



Sunday Morning Worship
September 22, 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

"The love of the bleeding Saviour constrains us. The Spirit is given to them that believe; and that almighty Agent has one argument that moves us continually - the love of Christ."

– Robert Murray M'Cheyne

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
Winchester Thurston Auditorium
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Welcome
Information:



Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:30PM
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3929 Coleman Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15207

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Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Craig Kozminski

Call to Worship: Revelation 5:9-14

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

Leader And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,

People **And you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."**

Leader Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

People **"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"**

Leader And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

People **"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"**

Leader And the four living creatures said, "Amen!"

People **And the elders fell down and worshiped.**

Prayer of Invocation

Holy Holy Holy

(Words: Reginald Heber 1826; Music: John Bacchus Dykes 1823)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,
In earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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

Scripture Reading: Psalm 145:10–13

The Lord's Prayer

(Words: Matthew 6:9-13; Music: Daniel Snoko 2021)

Our Father in heaven
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come
Your will be done
On earth as in heaven

*Give to us today the bread that we need
Forgive us our debts as we forgive
Lead us not into temptation we pray
Deliver us from the evil one*

*For the kingdom power glory are yours
Forever amen forever amen
For the kingdom power glory are yours
Forever amen forever amen*

Lord hear our prayer
Lead us in love for
Yours is the name above all names

Call to Confession: Hebrews 3:1-2a,12-13

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, who was faithful to him who appointed him... Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, you are infinite, eternal and unchanging. You are worthy of our time and our attention. You are the most significant and interesting thing in the universe. We should love you with all of our heart, and all of our soul, and all of our mind, and all of our strength.

But, we confess that our attention shifts quickly. Your glory does not interest us as it should. Our hearts are divided, our souls are twisted, our minds wander, and we invest little strength in loving you. We easily think about our hobbies and our achievements, but we give little thought to you.

Please help us to focus. Change our desires and awaken our passion for what is truly noble and good. May we tremble before your Word and be aware of your power to shake all things by your voice. Help us to worship. Help us to honor you in our mind. Send your Spirit to calm us and direct our focus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 6:18-20a

By two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf...

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).

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

(Words & Music: Jonny Robinson & Rich Thompson 2015)

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name
But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

*And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore*

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore

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.

Sermon: Colossians 1:9a, 12-23

"The Glory of Christ and the Endurance of the Church"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

We have not ceased to pray for you... ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

²¹And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Hebrews 1:1-3 / Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q 21. Who is the redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

Songs of Thanksgiving

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

In Christ Alone

(Words & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend 2001)

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Elder Ben Chidester will be preaching from Psalm 119:17-24, 105-112, and 129-130, "A Light to My Path: The Clarity of Scripture."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Welcome Picnic & CG Fair! TODAY, September 22</p>	<p>Our annual picnic and Community Group Fair will be right after the service in the WT gym. If you're looking to connect with a CG, each group will have a table represented. Food and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dessert to share if you are able.</p>
<p>College Shuttle Sundays NO SHUTTLE NEXT WEEK (September 29)</p>	<p>9:30AM- PPU: 201 Wood St; Contact: Daphne: drriddl@pointpark.edu 9:45AM- PITT: 4024 O'Hara St; Contact: Rebekka: rjh152@pitt.edu or David: DGT12@pitt.edu</p>
<p>Fall Women's Bible Study Thursdays, 1:00 - 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Women's Bible study happening this fall on Becoming A Woman of Strength, "Our strength is a heart strength, strengthened through Christ." Meeting at Cathy Taylor's home in Churchill. Contact Cathy Taylor for more information at lawyerdad5@aol.com</p>
<p>Membership Class Friday, September 27 (7-9:30 PM) and Saturday, September 28 (9 AM-1 PM)</p>	<p>Looking to learn more about our church and/or pursue formal membership? Consider attending our dual-session class in the Greenfield Chapel. Registration is live! For questions, contact nameun@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>North of the City Picnic Sunday, October 6, after service</p>	<p>We're organizing a picnic so people who live to the north of Pittsburgh can get to know each other better! Come after church to Fall Run Park in Shaler. Main dish will be provided but please bring a side to share. RSVP to Alex and Kathryn Watt: watts@alexcwatt.com.</p>
<p>Men's Prayer Breakfast Saturday, October 12 9:00 AM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>Please join us for a nourishing breakfast and a time of fellowship and spiritual reflection as we explore the topic of caring for others by leading with humility. As it is our intent to feed all of those that attend, we ask that you let us know that you are coming by registering at the following link: https://tinyurl.com/CRPCPrayerBreakfast</p>
<p>Artists' Workshop Saturday, October 12 10-12:00 PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>We are starting a group for visual artists of all mediums to come together for community, critique and support. We will meet quarterly throughout the year. Childcare will be available but limited so please let us know if that's needed. Email Camden at camdenbianco@gmail.com.</p>

Regular Events

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<p>Agora Forum: Every other Monday 7 PM: 3929 Coleman</p>	<p>Agora Forum: We discuss theology and popular culture topics from a Christian perspective. We meet every other Monday at the Greenfield Chapel at 7 pm. The next meeting is September 23. We will be continuing our series on civil government. Dr. Snoke will lead the discussion. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)</p>
<p>Global Missions Prayer: Mondays @ 9 PM</p>	<p>Join our church this week, September 23rd, in prayer for missions partners. We will be praying for Hannah Nation with China Partnership. Held on Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/CRPCglobalprayer2024.</p>
<p>Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays, 9:45 AM - 12 PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>We are having an 8 week Paige Benton Brown study on the books Joshua and Judges. You can view the content of the study on your own before or in person at 9:45AM and then join for discussion and prayer at 11AM-noon. Contact Luda Bates for more info: luda.bates@gmail.com</p>
<p>Bean Sprouts Ministry: 3rd Wednesday 12PM</p>	<p>Although many of us are retired, anyone who is free for lunch once a month is welcome. Next meeting will be October 16th. Contact Joe Stehle for more information: joestehle@gmail.com.</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>Youth Group: Biweekly Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>We will continue look at Christ's miracles in the Gospels and recognize the greatest of Christ's miracles, the resurrection. We invite all MS and HS students to join us. Next date is October 2nd. Hope to see you there!</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group: Bi-Weekly Wednesdays @ 7 PM</p>	<p>Meets on the North Side and Squirrel Hill. Fall study: Jesus' 7 "I Am" statements in the book of John. Contact Lindsay Karr for more info: lindsay.karr@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>Grief Share: Thursdays, 6-8 PM 3929 Coleman Street</p>	<p>If you have lost a loved one and want to work through the grieving process with friends on a similar journey, please join us. Sign up on the Grief Share website (griefshare.org) or see Joe Stehle or Ginny Heasley.</p>

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

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- 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)
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