



Sunday Morning Communion Worship
January 8, 2023

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

"To live in the presence of God is to understand that whatever we are doing and wherever we are doing it, we are acting under the gaze of God. God is omnipresent. There is no place so remote that we can escape His penetrating gaze."

- R.C. Sproul

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
Winchester Thurston Auditorium
5059 Ellsworth Ave
Pittsburgh PA, 15213

LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

Sunday Evening Service

5:30PM
Greenfield Chapel
3929 Coleman Street
Pittsburgh PA, 15207

Church Office

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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)

Welcome Information:



Morning Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Communion Worship – January 8, 2023

Presider: Elder Dave Snoke

Call to Worship: Psalm 34:1-8

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

Leader I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People **My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

People **I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**

Leader Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

People **This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.**

Leader The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

People **Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

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

God With Us

(Words & Music: Leslie Jordan 2012)

You have come to bring peace
To be love, to be nearer to us
You have come to bring life
To be light, to shine brighter in us.
Oh Emmanuel, "God with us".

*Our Deliverer, You are Savior
In Your presence we find our strength
Over everything, our redemption
God with us, You are God with us.*

You have come to be hope
To this world for Your honor and name.
You have come to take sin
To bear shame and to conquer the grave.
Oh Emmanuel, "God with us".

You are here and
You are holy
We are standing
In Your glory (Lord)

Call to Confession: Psalm 34:11-14

Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we confess that we need you. You are holy and you have called us to be holy. And yet, we are far short of that standard. We don't have good deeds to bribe you and to win your favor, because even the best things that we do are tainted by selfishness. An honest look at your law tells us that we are guilty. If we were to stand before you on our own we would be condemned.

And so we look to Jesus. The savior who stood in our place. He was perfect in holiness and he fulfilled the law. But he was condemned in our place. By his death our debt was paid. He was cursed, and so the curse was lifted from us.

Press this truth on our hearts. Cause us to rejoice in the gospel, that we would prize this truth above all other things. Shape us and change us we pray, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 34:22

The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Corporate Prayer

Baptism: Leon Julius Williams

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Please use offering bags or direct giving online or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).

Heal Us Emmanuel

(Lyrics: William Cowper 1779; Music: Kevin Twit, Lucas Morton 2015)

*Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are
We long to feel Thy touch
Deep wounded souls to Thee we fly
O Savior hear our cry*

Our faith is feeble, we confess
We faintly trust Thy word
But will You pity us the less?
Be that far from You Lord!

Remember him who once applied
With trembling for relief
"Lord, I believe," with tears he cried
"O help my unbelief!"

She, too, who touched you in the press
And healing virtue stole
Was answered, "Daughter, go in peace
Thy faith has made you whole."

Like her, with hopes and fears we come
To touch You if we may
O send us not despairing home
Send none unhealed away
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Pastoral Prayer

At this time, children ages 4-7 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.

Sermon: I Peter 3:8-17
"In Exile with Jesus"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.

¹⁰For

“Whoever desires to love life

and see good days,

let him keep his tongue from evil

and his lips from speaking deceit;

¹¹let him turn away from evil and do good;

let him seek peace and pursue it.

¹²For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,

and his ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled,

¹⁵but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

1 Peter 1:1-2 / To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood...

1 Peter 1:15-17 / ...but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile...

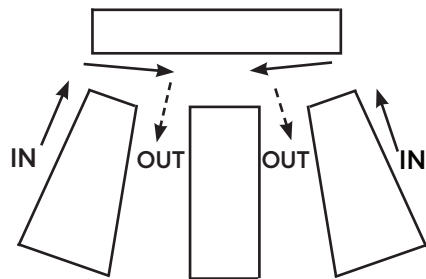
1 Peter 2:11-12 / Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

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

Jesus with Thy Church Abide

(Words: Thomas Pollock 1871; Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

Jesus, with Thy Church abide,
Be her Savior, Lord, and Guide,
While on earth her faith is tried:
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

Bid our strife and envy cease,
Grant the lovely gift of peace:
All her dreadful sin release.
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

Keep her life and doctrine pure,
Help her, patient, to endure,
Trusting in Thy promise sure:
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

May she one in doctrine be,
One in truth and charity,
Winning all to faith in Thee:
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

May she guide the poor and blind,
Seek the lost until she find,
And the broken hearted bind:
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

May she thus all glorious be,
Spotless and from sin borne free,
Pure and bright, bring praise to Thee:
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x),

Hosanna

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

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

Be Thou My Vision

(Words: Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1905; Music: "Slane")

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father I thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and with thee one

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and thou only first in my heart
High King of Heaven my treasure thou art

High King of Heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of All

Doxology

(Words: Thomas Ken 1674; Music: Louis Bourgeois 1510)

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

Tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Greg Meade, will be preaching on Psalm 23 "The Good Shepherd's Hospitality"

