



Sunday Morning Worship
November 23, 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

"And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?' But when he heard it, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.'"

– Matthew 9:11-12

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

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Church)

Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Craig Kozminski

Call to Worship: 1 Corinthians 1:21, 25, 27-29

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

Leader For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know
God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of
what we preach to save those who believe...

People **For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the
weakness of God is stronger than men...**

Leader But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise;

People **God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;**

Leader God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things
that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,

People **So that no human being might boast in the presence of God.**

Leader And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to
us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and
redemption,

People **So that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the
Lord."**

Prayer of Invocation

All I Have Is Christ

(Words & Music: Jordan Kauflin 2008)

*Hallelujah all I have is Christ
Hallelujah Jesus is my life*

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that you would own
A rebel to your will
And if you had not loved me first
I would refuse you still

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

Now Lord I would be yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow your commands
Could never come from me
O Father use my ransomed life
In any way you choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

Behold Him

(Words & Music: Mitch Wong & Paul Baloche 2019)

He who was before there was light
Walked across the pages of time
He who made every living thing
Behold him
He who heard humanity's cry
Left his throne to wake as a child
He became like the least of us
Behold him

*Jesus Son of God Messiah
The Lamb the roaring Lion
Oh be still and behold Him
Jesus Alpha and Omega
Our God the risen Savior
Oh be still and behold him*

He who dined with sinners and saints
Healed the blind the lost and the lame
Even now he is in our midst
Behold him
He who chose a criminal's end
Paid with blood to settle our debt
Buried death as He rose to life
Behold him

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Worthy worthy worthy
To receive all praise

Call to Confession: 1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we confess not only that we sin, but that we are sinners. Our hearts stray far from you; we love self-indulgence and we run after the world's honors. We belong to a society in which some sins are so common that they seem natural to us. We are without hope except for your sovereign mercy.

We trust fully in that saving mercy. We pray that you would fill us with your Spirit, change our hearts to have greater faith in you, more love for you and for other people, and a passion for your kingdom and your law. Make us into a people who are followers of Jesus, weak in ourselves but strong in Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Timothy 1:16-17

But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Membership Vows & Testimony: Josh Cuozzo

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).

His Mercy Is More

(Words & Music: Matt Boswell & Matt Papa 2016)

Praise the Lord

His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness new every morn

Our sins they are many his mercy is more

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing he counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many his mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment his life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many his mercy is more

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 3:1-11

"Success as a Barrier to Christ"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

²Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. ³For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

1 Corinthians 1:25-27 / For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q30. How does the Spirit apply the redemption purchased by Christ to us?

A. The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ by creating faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

Q32. What benefits do those who are effectually called partake of in this life?

A. Those who are effectually called partake in this life of justification, adoption and sanctification, and the various benefits which either accompany or flow from them in this life.

Notes

Songs of Thanksgiving

What the Lord Has Done in Me

(Words & Music: Reuben Morgan 1998)

*Hosanna hosanna
To the Lamb that was slain
Hosanna hosanna
Jesus died and rose again*

Let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Let the blind say I can see
It's what the Lord has done in me

Into the river I will wade
There my sins are washed away
From the heaven's mercy stream
Of the Savior's love for me

I will rise from waters deep
Into the saving arms of God
I will sing salvation songs
Jesus Christ has set me free

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

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Elder Ben Chidester will be preaching from Romans 8:1-11 "Making Christ's Redemption My Own" in our series on the Apostle's Creed.

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Saline St. Informational Meeting TODAY, after service	Immediately after the service, updates will be provided regarding the 300 Saline St. building. All are welcome, members are encouraged to attend. A Zoom option will be available at tinyurl.com/crpcinfomtg2
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.
Christmas Parade December 5, 7PM 3929 Coleman St	Greenfield hosts a Christmas Parade every 1st Friday in December. Join us as we welcome folks into our building immediately following the parade for hot chocolate, Christmas crafts and singing Christmas carols.
RUF at Pitt Christmas Party Food Request December 5	Help us to celebrate the Christmas season and the (almost) end of the semester! Food can be dropped off at the Church of the Ascension (4729 Ellsworth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213) 6pm - 6:45pm, Friday Dec 5, or coordinated elsewhere/time if needed. Sign up here: https://tinyurl.com/rufchristmas2025 Contact Gavin Breeden (gavin.breeden@ruf.org) or Abby Kocsis (abby.kocsis@ruf.org) with questions! Thank you!
Women's Christmas Wreath Making December 6, 10AM-12PM 300 Saline St	Feel free to bring a snack or treat to share, drinks will be provided. The cost per wreath is \$20. You do not need to make a wreath to attend. Register on Planning Center by Nov 23 (https://tinyurl.com/CRPC2025Wreath). Contact Linda (lindaskep@gmail.com)
Young Adult Women's Christmas Party Friday, December 12 7 PM Rebecca Pollard's House (Shadyside)	Young adult women are invited to a Christmas gathering with food, song, and a white elephant gift exchange (\$10 limit for gifts). Please consider bringing an appetizer or dessert to share if you're able. RSVP to Lindsay (lindsay.karr@gmail.com) and Michele (michele.kloes@gmail.com).
Youth Ministry Christmas Party December 17 6:30PM-8:30PM Greenfield Chapel	All MS and HS students to join us for Christmas-themed games and white elephant gift exchange! There is a \$10 limit on gifts, but we also encourage saving the \$10 by creatively regifting a present. Be sure to wrap your gift before arriving!

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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 **No shuttle service: 11/30, 12/21-1/4 due to holidays
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 Jonathan and Vicky this week on November 24th. Held on Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/CRPCglobalprayer2024
Bean Sprouts 3rd Wednesday 12:00 PM	The next Bean Sprouts meeting will be Wednesday, December 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 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 December 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)
- CCO at PPU: Matt Koerber (pastormatt@cityreformed.org)
- 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
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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