



Sunday Morning Worship
February 20, 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 or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Reflections

"But we can at any rate try to expel bad analogies and bad parables. Prayer is not a machine. It is not magic. It is not advice offered to God. Our act, when we pray, must not, any more than all our other acts, be separated from the continuous act of God Himself, in which alone all finite causes operate."

- *The Efficacy of Prayer* by C.S. Lewis

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: Dave Bacon

Call to Worship: Psalm 67

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

Leader May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

People **Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!**

Leader Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

People **Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!**

Leader The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

People **God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 104| Rejoice in All Your Works

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2014)

Every mouth that cries for food,
Every lung that yearns for breath,
Every eye that searches through the dark for light—
All creation looks to you
For its breath and for its food.
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

*Oh rejoice in all your works,
King of Heaven, King of Earth!
Every creature you have made declares your praise.
We rejoice in all you've made,
God of all-sustaining grace!
With the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise!*

Every tree that thirsts for rain,
Every bird that seeks its nest,
Every heart that waits in hope to be made glad—
All creation looks to you
For its breath and for its food.
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied

May the pond'rings of my heart,
And the song upon my lips,
With the chorus of creation join in praise:
To the God who made all things,
To the Spirit who sustains,
To the Son who over all creation reigns!

Scripture Reading: Psalm 77:1-11

Psalm 77:1-3

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoko 2013)

I cry aloud to God
And he will hear my call.
When troubles surround
I seek the Lord

My soul will not rest,
I seek God and moan;
And when I meditate
My spirit faints.

My soul will not rest
(I cry aloud to God)

I seek God and moan
(And he will hear my call)

And when I meditate
(When troubles surround)

My spirit faints
(I seek the Lord)

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

(Words: Louisa M. R. Stead 1882 Music: William J. Kirkpatrick 1882)

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His word
Just to rest upon His promise
And to know thus saith the Lord

O how sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to trust His cleansing blood
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing cleansing flood

*Jesus Jesus how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus Jesus precious Jesus
O for grace to trust Him more*

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus
Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest and joy and peace

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee
Precious Jesus Savior Friend
And I know that Thou art with me
Wilt be with me to the end

Call to Confession: James 4:1-3

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious heavenly Father, we confess the passions that are at war within us. There is much that we desire in this life, but when we do not receive it, we can become angry and jealous. We may even doubt your goodness to us and can think of you as unkind. We turn on our brothers and our sisters to take what is not ours. We push our ideas forward, pridefully assuming ourselves correct. Forgive us heavenly Father, that our prayers would be transformed. Help us to ask rightly, and with hearts ready to submit ourselves to your holy will. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Matthew 7:7-11

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

Installation of Joe Stehle and Dave Snoke as Elders

Questions for the installation of Elders:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

Questions to the congregation:

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive this brother as a ruling elder (or deacon), and do you promise to yield him all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which his office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles him?

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 Twit 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: John 17

90 Days of Worship

"Jesus Prays for Unity- Prayer as Worship"

- Reverend Joseph Bianco

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

¹²While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

²⁰“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

Matthew 6:10 / Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 26:39/ And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

Romans 8:26-27 / Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

I Timothy 2:1-7/ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Credal Response: Westminster Larger Catechism

Q.192 What do we pray for in the third request?

A. In the third request (which is, "*May your will be done in earth as it is in heaven*"), acknowledging that we and all people are by nature not only utterly unable and unwilling to know and to do the will of God, but are instead prone to rebel against his Word, and to fret and murmur against his providence and to be wholly inclined to do the will of the flesh and of the devil, we pray the following:

- that God would take away from ourselves and others by his Spirit all blindness, weakness, lack of motivation, and perverseness of heart;
- and that by his grace he would make us able and willing to know, do, and submit to his will in all things, with the same humility, cheerfulness, faithfulness, diligence, zeal, sincerity, and constancy as the angels in heaven.

Songs of Thanksgiving

For All the Saints

(Words: William W. How 1864 Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

For all the saints,
Who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith
Before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus,
Be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Allelu...

Thou wast their rock,
Their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain
In the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness
Drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Allelu...

O blest communion,
Fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle,
They in glory shine;
Yet all are one in
Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia, Allelu...

The golden evening
brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful
warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm
of paradise the blessed.
Alleluia, Allelu...

But lo! There breaks
a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant
rise in bright array;
The King of glory
passes on his way,
Alleluia, Allelu...

From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl
streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

King of Kings

(Words & Music: Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, Scott Ligertwood 2018)

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
'Till from heaven you came running
There was mercy in your eyes
To fulfill the Law and Prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of glory majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
Now we see that in your suff'ring
You saw glory to behold
Knowing you were our salvation
Jesus for our sake you died

For the morning that you rose
All of heaven held its breath
'Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
Then the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are re-stored

Then the Church of Christ was born
And the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By his blood and in his name
In his freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Tonight's Service: David Snoke will be preaching on Psalm 58, "How can we understand how the Psalms call down God's judgment?"

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

Upcoming Events

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| <p>Office Nominations close TODAY</p> | <p>The deadline for nominating church officers (Elders, Women's Ministry Council, Deacons) closes today. Email Matt Koerber (pastormatt@cityreformed.org) with any nominations.</p> |
| <p>Virtual Trivia Night Friday, Feb 25 @6:30PM</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: https://tinyurl.com/CRPC2022Trivia. 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><i>Seeking Wisdom: Uniquely Christian Perspectives on the Intersection of Sexuality and Gender</i> March 23 @ 7-8:30PM Greenfield Chapel</p> | <p>Jim Weidenaar from Harvest USA will be leading a seminar discussing the theological and pastoral dynamics of the PCA's recent study paper on human sexuality. Jim served on the PCA's Ad Interim Committee on Human Sexuality, which published the paper on human sexuality.</p> |
| <p>Women's Choice Network Baby Bottles</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 ebottle.org and selecting City Reformed. Please return the bottles by February 27th.</p> |
| <p>Men's Retreat March 4-5 Ligonier Camp and Conference Center REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 2/21/22!</p> | <p>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>Women's Ministry Council Bible Study Training, March 19th 9AM-noon Greenfield Chapel</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 (Raleuen@gmail.com).</p> |

Volunteer Needs

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| <p>Easter Breakfast Helpers</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>Missions Committee Position Open</p> | <p>The Missions Committee has another open position. Contact Jim Partridge (jim@cityreformed.org) if you are interested in serving on the committee.</p> |

Regular Events

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| <p>Global Mission Prayer time CHANGE Mondays @9PM Zoom</p> | <p>The Missions Committee would like to invite you to join our church in prayer for our mission partners on Monday evenings at 9PM. We hope this new time will allow more people to join us in prayer. link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer</p> |
| <p>Agora Forum Mon 2/21/22 @ 7PM 3929 Coleman St., 15207</p> | <p>We will be continuing our series on worship as we look at the traditions of other Christian denominations. This week we will be looking at Lutheran worship. Daniel Maienshein will lead the discussion. Contact Alex (amain8511@gmail.com).</p> |

Groups

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| <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: 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"> • 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) |