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Bob Reid Memorial Service: 3:30pm TODAY</p>	<p>Please join us as we remember the life of one of our former deacons and community member, Bob Reid @ 3:30pm Greenfield Chapel, 3929 Coleman Street, 15207.</p>
<p>January Evening Services: Guest Preachers</p>	<p>Join us this month as we reflect on hospitality. We are hosting guest preachers: Tonight (Rev. Greg Meade on "The Hospitality of God", 15 (Rev. Aaron Garber on "The Feast of God" at a service of communion), 22 (Rev. Peter Smith on "Hospitality and Outreach"), and 29 (Rev. Travis Scott on "Hospitality and Mission").</p>
<p>New ministry – Wednesday Lunch</p>	<p>The first meeting of what is planned to be a new ministry, primarily for and by older and /or retired adults, will be held at the Greenfield Building on Wednesday, January 18, 2023. Please feel free to bring a dish to share, but we will have Chick-Fil-A catering as well. Please join us, and possibly bring a friend, for conversation, song, prayer, and teaching. If you have questions, or want to let us know you are coming, please send an e-mail to joestehle@gmail.com</p>
<p>New Women's Study Tuesdays, starting January 17th 10:00am-12:00pm</p>	<p>Luda Bates welcomes you to join her for a study on the book of James led by Paige Benton of West End Community Church. The 8 week long study starting on Jan 17th, will include watching the weekly lecture by Paige followed by group discussion. Participants are also welcome to watch the livestream at their convenience and then only come for the discussion part. Contact Luda Bates for more information: luda.bates@gmail.com</p>
<p>Congregational Meeting February 5th, 2023</p>	<p>All members of our congregation are encouraged to attend, as we will be voting on pertinent church decisions such as the election of elders, deacons, and women's ministry council members.</p>
<p>Men's Retreat February 10-11, 2023</p>	<p>Men of City Reformed!! Our annual winter retreat to Ligonier Camp and Conference Center is on the horizon! Please set aside Friday night and all day Saturday, February 10-11, to join us for a great time of FFF (food, fellowship, fun) and a series of talks on personal evangelism and discipleship ministry by our new Pitt campus pastor, Gavin Breeden! Cost and further details will be forthcoming, as well as a link for registration. This retreat will be open to all men down to 12 years of age. So those of you with sons, bring them! For questions, contact Jim Partridge at jim@cityreformed.org</p>

<p>Snow Camp February 3-5, 2023</p>	<p>Ligonier Camp & Conference Center, \$95, scholarships available (write Pastor John). Registration deadline is January 13th, and the link to register is here: https://tinyurl.com/RegisterSnowCamp2023. T-shirt design contest is open, with the theme of God as our Rock (deadline January 6th for the t-shirt designs).</p>
<p>Deaf Ministry Opportunities</p>	<p>On Sunday, March 5, 2023, the first monthly Deaf worship and evangelistic gathering within our Presbytery will be held at the Greenfield Chapel location of City Reformed Church. In preparation, a prayer gathering is being planned for Saturday, January 21, 2023, at 2pm. We will gather specifically for prayer near the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf (exact location to be determined). Knowing ASL is not required. Interested? Please contact Pastor Roddey Caughman at 803-367-1463 or via email at Caughman.RHC@gmail.com.</p>

Employment and Volunteer Needs

www.cityreformed.org/employment

<p>Youth Ministry Need</p>	<p>We are recruiting a man to work part-time with middle and/or high schoolers, discipling young men and building intentional relationships. The position is currently posted as 7hrs/wk, but hours are flexible depending on the situation of the applicant. Applicants should send a note to Nameun@cityreformed.org.</p>
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Regular Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Agora: Monday, Jan 9, 7PM 3929 Coleman St.</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). The next meeting is January 9. We will be beginning a new series: "Four movies that changed American culture", starting with watching "Inherit the Wind". Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)</p>
<p>Wednesday Prayer Meetings 8:30-9:30 AM</p>	<p>Join our staff as they pray for our church. Wednesday weekly prayer is held on Zoom at: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer</p>
<p>Youth Group Wednesday Nights EVO 250 S. Pacific Ave., Pittsburgh, PA, 15224.</p>	<p>Calling all 6th-12th graders at City Reformed! Join us at Seeds 4 the City, City Reformed's combined youth group with Fourth Presbyterian Church (EPC) and Seeds of Hope Anglican Church. We'll be meeting at Earthen Vessels Outreach (EVO). Light snacks, fellowship, games, prayer, and a variety of interactions with God's Word fill our time together. Contact Pastor John with questions at john@cityreformed.org, or 412-737-8959. Hope to see you there!</p>

Groups

College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- CCO at CMU: Nameun Cho (ncho@ccojubilee.org)
- CCO at PPU: Katelyn Spallinger (kspallinger@ccojubilee.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- Alex Main (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 (Katelyn@cityreformed.org)*
- *Informal frisbee (danielrtoney@gmail.com)*
- *Board Game Gatherings (gatcheson@gmail.com)*

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Community Groups

Community Groups meet for Bible study, fellowship, and service, and are some of the best opportunities to connect with church life - always open for visitors throughout the year. Please contact Pastor Joseph Bianco (Joseph@cityreformed.org) with any questions, and for a listing of current groups, refer to: **www.cityreformed.org/community-groups**

Sunday

Fox Chapel*- Watson Barker
North Hills**- David Bacon

Monday

Forest Hills*- Adam Schwab

Tuesday

Northside- Joe Bencoter & Nathan Schartner
Friendship**- Michael Hilton
Morningside** - Jeff Winkler
West Hills*- Jonathan Dodd

Wednesday

Regent Square- David Snoke
Baldwin/Greenfield*- Joseph Bianco
East Suburban- Joe Stehle

Thursday

Shadyside - Ben Chidester
Near East Suburban- Jim Partridge

*Childcare provided

** Kid's play area available

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