



Sunday Morning Worship
March 28, 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

The Church is the pilgrim people of God. It is on the move—hastening to the ends of the earth to beseech all men to be reconciled to God, and hastening to the end of time to meet its Lord who will gather all into one.... It cannot be understood rightly except in a perspective which is at once missionary and eschatological.

- John R.W. Stott, *The Message of Acts*

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

WT, 5059 Ellsworth, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

SUNDAY 4/4 | 9AM & 10:30AM

SUNDAY 4/11 | 9AM & 11AM

LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

SIGN-UPS: Church Center App (Events)

OR crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations

Sunday Evening Communion Services

3929 Coleman St., 15207

SUNDAY 3/28 | 4PM, 5PM & 6PM

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Church Office

3929 Coleman St.

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Donations

Online: Church Center App (Give)

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Mail: Church Office address above "Attn:

Allison" (please make checks payable to City Reformed Presbyterian Church)

Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church
Sunday Morning Worship – March 28, 2021
Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

Call to Worship: Psalm 22:27-31

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

Leader All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the
LORD,

People **And all the families of the nations shall worship before
you.**

Leader For kingship belongs to the LORD,

People **And he rules over the nations.**

Leader All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;

People **Before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even
the one who could not keep himself alive.**

Leader Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the
coming generation;

People **They shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a
people yet unborn, that he has done it.**

Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 27 | The Everlasting

(Words & Music: Fellowship Church 2010)

The Lord is my light and salvation
Whom shall I fear of whom shall I be afraid
The Lord is the strength of my life
Whom shall I fear of whom shall I be afraid

I will wait for you I will wait for you
I will wait for you I will wait for you

I will remain confident in this
I will see the goodness of the Lord
I will remain confident in this
I will see the goodness of the Lord

We set our hope on You
We set our hope on Your love
We set our hope on the Lord
Who is the everlasting God
You are the everlasting God

Hide Away in the Love of Jesus

(Words & Music: Steve & Vikki Cook 2008)

Come weary saints though tired and weak
Hide away in the love of Jesus
Your strength will return by His quiet streams
Hide away in the love of Jesus

Come wand'ring soul and find your home
Hide away in the love of Jesus
He offers the rest that you yearn to know
Hide away in the love of Jesus

*Hear Him calling your name
See the depths of His love
In the wounds of His grace
Hide away hide away*

Come guilty ones weighed down with sin
Hide away in the love of Jesus
The freedom you long for is found in Him
Hide away in the love of Jesus

Come hopeless hearts, do not despair
Hide away in the love of Jesus
For ten-thousand joys await you there
Hide away in the love of Jesus

Call to Confession: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we come before you, a people blessed with abundant blessings. We look around us and can see innumerable ways in which you watch over us and care for us. You have told us that we are more precious to you than the birds of the air, though you care for them and feed them. Indeed, you have redeemed us and bought us with the blood of your Son, our Lord. Yet, Father, we confess that we are quick to grumble and complain and slow to give thanks. We are not satisfied in you and seek satisfaction in the fleeting pleasures of this world. You describe the wicked as those who "do not regard the works of the Lord, or the works of his hands." May that not be true of us! Forgive us, we pray, for failing to thank you as we ought, for failing to see the richness of your mercy and grace to us in Jesus, and help us, by your Spirit, to remember daily your goodness to us and to give praise and glory to you, for we plead this in the name of Christ our savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Membership Vows: Melinda Batchelor

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).

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

(Words: Isaac Watts 1707; Music: Lowell Mason 1824)

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it Lord that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood

See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a present far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Acts 1:1-11

90 Days Through the Story of Scripture:

"The Mission of the Church"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?"

This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Credal Response: Lausanne Covenant 6.a

We affirm that Christ sends his redeemed people into the world as the Father sent him, and that this calls for a similar deep and costly penetration of the world. We need to break out of our ecclesiastical ghettos and permeate non-Christian society. In the Church's mission of sacrificial service, evangelism is primary. World evangelization requires the whole Church to take the whole gospel to the whole world. The Church is at the very centre of God's cosmic purpose and is his appointed means of spreading the gospel.

Additional Scripture

Matthew 28:18-20 / And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Song of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final song if you are able.

Hallelujah What A Savior - Man of Sorrow

(Words & Music: Philip Paul Bliss 1875)

Man of Sorrows! What a name
For the Son of God, Who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim.

*Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood.

Guilty, vile, and helpless we;
Spotless Lamb of God is He;
Full atonement! Can it be?

Lifted up was He to die;
"It is finished!" was His cry;
Now in heav'n exalted high.

When He comes, our glorious King,
All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew His song we'll sing:


Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

If you would like to contact a pastor, please email joseph@cityreformed.org.

