



Sunday Morning Worship
November 14, 2021

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

"Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you."

- Jesus (John 15:3)

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

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Worship Service

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Presider: Elder David Bacon

Call to Worship: Psalm 24:1-4, 7-10

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

Leader The earth is the LORD'S and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

People **For he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.**

Leader Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

People **He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully...**

Leader Lift up your heads, O gates!

People **And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Leader Who is this King of glory?

People **The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

Leader Lift up your heads, O gates!

People **And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Leader Who is this King of glory?

People **The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

Prayer of Invocation

Saved My Soul

(Words & Music: Dustin R. Smith, James Ferguson, & Rich Thompson 2016)

*You my God have saved my soul
I am Yours forevermore
I won't be moved of this I'm sure
You are my God and You saved my soul*

I was lost when You came for me
Held in chains by the enemy
But You broke them in victory
Now I'm free I am free

You're my joy and You are my hope
I am saved by Your grace alone
I will sing of Your love for me
I am free I am free

Now I stand with the King of Kings
He has paid for my every sin
And from now through eternity
I am free I am free

What once was dead is now alive
You gave to me the breath of life
You brought me up out from the grave
I'm bursting out with songs of praise

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

(Words: Joseph M. Scriven 1855 Music: Charles C. Converse 1868)

'What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care
Precious Savior still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Do thy friends despise forsake thee
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield thee
Thou wilt find a solace there

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:12-14

Behold Our God

(Words & Music: Jonathan, Meghan, & Ryan Beird, & Stephen Altrogge 2011)

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

*Behold our God, seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

You will reign forever! (2x)
You will reign forever!

Call to Confession: Hebrews 10:22

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 51:12-, 6-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Corinthians 6:11

... You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

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

Nothing But The Blood

(Words & Music: Robert Lowry 1876 Arrangement: Daniel Justice Snoke 2017)

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my pardon this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Not of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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: Matthew 14:34-15:20

The Gospel of Matthew, Part 3: Christ and His Kingdom "Clean Hands and Clean Hearts"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. ³⁵And when the men of that place recognized him, they sent around to all that region and brought to him all who were sick ³⁶and implored him that they might only touch the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

^{15:1}Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, ²“Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat.” ³He answered them, “And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? ⁴For God commanded, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ⁵But you say, ‘If anyone tells his father or his mother, “What you would have gained from me is given to God,” ⁶he need not honor his father.’ So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God. ⁷You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:

⁸“This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;
⁹in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”

¹⁰And he called the people to him and said to them, “Hear and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person.” ¹²Then the disciples came and said to him, “Do you

know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?” ¹³He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵But Peter said to him, “Explain the parable to us.” ¹⁶And he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Acts 15:8-10 / And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear?

Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism 33

Q. #33 What is justification?

Answer **Justification is an act of God's free grace by which he pardons all our sins and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only because of the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, received by faith alone.**

Songs of Thanksgiving

Psalm 51:10-12 | Create in Me

(Words & Music: Keith Green 1984)

Create in me a clean heart, oh God,
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, oh Lord.
Take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation.
And renew a right spirit within me.

There Is A Fountain

(Words & Music: William Cowper & Lowell Mason 1772)

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day
And there have I though vile as he
Washed all my sins away (3x)
And there have I though vile as he
Washed all my sins away

Dear dying Lamb Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more (3x)
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Your flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die (3x)
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die

When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave
Then in a nobler sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save (3x)
Then in a nobler sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Tonight's Evening Service: Reverend Nameun Cho will be preaching on Judges 17 & 18.

Upcoming Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Building Work Day Sat, Nov 20th 9AM-3PM</p>	<p>Please consider coming out to help us paint and renovate the Greenfield chapel. Please see the weekly email for signups.</p>
<p>Older Adult Ministry Call Nov 18 @7PM Zoom</p>	<p>Anyone interested in prayerfully exploring a new ministry opportunity for and by older adults is invited to join in a zoom call on Thursday evening, November 18th at 7:00 PM. We will pray and look at a number of ideas developing for older adult ministries, and hopefully plan for some activities for us. Please contact Joe Stehle if you have questions. The link for the call is: tinyurl.com/crpcolderadultministryplanning</p>
<p>Blackout Day @ WT Nov 21</p>	<p>Our access to our usual Sunday morning worship spaces will be limited on November 21st. We will have our worship service in the gym and will have an all-age service project for Sunday School.</p>
<p>Thanksgiving Dinner Pairing</p>	<p>The CRPC office will be coordinating hosts and guests for Thanksgiving dinner this year. If you are interested in eating Thanksgiving dinner with a family from church, or if you would like to host, please fill out the google form found in the weekly email or contact Zachary@cityreformed.org</p>
<p>No College shuttle November 21st and 28th</p>	<p>We will not be running our usual shuttle from Point Park, Pitt, and CMU on Sundays November 21st and 28th. We hope all of our college students have a restful Thanksgiving break!</p>

Volunteer and Employment Needs

<p>Employment: Building Maintenance</p>	<p>We are looking to hire an 8hr/wk position to help with maintenance of the Greenfield Chapel. Contact Zachary@cityreformed.org for more information</p>
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Regular Events

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<p>Youth Group TODAY Greenfield Chapel 12:30- 2:30PM</p>	<p>All kids grades 6-12 are welcome to come and join us for lunch and games at the Greenfield Chapel!</p>
<p>Women's Tuesday Bible Study Tuesday Mornings via Zoom @ 10-11:15AM Starting 10/26</p>	<p>Studying In His Image: 10 Ways God Calls Us to Reflect His Character, by Jen Wilkin. For more information, contact Patty Stehle (pjstehle@gmail.com) Study link: tinyurl.com/crpcwomenstuesdaystudy22</p>

Global Missions Prayer Fridays @ 6:30- 7 AM	Please consider praying with us for our mission partners on Friday mornings. Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer Contact zachary@cityreformed.org for questions
Wednesday Prayer Meetings Wednesdays 8:30- 9:30 AM	Join our staff as they pray for our church. Wednesday weekly prayer is held on Zoom at: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer

Groups

<p>College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCO at CMU: Nameun Cho (ncho@ccojubilee.org) • CCO at PPU: Katelyn Spallinger (kspallinger@ccojubilee.org) • RUF at Pitt: Derek Bates (dbates@ruf.org), Callie Miller (callie.miller@ruf.org) • cityreformed.org/collegestudents
<p>Specialty Groups meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, learning, and service. For a complete listing of current groups, please refer to the website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Agora Forum- Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)</i> • <i>Men's New Hope (Joseph@cityreformed.org)</i> • <i>Mommies' Group (Sandy@cityreformed.org)</i> • <i>Wednesday Morning Prayer (Zachary@cityreformed.org)</i> • <i>Men's Discipleship Committee (mdc@cityreformed.org)- MENTORS NEEDED!</i> • <i>Young Adult Women's Fellowship (Katelyn@cityreformed.org)</i>

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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

Tuesday

Northside- Joe Benscoter & Nathan Schartner

Morningside*- Jeff Winkler

Wednesday

Near East Suburban- Jim Partridge

Regent Square- David Snoko

Baldwin/Greenfield*- Joseph Bianco

East Suburban- Joe Stehle

West End*- Jonathan Dodd

Thursday

Greenfield/North Oakland- Ben Chidester

Forest Hills*- Adam Schwab

*Childcare provided

** Kid's play area available

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