



Sunday Morning Worship
November 7, 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

We tend to have mixed feelings about the holy. There is a sense in which we are at the same time attracted to it and repulsed by it. Something draws us toward it, while at the same time we want to run away from it. We can't seem to decide which way we want it. Part of us yearns for the holy, while part of us despises it. We can't live with it, and we can't live without it.

The clearest sensation that a human being has when he experiences the holy is an overpowering and overwhelming sense of creatureliness. That is, when we are in the presence of God, we are humbled and become most aware of ourselves as creatures. This is the opposite of Satan's original temptation, "You shall be as gods."

- R.C. Sproul, The Holiness of God

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

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Reverend Nameun Cho

Call to Worship: Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24, 26-29

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

Leader For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them.

People **Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear."**

Leader But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.

People **At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens."**

Leader This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain.

People **Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.**

Prayer of Invocation

Holy Holy Holy

(Words: Reginald Heber 1826 Music: John Bacchus Dykes 1823-76)

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!

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.
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

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)

Scripture Reading Job 38:4-11

Psalm 25

(Words & Music: Joe Day 2000)

Good and upright
Are you Lord
You teach us sinners
In your ways
Repeat

You guide the humble
In what is right
And instruct them
In your ways
Repeat

All your ways are
Loving, faithful, Lord
To those who
Seek your face
Repeat

You give grace to
The humble hearted
And instruct them
In your ways
Repeat

Call to Confession: Hebrews 4:9-13

So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Prayer of Confession

Father, forgive us for all the times we have tried to manipulate you, and for all the times we have gotten mad at you for failing to give us what we want. Teach us to be humble, not only with other people, but first and foremost with you. We acknowledge that you are the Almighty God, and that you are sovereign over the whole universe. We thank you that you say in your Word that those who are poor and humble in spirit will be lifted up by you, and that you do not crush us in our humility before you, but instead raise us up as your children whom you love. Thank you for the work of Jesus to bring us close to you forever.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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).

Come Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted

(Words: Joseph Swain 1785, Music: Kevin Twitt 2013)

Come ye souls by sin afflicted
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down
By the broken law convicted
Through the cross behold the crown
Look to Jesus (3x)
Mercy flows through Him alone

Take His easy yoke and wear it;
Love will make your obedience sweet
Christ will give you strength to bear it
While His grace shall guide your feet
Safe to glory (3x)
Where His ransomed captives meet

Blessèd are the eyes that see Him
Blest the ears that hear His voice
Blessèd are the souls that trust Him
And in Him alone rejoice
His commandments (3x)
Then become their happy choice

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary
Light to newly opened eyes
Like full springs in deserts dreary
Is the rest the cross supplies
All who taste it (3x)
Shall to rest immortal rise

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 14:22-33

The Gospel of Matthew, Part 3: Christ and His Kingdom "God is Scary"

- Elder Dave Snoke

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Exodus 14:31 / Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Exodus 20:18-19 / Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die."

Numbers 32:13 / And the LORD's anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation that had done evil in the sight of the LORD was gone.

Proverbs 1:7 / The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Jeremiah 5:22 / Do you not fear me? declares the LORD. Do you not tremble before me? I placed the sand as the boundary for the sea, a perpetual barrier that it cannot pass; though the waves toss, they cannot prevail; though they roar, they cannot pass over it.

Mark 4:39-41 / And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Creedal Response: Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. #54 How is Christ exalted in his sitting at the right hand of God?

Answer Christ is exalted in his sitting at the right hand of God in that, as the God-man, he is advanced to the highest favor with God the Father, with all fullness of joy, glory, and power over all things in heaven and earth. He gathers and defends his church and subdues their enemies, furnishes his servants and people with gifts

and graces, and makes intercession for them.

Q. #56 How is Christ to be exalted in his coming again to judge the world?

Answer Christ is to be exalted in his coming again to judge the world in that he, who was unjustly judged and condemned by wicked men, will come again at the last day in great power and in the full manifestation of his own glory and his Father's glory, with all his holy angels, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, to judge the world in righteousness.

Songs of Communion

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

(Words: John Newton 1774, Music: Laura Taylor 2001)

Let us love and sing and wonder,
Let us praise the Savior's name,
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame,
He has washed us with his blood (3x),
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us,
Pitied us when enemies.
Called us by his grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.
He has washed us with his blood (3x),
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptations
Threaten hard to bear us down.
For the Lord our strong salvation
Holds in view the conqueror's crown
He who washed us with his blood (3x),
Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice

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Join and point to mercy's store.
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more.
He who washed us with his blood (3x),
Has secured our way to God.
Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high.
Here they trusted him before us
Now their praises fill the sky.
You have washed us with your blood (3x),
You are worthy, Lamb of God

Psalm 24

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2015)

Almighty God, we long to see you.
Open our hearts and make them pure.
Spirit, we wash our hands in mercy.
Come teach our souls to love your truth.

Psalm 34

(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

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

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Tonight's Evening Service: Reverend John McCombs will be preaching on the story of Sampson.

Upcoming Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

Building Work Day Sat, Nov 20th 9AM-3PM	Please consider coming out to help us paint and renovate the Greenfield chapel. Please see the weekly email for signups.
Older Adult Ministry Call Nov 18 @7PM Zoom	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
Blackout Day @ WT Nov 21	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.

Volunteer and Employment Needs

Employment: Building Maintenance	We are looking to hire an 8hr/wk position to help with maintenance of the Greenfield Chapel. Contact Zachary@cityreformed.org for more information
Ushers	The usher team is looking for more volunteers! Ushers help people find seats, count attendance, and respond to questions that arise during the service. For more information, contact Zachary@cityreformed.org

Regular Events

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Agora Forum Mon 11/8/21 @ 7PM 3929 Coleman St., 15207	We will be watching a documentary on Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran theologian who was pivotal in the Confessing Church movement in Germany during the Holocaust. Contact Alex (amain8511@gmail.com).
Women's Tuesday Bible Study Tuesday Mornings via Zoom @ 10-11:15AM Starting 10/26	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
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

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: Derek Bates (dbates@ruf.org), Callie Miller (callie.miller@ruf.org)
- cityreformed.org/collegestudents

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.

- *Agora Forum- Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)*
- *Men's New Hope (Joseph@cityreformed.org)*
- *Mommies' Group (Sandy@cityreformed.org)*
- *Wednesday Morning Prayer (Zachary@cityreformed.org)*
- *Men's Discipleship Committee (mdc@cityreformed.org)- MENTORS NEEDED!*
- *Young Adult Women's Fellowship (Katelyn@cityreformed.org)*

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Women's Discipleship Committee: Sandy@cityreformed.org

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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