Life Together

<p>Open Evening Communion Services in GREENFIELD TONIGHT Sun 3/28: • 4:00PM • 5:00PM • 6:00PM 3929 Coleman St., 15207 Church Center  App</p>	<p>In-person service held three times INDOORS at GREENFIELD, with communion served all times. Review instructions for attending at: cityreformed.org/evening-service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sign Up on your Church Center App (go to Events), or online: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations, to help us keep within capacity limits (55/service) & add additional services if needed. For assistance signing up, contact Sol@cityreformed.org.• Before attending, self-assess the health and recent activities of you and your household.• Mandatory MASK policy (all over 2 yrs old).• ***CHECK IN WITH A GREETER IN-PERSON when you arrive.***
<p>Attending Services "In-Person" Sundays <i>Winchester Thurston (WT)</i> 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</p>	<p>Sign Up on your Church Center App (go to Events), or online: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations. Contact Sol@cityreformed.org. ***CHECK IN WITH A GREETER IN-PERSON upon arrival.*** Morning Service Livestream continues indefinitely.</p>
<p>Friday 4/2 Good Friday Tenebrae Services — PLEASE SIGN UP! ***<i>Special Venue</i>: First Baptist Church, 159 N. Bellefield Ave., 15213</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5PM In-Person (Advance Sign-Ups required)• 6:30PM Livestream & In-Person (Advance Sign-Ups required) <p>- Street parking - Mandatory mask policy for everyone over 2 years of age. - Cry Room space will be available. There will be no childcare provided.</p>	
<p>Easter Sunday 4/4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7:30AM Outdoor Sunrise Service at Anderson Playground, Schenley Park <p>- No Advance Sign Up required; Check-Ins only - Service will be held unless it rains hard. - Mandatory mask policy for everyone over 2 years of age.</p> <p><i>NOTE: Due to CMU Buggy Freeroll practices, Schenley Dr. will be closed 5AM-9AM. Anderson Playground can be accessed from Blvd of the Allies.</i> Contact Pastor Joseph (Joseph@cityreformed.org).</p>	
<p>Easter Sunday 4/4 Traditional Services at WT — PLEASE SIGN UP!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9AM Indoors Livestream & In-Person WT Auditorium. <p>Current Sunday morning protocols: Advance Sign-Ups required; WT Screening Form; Mask policy for everyone over 2 years of age.</p> <p><i>*NOTE: The WT Courtyard Parking Lot will be closed to cars on Easter Sunday. Please park along the field, WT driveways and streets.</i></p>	

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Easter Sunday 4/4 Traditional Services at WT — PLEASE SIGN UP!

- **10:30AM Outdoors** | WT Parking Lot. Fall outdoor service protocols

No Advance Sign-Ups required; Check-In with a Greeter upon Arrival

** Bring your own **seating** **

** Bring MASKS ** *Mandatory mask policy for everyone over 2 yrs old.*

Maintain social distancing between households.

For **restroom access to the building**, WT requires self-assessment screening.

Submit this form: tinyurl.com/WTScreening before entering the building (one form per Sunday per household).

[If this 2nd service is rained out, we will move it indoors and follow current Sunday morning protocols - requiring sign-ups]

Easter Children's Activity & Lesson: Children are invited to join in an egg hunt and short in-person lesson immediately following each traditional worship service.

If you choose to participate in the children's activity and lesson, please sign up with Charis (Charis@cityreformed.org).

- No pre-recorded Children's Bible Lesson as part of the 9AM livestream service

- Parents please escort your children outside to the field immediately after service.

- Please wear masks and remain socially distanced as households.

[In the case of inclement weather, parents please escort your children to the Dance Studio (G8) down the hall from the WT auditorium instead.]

******PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO BEGIN ON APRIL 11TH ******

TWO Morning Worship Services in the WT Auditorium following current Sunday morning protocols:

- First at **9AM | In-Person**
- Second at **11AM | In-Person & Livestream**

ONE Evening Communion Service at 5PM in the WT Parking Lot starting on Sunday 4/11

Outdoor PM protocols not requiring advance sign-ups. Check-Ins only

Please note the Reopening Plan email from Pastor Matt from Saturday, 3/27.

In order to assess the readiness of our members to participate in volunteer ministries, please complete the "Serve at City" google form to indicate what you may be able to help with and when.

Ask the Pastor - A Kids Zoom Call
TODAY @ 12PM via Zoom

Kids, ask Pastor John your big questions about the Bible! For more info, contact Charis@cityreformed.org

Building Work Day
Saturday 4/17 @ 9AM-3PM
bit.ly/3uk8uFr

We will be laying carpet, painting, and working in the basement. **SIGN-UP online: bit.ly/3uk8uFr**. Contact Gary (building@cityreformed.org).

