



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**February 13, 2022**

# 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](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

"But all things should be done decently and in order."

- 1 Corinthians 14:40

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM  
Winchester Thurston Auditorium  
5059 Ellsworth Ave  
Pittsburgh PA, 15213  
LIVESTREAM: [tinyurl.com/CRPCLive](http://tinyurl.com/CRPCLive)

### Sunday Evening Service

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

### Church Office

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Pittsburgh, PA 15207  
412-720-7014  
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### Donations

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# Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Worship – February 13, 2022

Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

## Call to Worship: Isaiah 55: 1-5

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

Leader "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

People **Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.**

Leader Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

People **Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.**

Leader Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,

People **Because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."**

## Prayer of Invocation

## Christ Is Able

(Words: Joseph Hart 1759 Music: Mike Harland & Tommy Walker 2009)

Come ye sinners poor and needy  
Come ye wounded, weak and worn.  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
Full of pity joined with pow'r.

Come ye needy, come and welcome  
God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance,  
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.

*He is able. He is able.  
Christ is able doubt no more.  
Come ye sinners poor and needy,  
Christ is able still to save.*

Come ye weary, heavy laden,  
Bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry till you're better  
You will never come at all.

Come ye ransomed and forgiven.  
Come ye rescued from the grave,  
Rise and worship Christ our Savior,  
For the glory of His name.

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:58

## Your Labor Is Not in Vain

*(Words & Music: Isaac Wardell, Paul Zach, & Wendell Kimbrough 2017)*

Your labor is not in vain  
Though the ground underneath you  
Is cursed and stained  
Your planting and reaping are never the same  
But your labor is not in vain

Your labor is not unknown  
Though the rocks they cry out  
And the sea it may groan  
The place of your toil may not seem like a home  
But your labor is not unknown

*For I am with you I am with you  
I am with you I am with you  
For I have called you  
Called you by name  
Your labor is not in vain*

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit  
The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth  
For all that is old will at last be made new  
The vineyards you plant will bear fruit

The houses you labor to build  
Will finally with laughter and joy be filled  
The serpent that hurts and destroys will be killed  
And all that is broken be healed

## Psalm 25

*(Words & Music: Joe Day 2000)*

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

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

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

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

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## Call to Confession: Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Father, you offer us salvation from our fears and strength to face our daily tasks. But we are always running. We escape into entertainment, endless work, and the never ending climb after achievement. Give us grace to return to you. Teach us to rest. Quiet our hearts. Convince us that you are trustworthy. Renew us by your Holy Spirit. Show us Christ in glory and power, so that our mind would be set on him. Keep us in perfect peace. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 1:18**

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

### **Baptism: Samuel Benaiah Carter**

## **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).*

## Psalm 126

*(Words & Music: Isaac Wardell 2012)*

Our mouths, they were filled,  
Filled with laughter;  
Our tongues, they were loosed,  
Loosed with joy.  
Restore us, O Lord!  
Restore us, O Lord!

*Although we are weeping,  
Lord help us keep sowing  
The seeds of Your Kingdom  
For the day You will reap them.  
Your sheaves we will carry;  
Lord, please do not tarry!  
All those who sow weeping  
Will go out with songs of joy.*

The nations will say  
"He has done great things!"  
The nations will sing  
Songs of joy.  
Restore us, O Lord!  
Restore us, O Lord!

## 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: Hebrews 12:18-29

90 Days of Worship

"Worship in Community"

- Reverend Matthew Koerber

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." <sup>22</sup>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, <sup>23</sup>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, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup>See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. <sup>26</sup>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." <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>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, <sup>29</sup>for our God is a consuming fire.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Additional Scripture

Matthew 18:20 / "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

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I Corinthians 14:26 / What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.

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## **Creedal Response: Westminster Confession of Faith 21.6**

**Under the Gospel, neither prayer nor any other part of religious worship is tied to or made more acceptable by any place in which it is performed, or towards which it is directed. Instead, God is to be worshiped everywhere, in spirit and truth. It is to occur in private families daily, in secret, each one by himself, and more solemnly in public assemblies. These are not to be carelessly or willfully neglected or forsaken, when God calls us to it by his Word or his providence.**



# Songs of Thanksgiving

## Isaiah 2 | Come Let Us Walk In The Light

*(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke 2019)*

Come to the mountain of the LORD  
A home for the nations  
Come to the hill above all hills  
Greater than kingdoms  
People from all the earth will flow  
Into his presence

*Come let us walk in the light of the LORD.  
Come let us walk in the light of the LORD.*

Let us go up to meet with God  
And follow his pathway  
Let the LORD teach us in the word  
That goes out from Zion  
The Law of the LORD will be the light  
That leads us to worship

Bring your dispute before the LORD  
And look for his justice  
Bring to our God your love for war  
Replace it with mercy  
Nations will lay their weapons down  
And take up forgiveness

## **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

## **Prayer**

## **Announcements**

## **Benediction**

*Tonight's Service: David Snoke will be preaching on Psalm 49, "Eternal Hope."*

# Upcoming Events

[www.cityreformed.org/events](http://www.cityreformed.org/events)

