal Human King" in our series on the Apostle's Creed.

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Informational Meeting Today WT Auditorium	After a brief time of fellowship, we will be hosting an informational meeting regarding our new building and upcoming capital campaign. Zoom link available here: http://tinyurl.com/crpcinfomtq
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.
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 scsnok@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.

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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 9:40AM - 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. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)
Global Missions Prayer Mondays @ 9:00 PM	We will be praying for Jon & Beka in North Africa Oct 27th. Held on Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/CRPCglobalprayer2024
Bean Sprouts 3rd Wednesday 12:00 PM	The next Bean Sprouts meeting will be Wednesday, November 19th 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 November 3rd!
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 Growing Older and Wiser 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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- 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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