<p>PPWM Spring Event Sat 4/24 @ 10:15AM <i>First Reformed PCA</i> 12900 Frankstown Rd Penn Hills 15235</p>	<p>Registration Now Open! Join the women of our presbytery for a morning of teaching and encouragement from 1 Thessalonians. Sandy Snoko from our church will be the keynote speaker! Limited in-person attendance avl and livestream option as well. Contact Callie Miller (callie.miller@ruf.org).</p>
<p>SAVE-THE-DATE!! Vacation Bible School (VBS) July 26-30</p>	<p>We are moving ahead with plans for an in-person VBS 2021! Children 4 yrs old to rising 5th graders. Registration and more VBS details are coming soon! Mark your calendars! Contact Charis@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Global Missions Prayer Fridays @ 6:30AM <i>tinyurl.com/CRPCmissionsprayer</i></p>	<p>Join CRPC Missions Committee weekly for 30 min Zoom prayer. Contact Abbey Mae (methodam1@gmail.com) or Susan (susan@thealexanders.ws).</p>
<p>NEED: Church Maintenance Position</p>	<p>We are looking to hire a part-time maintenance person for the building (~8 hr/mo). Contact Gary (building@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p>NEED: Mosaic Afterschool Program Teachers & Teachers Aids Begins Mon 3/15 227 S. 4th Street Jeannette, PA 15644</p>	<p>Mosaic Community Church is looking to hire two teachers and two teachers aids to provide homework help and individualized tutoring tailored to students' specific need. 3:30-6:30pm Monday-Thursday. Compensation included. If interested, contact Pastor Nate Keisel: nate@jeannettechurch.com.</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Fellowship Every other Saturday</p>	<p>This is an informal gathering of 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. You can expect, zoom conversations, zoom workouts, hikes, service etc. Contact Zenny@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Youth Group Mondays @ 7-8PM <i>Zoom</i></p>	<p>Youth group will combine high school and middle school into one meeting, using content from the church's 90-day reading plan. Contact Ben@cityreformed.org or Becki@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Ladies Tuesday Bible Study Tuesdays @ 10-11:15AM <i>Zoom</i></p>	<p>Ladies, join us Tuesday mornings as we discuss and pray through the Tuesday Daily Bible Reading from CRPC's <i>90 Days Through the Story of Scripture</i>. Contact Tracy (partridge.ta@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Men's Discipleship Committee</p>	<p>MEN who are interested in discipleship through a mentoring relationship, contact Adam at mdc@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Bethany Food Bank and Master's Kitchen Service Thurs @ 9AM - 1PM or 4 - 6PM; Fri @ 12 - 1PM</p>	<p>Volunteer to help transport and package food with Bethany Community Ministries. Contact Donna at Bethany: 412.251.1227 or any of the Deacons@cityreformed.org.</p>

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Caring for Each Other and the Deacon's List	Please update the deacons if you have needs or if you have abilities and resources to share with others. Contact Nik (nik@alum.wustl.edu) or any of the deacons.
Make Connections via Online Media	<p>As the Covid-19 restrictions limit our ability to connect with other people, we need to work harder to develop healthy relationships through alternative means.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To learn more about community groups (CGs) contact Joseph (joseph@cityreformed.org) • To learn about how to connect with other women in the church (including small groups or CGs) contact Sandy (sandy@cityreformed.org) • To learn about men's discipleship programs contact Adam at mdc@cityreformed.org.

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:

- cityreformed.org/community-groups

Specialty Groups meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, and service. For a listing of current groups, please refer to:

- cityreformed.org/prayer--specialty-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

Easter 2021

GOOD FRIDAY
April 2nd

Tenebrae Services*

First Baptist Church

5:00 PM In-Person
6:30 PM In-Person &

Livestream

EASTER SUNDAY
April 4th

Sunrise Service

Anderson Playground,
Schenley Park

7:30 AM In-Person

Traditional Easter
Worship Service * †

WT Auditorium

9:00 AM In-Person &
Livestream

Traditional Easter
Worship Service †

WT Parking Lot

10:30 AM In-Person

† Children's Activity & Lesson immediately following Traditional Services

Cole, Thomas. The Oxbow. The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

*Advance Sign-Ups Required for Tenebrae & 9AM Traditional Easter Worship Services

Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us for worship today. If you are new, we would love to meet you! And, if you would like more information about our ministries, resources, and ways to engage, please fill out the visitor's card below or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Visitor's Card

We would love to get to know you. Please contact us at office@cityreformed.org with the following information.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request, we will pray for you. Please send prayer requests to Pastor Joseph through prayer@cityreformed.org.