<p><b>Men's Retreat March 4-5</b>  <b>Ligonier Camp and Conference Center</b>          REGISTRATION          DEADLINE IS 2/21/22!</p>	<p>MEN OF CITY REFORMED!! 24 hours of great food, fellowship, fun, R &amp; R and biblical teaching are yours to be had! Please don't miss this great opportunity for City men to connect (young and old, single and married, fathers and sons, newcomers and veterans, students, retirees, ALL MEN 12 y.o. and up!) Learn to be a Blessed Man in all areas of your life under teaching from our associate/assistant pastors. Cost is \$60 but discounts/help available for students and youth. Plenty of room in spacious accommodations. The registration link is now prominent on the website. Contact Jim Partridge. Transportation needs? Contact Adam Schwab (ahs27@pitt.edu)</p>
<p><b>Virtual Trivia Night Friday, Feb 25</b></p> <p><b>Group Registration Deadline Friday, February 18th</b></p>	<p>The Welcome and Activities Committee is hosting a church-wide virtual trivia night on Friday, February 25th. We encourage you to create a team with members of your community group. Groups can register here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/CRPC2022Trivia">https://tinyurl.com/CRPC2022Trivia</a>. If you are new to the church or are not connected to a community group, then please contact Melanie Isaac (melanieerinisaac@gmail.com) to be paired with a group.</p>
<p><b>Women's Informal Gathering Feb 19@ 6-8PM</b></p>	<p>Come rock climbing at Ascend! Climbing shoes will be provided at the gym for free. Women can also pre register themselves online. Contact Camden Bianco (camdenbianco@gmail.com) for more information.</p>
<p><b>Women's Choice Network Baby Bottles</b></p>	<p>Once again we are participating in Women's Choice Network's Baby Bottle Campaign. We are collecting donations through the Month of February. You can pick up a bottle to fill at church or you can give online by clicking "give" at <a href="http://ebottle.org">ebottle.org</a> and selecting City Reformed. Please return the bottles by February 27th.</p>
<p><b>Women's Ministry Council Bible Study Training, March 19th 9AM-noon</b>  <b>Greenfield Chapel</b></p>	<p>Are you interested in receiving training to lead/colead a Women's Bible Study? The Women's Ministry Council will be leading a workshop to explore the purpose of small group Bible studies, practical suggestions for facilitating discussions well, and the common challenges that leaders face on Saturday, March 19th. This interactive, hands-on training will let you practice various skills in small settings and attending is not a commitment to lead. Contact Rachel Leuenberger (Raleun@gmail.com).</p>

# Volunteer and Employment Needs

<b>Employment: Children's Ministry Assistants</b>	We are seeking two people to assist Becki in ministry. If you have a heart for the children of our church and 8-10 hours a week, we would love to have you! A sample job description can be found on the website under Employment, and the final job description will be tailored to reflect your gifts and strengths.
<b>Final 10 Minute Training- Setup and Tear Down</b>	We have been conducting quick refresher sessions for our volunteer teams on Sundays directly following service. If you are serving on, or interested in serving on, the setup or tear down teams, please come to the cafeteria for the 10 minutes directly following service.
<b>Easter Breakfast Helpers</b>	Though the winter still prevails around us, we are starting to look towards planning for our Easter services. We hope to provide a breakfast for our congregation between the sunrise service and regular AM worship service. We are seeking volunteers to help plan and serve the breakfast. If you are interested, contact Zachary@cityreformed.org.

## Regular Events

[www.cityreformed.org/events](http://www.cityreformed.org/events)

<b>90 Days Reading Plan</b>	We are in the midst of our 90 Days of Worship Reading Plan. If you have not yet joined us, we would invite you to check out the reading plan, daily devotionals, and weekly liturgies on our website. If you are already participating in the reading plan, we encourage you to find a time to discuss your reading with someone from church this week.
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## Groups

<p><b>College Students</b> please refer to campus ministry contacts below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCO at CMU: Nameun Cho (<a href="mailto:ncho@ccojubilee.org">ncho@ccojubilee.org</a>)</li> <li>• CCO at PPU: Katelyn Spallinger (<a href="mailto:kspallinger@ccojubilee.org">kspallinger@ccojubilee.org</a>)</li> <li>• RUF at Pitt: Callie Miller (<a href="mailto:callie.miller@ruf.org">callie.miller@ruf.org</a>)</li> <li>• <a href="http://cityreformed.org/collegestudents">cityreformed.org/collegestudents</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Specialty Groups</b> 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"> <li>• <b>Agora Forum- Alex Main</b> (<a href="mailto:amain8511@gmail.com">amain8511@gmail.com</a>)</li> <li>• <b>Men's New Hope</b> (<a href="mailto:Joseph@cityreformed.org">Joseph@cityreformed.org</a>)</li> <li>• <b>Mommies' Group</b> (<a href="mailto:Sandy@cityreformed.org">Sandy@cityreformed.org</a>)</li> <li>• <b>Wednesday Morning Prayer</b> (<a href="mailto:Zachary@cityreformed.org">Zachary@cityreformed.org</a>)</li> <li>• <b>Men's Discipleship Committee</b> (<a href="mailto:mdc@cityreformed.org">mdc@cityreformed.org</a>)- <b>MENTORS NEEDED!</b></li> <li>• <b>Young Adult Women's Fellowship</b> (<a href="mailto:Katelyn@cityreformed.org">Katelyn@cityreformed.org</a>)</li> </ul>

# 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](http://www.cityreformed.org/community-groups)

## Sunday

Fox Chapel\*- Watson Barker

North Hills\*\*- David Bacon

## Tuesday

Northside- Joe Benscoter & Nathan Schartner

Morningside\*- Jeff Winkler

West End\*- Jonathan Dodd

## Wednesday

Near East Suburban- Jim Partridge

Regent Square- David Snoke

Baldwin/Greenfield\*- Joseph Bianco

East Suburban- Joe Stehle

## Thursday

Greenfield/North Oakland- Ben Chidester

Forest Hills\*- Adam Schwab

\*Childcare provided

\*\* Kid's play area available

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