



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**March 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](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

Let me make the songs of a nation, and I care not who makes its laws.

—Andrew Fletcher

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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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# Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church  
Sunday Morning Worship – March 20, 2022  
Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

## Call to Worship: Psalm 149:1-5

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

Leader Praise the LORD!

People **Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly  
of the godly!**

Leader Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion  
rejoice in their King!

People **Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody  
to him with tambourine and lyre!**

Leader For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the  
humble with salvation.

People **Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on  
their beds.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## How Great Is Our God

*(Words & Music: Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves, & Chris Tomlin 2004)*

The splendor of the King  
Clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice  
All the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light  
And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice  
And trembles at His voice

*How great is our God  
Sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God*

And age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End  
Beginning and the End  
The Godhead three in one  
Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb  
The Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 130

## Psalm 130 | From Depths of Woe

*(Words: Martin Luther 1524 Music: Christopher Miner 1997)*

From the depths of woe I raise to thee  
The voice of lamentation;  
Lord turn a gracious ear to me  
And hear my supplication;  
If thou iniquities dost mark  
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark  
Oh who shall stand before thee? (echo) 2x

To wash away the crimson stain  
Grace, grace alone availeth;  
Our works, alas, are all in vain;  
In much the best life faileth;  
No man can glory in thy sight  
All must alike confess thy might  
And live alone by mercy (echo) 2x

Therefore my trust is in the Lord,  
And not in mine own merit;  
On him my soul shall rest, his word  
Upholds my fainting spirit;  
His promised mercy is my fort,  
My comfort, and my sweet support  
I wait for it with patience (echo) 2x

What though I wait the livelong night  
And 'til the dawn appeareth;  
My heart still trusteth in his might;  
It doubteth not nor feareth;  
Do thus oh ye of Israel's seed,  
Ye of the Spirit born indeed  
And wait 'til God appeareth (echo) 2x

Though great our sins and sore our woes,  
His grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love no limit knows,  
Our utmost need it soundeth.  
Our shepherd good and true is he,  
Who will at last his Israel free  
From all their sin and sorrow (echo) 2x

## **Sing Hallelujah**

*(Words & Music: Linda Stassen 1974)*

Sing Hallelujah to the Lord (echo)  
Sing Hallelujah to the Lord (echo)  
Sing Hallelujah! sing Hallelujah!  
Sing Hallelujah to the Lord.

Jesus is risen from the dead. (echo)  
Jesus is risen from the dead. (echo)  
Jesus is risen! Jesus is risen!  
Jesus is risen from the dead.

Jesus is coming once again. (echo)  
Jesus is coming once again. (echo)  
Jesus is coming! Jesus is coming!  
Jesus is coming once again.

## **Call to Confession: Mark 12:28-30**

And one of the scribes came up and ... asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'"

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Heavenly Father we confess to you that we do not love you with all of our heart, soul and might and we do not highly esteem your word. Yet Lord we know that in your word we find life. It is the very reflection of you - your character, your goodness, and your ways - and in knowing it and following it we love you. It is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. In it is salvation. So Lord, forgive us for our dull hearts, our wayward souls, and our flagging strength and help us, we pray, to love you and your word. Grant us your Spirit to help us and lead us in your way.

# Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon: Galatians 5:22-25

...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

## Membership Vows: Nate and Amanda Moore

## Baptism: Reid Moore

## Question to the Congregation:

*Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?*

## 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](http://cityreformed.org/give); 3929 Coleman St., 15207).*

## Sing Over Your Children

*(Words & Music: Matt Maher 2008)*

I flirt with the world  
It steals my love for You  
My fear grips my faith  
And I am left unmoved

Your gaze stops my heart  
Your voice fills the dark  
Your love is the spark  
That lights this life and so we rise

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*Out of the depths You cry  
Come and be satisfied  
Father You sing  
Father You sing over Your children*

You quiet the storm  
Inside my shipwrecked soul  
Your Spirit will lead  
It calls the wayward home

At the sound of Your name  
Our sin is washed away  
In Christ we're crucified  
In You we die in You we rise

*Out of the depths You cry  
Come and be satisfied  
Father You sing  
Father You sing over Your children  
Let us see through Your eyes  
We are Your great delight  
Father You sing over Your children*

## **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: Colossians 3: 12-17**

### **Elements of Worship**

#### **"Singing"**

- Reverend Matt Koerber

**P**ut on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Leader** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God**

## **Additional Scripture**

Ephesians 5:17-21 / Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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# Creedal Response: WCF 21.3

Prayer with thanksgiving, being a special part of religious worship, is required of all people by God. That it may be accepted, it is to be made in the name of the Son, by the help of his Spirit, and according to his will, with understanding, reverence, humility, fervency, faith, love, and perseverance, and if vocal, in a known tongue.

