



Palm Sunday Morning Worship
March 24, 2024

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

"So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

—The Apostle Paul, First Letter to the Corinthian Church

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: Reverend Joseph Bianco

Call to Worship: 1 John 4:7-14

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

Leader Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

People **Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.**

Leader In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

People **In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

Leader Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

People **No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.**

Leader By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

People **And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.**

Prayer of Invocation

O The Deep Deep Love of Jesus

(Words: Samuel T. Francis 1800's; Music: Thomas J. Williams 1890)

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless free.
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love.
Leading onward, leading homeward,
To thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread His praise from shore to shore.
How He loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, never more.
How he watches o'er his loved ones,
Died to call them all his own.
How for them he intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of every love the best.
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me.
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to thee.

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:3–14

All Sufficient Merit

(Words & Music: Bethany Barnard, Bryan Fowler, and Shane Barnard 2023)

All sufficient merit shining like the sun
A fortune I inherit by no work I have done
My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior's cross
Where all sufficient merit did what I could not

In love He condescended eternal now in time
A life without a blemish the Maker made to die
The law could never save us our lawlessness had won
Until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally come

*It is done it is finished
No more debt I owe
Paid in full all sufficient
Merit now my own*

I lay down my garments any empty boast
Good works now all corrupted by the sinful host
I'm dressed in my Lord Jesus a crimson robe made white
No more fear of judgment His righteousness is mine

All sufficient merit firm in life and death
The joy of my salvation shall be my final breath
When I stand accepted before the throne of God
I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank Him for the cross
Yes I'll thank Him for the cross

Hosanna

(Words & Music: Israel Houghton, Sidney Mohede, and M. Sidney 2010)

Hosanna, in the highest
Let our King be lifted up
Hosanna

Be lifted higher, higher
Be lifted higher
Jesus you be lifted higher, higher

Call to Confession: John 15:12

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, You are the lover of the loveless. You give grace to the selfish and extend mercy to the rebellious. We confess our hearts are often cold. We know that Jesus called us to love you with our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We confess that we fall short of this. Forgive us and help us. Help us to see Jesus – that we may encounter his love and compassion. Help us to see our sin - that we may cry out for your mercy. Help us to see your glory – that we may give our lives to you. Rekindle love in our hearts. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:6-8

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Womens Ministry Council: *Installation of Amanda Moore as Women's Ministry Council Member*

Questions to Women's Ministry Council Member

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Are you fully acquainted with the purpose of the ministry to which you have been elected?
3. Do you promise to faithfully perform all the duties of this ministry, as unto the Lord?
4. Will you support the other council members, the goals and the activities of our Women's Ministry with your presence, your prayers, and your physical and mental energies?

Questions to the Congregation

1. Do you gratefully acknowledge the willingness of this woman to serve you and City Reformed Presbyterian Church in their elected capacities?
2. Will you support this member of the Women's Ministry Council with your cooperation, encouraging words, and prayers?

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Please take a moment during the brief interlude to fill out your Care Card to submit prayer requests and reflections of gratitude. 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).

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

(Words & Music: Stuart Townend 1995)

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no power no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from his reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

Pastoral Prayer

At this time, children ages 4-7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. Please pick them up after the sermon from Children's Church.

Sermon: Philippians 1:3-11 **"Paul's Prayer for Abundant Love"**

- Reverend Matt Koerber

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And 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. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

Romans 5:5 / ...and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Galatians 5:22-23 / But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Scriptural Response: John 3:16

People For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart

(Words: George Croly 1854; Music: Daniel Snoko 2020)

Spirit of God descend upon my heart
Wean it from sin through all its pulses move
Stoop to my weakness mighty as Thou art
Make me to love Thee as I ought to love
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

I ask no dream no prophet ecstasies
No sudden rending of the veil of clay
No angel vision no revealing skies
Take now the dimness of my soul away
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

Hast Thou not bid us love Thee God and King
All all Thine own soul heart and strength and mind
I see the cross there teach my heart to cling
O let me seek Thee O and let me find
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear
Come check my rising doubt, my rebel sigh
Teach me the patience of unanswered pray'r
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love
One holy passion filling all my frame
Baptize my life with heav'ns descended Dove
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

What the Lord Has Done in Me

(Words & Music: Reuben Morgan 1998)

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

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

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

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend John McCombs will be preaching on James 1:12-18, "Lead Us Not Into Temptation."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Serve in Children's Church	Children's Church now has two classes! We are still in need of some teachers and aides! If you are interested in serving, please contact Becki: becki@cityreformed.org . (We still need 5 lead Teachers as well as 2 Assistants!)
Women's Prayer Group: Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:30 AM Greenfield Chapel	Women's prayer group, meeting on Thursday mornings at 10:30-11:30 at Greenfield building. Come pray with us! If you plan to come, please contact Luda so we can add your prayer requests prior to meeting. Luda: 314-229-2023.
Women's Brunch: April 13th: 10-Noon Greenfield Chapel	Ladies of City Reformed, we invite you to join us for our spring brunch on April 13th, 10 AM--Noon at the Greenfield Chapel. The theme this year is Psalm Meditations and women from our congregation will share about a psalm of their choice. We will pray, sing, and enjoy fellowship & food together. All ages welcome! RSVP and sign up for food at https://tinyurl.com/psalmsapril13
Save the Date: CRPC 20th Anniversary Dinner: April 27th	CRPC will be celebrating 20 years of life together @ St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Oakland. Party RSVP Survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8CXMJ9M . If you have gifts of decorating, photography, etc. please email Catherine at SST@cityreformed.org if interested.
Children's Ministry Assistant, Women's Ministry & Office NEEDS	We are seeking part-time women's ministry, office, and children's ministry assistants to care for our church. Jobs will be tailored to reflect the gifts and strengths of the individual filling this role and a sample job description will be provided upon request. For Children's Ministry need, contact: Becki@cityreformed.org and for women's and office needs, please contact office@cityreformed.org
Easter Services: March 29 & 31	Good Friday: 7PM @ 1st Baptist, Oakland * Nursery will be available for children ages 18 months - 3 years Easter Sunrise Service: 7:30AM @ Bartlett Playground Easter Breakfast: 8:45AM @ WT Sunday School: 9AM @ WT Traditional Sunday Service: 10:15 @ WT

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

Regular Events

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<p>College Shuttle Schedule</p>	<p>9:30AM- PPU: 201 Wood St; Contact: Kaia: kaianoeljohnson@gmail.com 9:45AM- Pitt: 4024 O'Hara St; Contact: Maya: mayakang523@gmail.com or David: DGT12@pitt.edu</p>
<p>Agora Forum: Every other Monday 7 PM: 3929 Coleman</p>	<p>We discuss theology and popular culture topics from a Christian perspective. We meet every other Monday at the Greenfield Chapel at 7 pm (3929 Coleman St). Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Bean Sprouts Ministry</p>	<p>Although many of us are retired, anyone who is free for lunch once a month is welcome. Contact Joe Stehle for more information: joestehle@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Mommies' Discipleship Group: 2nd & 4th Thursdays 7-9 PM</p>	<p>Join us for a time of fellowship and encouragement as we pray for one another and study the book of Colossians. Contact Sandy for more info: sandy@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Wednesday Prayer Meetings: 8:30-9:30 AM</p>	<p>All are welcome to join our Wednesday prayer community. We begin with Scripture, move to a general opening prayer of adoration/thanksgiving, then share specific prayer requests and pray through them. Held on Zoom at: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer.</p>
<p>Global Mission Prayer: Mondays @ 9 PM</p>	<p>Join our church in prayer for missions partners. This week we will have an open prayer night - for all of the missionaries particularly those serving in Muslim regions during Ramadan. Held on Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer.</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group: Bi-Weekly Wednesdays @ 7 PM</p>	<p>Meets at Amelia Morrissey's Home on the North Side. Current study for winter/spring is: "Delight: A Walk through Psalms 1-30." For more info, contact Lindsay Karr (lindsay.karr@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Youth Group: Bi-Weekly Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 PM</p>	<p>All middle and high school youth are welcome to join us, 6th through 12th grade. Please contact Pastor John (john@cityreformed.org) for more information.</p>
<p>CRPC Storytime: Greenfield Chapel Every other Monday</p>	<p>Toddler/Preschooler Storytime and free play at the Greenfield Chapel. SPRING Semester Dates: April 1, 15, 29. (10-11:30 AM). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Taylor Kilbride taylorkilbride@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Women's Informal Gatherings: 223 Hester Ave, 15136</p>	<p>There is an upcoming opportunity to gather for informal time of fellowship. April 6, 1:30-4:30 (Women only)</p>

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 (gavin.breeden@ruf.org, callie.miller@ruf.org)
- cityreformed.org/collegestudents

Specialty Groups meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, learning, and service.

- **Agora Forum** (amain8511@gmail.com)
- **Men's New Hope** (Joseph@cityreformed.org)
- **Mommies' Group** (Sandy@cityreformed.org)
- **Wednesday Morning Prayer** (Nameun@cityreformed.org)
- **Men's Discipleship Committee** (mdc@cityreformed.org)
- **Young Women's Discipleship Group** (lindsay.karr@gmail.com)
- **Ultimate Frisbee** (danielrtoney@gmail.com)
- **Board Game Gatherings** (gatcheson@gmail.com)

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