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# Songs of Thanksgiving

## 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  
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

## All Creatures of Our God and King

*(Words: St. Francis of Assisi 1225; Music: Lasst Uns Erfreun 16-1900s)*

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise Him, Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest us both warmth and light,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye souls of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God, and on Him cast your care,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him, Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in one,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer**

**Announcements**

**Benediction**

*Tonight's Service: Elder Dave Snoke will be preaching on Psalm 90.*

## Upcoming Events

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

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| <b>Seeking Wisdom:<br/>Uniquely Christian<br/>Perspectives on<br/>the Intersection of<br/>Sexuality and Gender</b><br>March 23 @ 7-8:30PM<br>Greenfield Chapel | 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.   |
| <b>Spring Women's<br/>Brunch</b><br>April 2nd, 10- 12<br>Greenfield Chapel<br>3929 Coleman St,<br>Pittsburgh, PA 15207   | Rachael Leuenberger will be sharing on "Bring Them Here to Me" Prayer Meditations from the Feeding of the Five Thousand<br><br>RSVP here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcbrunch2022">tinyurl.com/crpcbrunch2022</a><br>Food Sign Up: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcbrunchfood2022">tinyurl.com/crpcbrunchfood2022</a>   |
| <b>Sunday School<br/>Celebration Brunch</b><br>April 10th, 9-9:50AM<br>WT cafeteria  | Join us on for brunch to celebrate a fantastic year of Sunday School! The morning will begin with breakfast, followed by a time of fellowship and short presentations by each class! If you want to contribute something for the table, please sign up here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SSCelebrate">tinyurl.com/SSCelebrate</a><br><br>All classes are invited - including Adult CE! See you there! |

## Volunteer Needs

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| <b>Financial donations<br/>for Ukraine</b> | Mission to the World, the mission arm of our denomination, is currently accepting donations to their team serving in Ukraine. Donations will help their team as they minister to displaced people. Donations can be made at <a href="http://mtw.org">mtw.org</a> |
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## Regular Events

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| <b>Agora Forum</b><br>Mon 3/21/22 @ 7PM<br>3929 Coleman St.,<br>15207 | Our series on worship will continue by looking at the church calendar as we enter the Easter season. We will cover a brief history of the development of the church calendar, the meaning of the calendar for Roman Catholicism, and the varied reception of it at the Reformation. We will look at the bases of these views and relevant Scripture passages. Ben Chidester will lead the discussion.<br>Contact Alex ( <a href="mailto:amain8511@gmail.com">amain8511@gmail.com</a> ). |
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| <b>Women's Ministry Monthly Updates</b>  | If you are not already on the email list and would like to receive the women's monthly update, please contact Katelyn ( <a href="mailto:katelyn@cityreformed.org">katelyn@cityreformed.org</a> )  |
| <b>Young Adult Women's Fellowship</b>  | Informal gatherings once or twice a month for young adult women in the church. The purpose is for us to do life together, get to know each other, and to foster a sense of community. To be added to a separate email list for this group, please contact Katelyn ( <a href="mailto:katelyn@cityreformed.org">katelyn@cityreformed.org</a> ). |
| <b>Global Mission Prayer time CHANGE Mondays @9PM Zoom</b><br><i><a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer</a></i> | 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. We will be praying for the Bill and Gail Johnson and their ministry in Alliquippa.  |
| <b>Wednesday Prayer Meetings</b><br>Wednesdays 8:30- 9:30 AM   | Join our staff as they pray for our church. Wednesday weekly prayer is held on Zoom at: <i><a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer</a></i>  |

## Groups

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| <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>• <i><a href="https://cityreformed.org/collegestudents">cityreformed.org/collegestudents</a></i></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>• <i>Agora Forum- Alex Main (<a href="mailto:amain8511@gmail.com">amain8511@gmail.com</a>)</i></li> <li>• <i>Men's New Hope (<a href="mailto:Joseph@cityreformed.org">Joseph@cityreformed.org</a>)</i></li> <li>• <i>Mommies' Group (<a href="mailto:Sandy@cityreformed.org">Sandy@cityreformed.org</a>)</i></li> <li>• <i>Wednesday Morning Prayer (<a href="mailto:Zachary@cityreformed.org">Zachary@cityreformed.org</a>)</i></li> <li>• <i>Men's Discipleship Committee (<a href="mailto:mdc@cityreformed.org">mdc@cityreformed.org</a>)- MENTORS NEEDED!</i></li> <li>• <i>Young Adult Women's Fellowship (<a href="mailto:Katelyn@cityreformed.org">Katelyn@cityreformed.org</a>)</i></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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