



Sunday Morning Worship
March 6, 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

The orphan 1) feels alone, and lacks a vital daily intimacy with God. 2) Is anxious over felt needs: relationships, money, health. Says, "I'm all alone and nobody cares." 3) Lives on a succeed/fail basis. Needs to "look good" and "be right". 4) Feels condemned, guilty and unworthy before God and others. 5) Has little faith, lots of fear, and lots of faith in himself: "I've got to fix it."

The child of God 1) Has a growing assurance that God is really my loving heavenly Father. 2) Trusts the Father and has a growing confidence in his loving care. Is being freed up from worry. 3) Is learning to live in daily, conscious partnership with God. 4) Feels loved, forgiven, and totally accepted because Christ's merit really clothes him. 5) Has a daily working trust in God's sovereign plan for her life as loving, wise, and best. Believes God is good.

—Jack Miller, professor, Westminster Theological Seminary

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

Church Office

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Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church
Sunday Morning Worship – March 6, 2022
Presider: Reverend John McCombs

Call to Worship: Psalm 36: 5-9

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

Leader Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

People **Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD.**

Leader How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People **They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

Leader For with you is the fountain of life;

People **In your light do we see light.**

Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 82 | The Hand of God

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2017)

The hand of God gave you pow'r to reign
So that you might stand for the weak
He made you judge so the fatherless
And the poor could rest in your strength
But you have left them in darkness
And the earth's foundations shake

*How long O Lord before your justice reigns
Rise up O Lord for you the nations wait*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 47

Behold Our God

(Words & Music: Jonathan, Meghan, & Ryan Beird, & Stephen Altrogge 2011)

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

*Behold our God, seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

You will reign forever! (2x)
You will reign forever! (2x)

Psalm 85 | Speak Peace

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke & Paul Zach 2019)

*Speak peace to your people
Speak peace to your saints
Speak peace to your people
Speak peace to all the earth*

Surely his salvation is at hand
Unfailing love and truth have met
Righteousness will cover all the earth
And his glory will fill the land

Lord revive your joy in us again
And let us hear what you will say
Will your anger always be on us
Will you not restore us again

You have covered all our sin
We have been restored again
Show us your unfailing love
Grant us salvation

Call to Confession: Acts 2:42-47

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we confess that we often don't live in light of your Gospel. Instead of relaxing in the glories promised to us and resting in your Spirit, we cling tightly to the baubles of this world, holding them fast as though they were all we have. Teach us to rest, to trust in you, and know your constant love despite all the disappointments, dangers, and distractions of this world. We thank you that you have given us your people, the church, to walk alongside. Teach us to love our brothers and sisters in Christ and to forgive them, as we have been forgiven.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Acts 2:38-39

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

WMC Installation: Sarah Cho

Questions to the Women's Ministry Council Member

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Are you fully acquainted with the purpose of the ministry to which you have been elected?
3. Do you promise to faithfully perform all the duties of this ministry, as unto the Lord?
4. Will you support the other council members, the goals and the activities of our Women's Ministry with your presence, your prayers, and your physical and mental energies?

Questions to the Congregation

1. Do you gratefully acknowledge the willingness of these women to serve you and City Reformed Presbyterian Church in their elected capacities?
2. Will you support these members of the Women's Ministry Council with your cooperation, encouraging words, and prayers?

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).

All Things New

(Words: Horatius Bonar 1779; Music: Clint Wells 2009)

Come Lord and tarry not
Bring the long-looked-for day
O why these years of waiting here
These ages of delay?

Come for your saints still wait
Daily ascends their sigh
The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come;"
Do you not hear our cry?

*O come and make all things new
Come and make all things new
Come and make all things new
Build up this broken earth
Come and make all things new
All things new*

Come for creation groans
Impatient while you stay
Worn out in labor pains of hope
Still bound by earth's decay

Come for love waxes cold
Its steps are faint and slow
Our faith is pressed by unbelief
Hope's lamp burns dim and low

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: 1 Corinthians 8:1-15, 9:6-15

Elements of Worship

"Supporting the Family"

- Elder Dave Snoke

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and

wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

^{9:6}Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? ⁷Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock without getting some of the milk?

⁸Do I say these things on human authority? Does not the Law say the same? ⁹For it is written in the Law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? ¹⁰Does he not certainly speak for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of sharing in the crop. ¹¹If we have sown spiritual things among you, is it too much if we reap material things from you? ¹²If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we even more?

Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ. ¹³Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? ¹⁴In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.

¹⁵But I have made no use of any of these rights, nor am I writing these things to secure any such provision. For I would rather die than have anyone deprive me of my ground for boasting.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Additional Scripture

Matthew 12:46-50 / While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. But he replied to the man who told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

Mark 12:42-43 / And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box."

1 Timothy 5:1-2 / Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity.

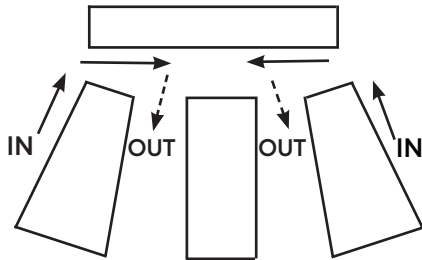
1 Timothy 5:17-18 / Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer deserves his wages."

1 John 3:16-17 / By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against

Communion

City Reformed Church invites all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sins and trust Christ alone for salvation, and who are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. Parents with non-communing children are encouraged to bring their children forward during communion. The elders will lay a hand on their head and briefly pray for them as they serve you.

Communion is served with wine and with grape juice. The wine is placed in the two outer circles of the communion tray, and the grape juice is placed in the inner circle. Because Jesus used wine during the first communion service, we believe using real wine is beneficial. However, participants are welcome to choose. There is also gluten-free bread available on each plate.



Please join us in song as we celebrate Christ dwelling with his church in the sacrament of communion.

Songs of Communion

Joy and Toil

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke & Michael Savisky 2017)

Let us not toil unto our own good
But give us righteousness and thankful work
Remove the mess within us,
Restore your wisdom to us
Let none be driven into deep despair.
Consider God, the works of God.

*Return the joy to us in all our toil
May our work be your delight
Return the joy to us in all our toil
Let our days be made aright*

Let not our eyes contend for riches
But give us just reward and charity
When all our work is weary
When we can't see your beauty
Help us remember God's hand will endure
Consider God, the works of God.

Our labor keep away from evil
Forgive our discontent and selfish pride
Now make our prayers humble
And keep our conscience able
For God's commandments will our work renew
Consider God, the works of God.

No Longer Slaves

(Words & Music: Jonathan David Helser & Melissa Helser 2014)

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

*I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God*

From my Mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins

You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God

This Is My Father's World

(Words: Maltbie D. Babcock 1901 Music: English Folk Melody)

This is my Father's world.
And to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings,
And round him rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world!
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees,
Of skies and seas.
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world.
The birds their carols raise
The morning light,
The lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise
This is my Father's world!
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass
I hear Him pass
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world.
O let me ne'er forget.
That though the wrong
Seems oft so strong
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world.
The battle has been won;
Jesus who died
Shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one.

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.

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Tonight's Service: Reverend Derek Bates will be preaching Psalm 8.

Upcoming Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Seeking Wisdom: Uniquely Christian Perspectives on the Intersection of Sexuality and Gender 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 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 Rachael Leuenberger (Raleuen@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Spring Women's Brunch April 2nd from 10-noon Greenfield Chapel 3929 Coleman St, Pittsburgh, PA 15207</p>	<p>Rachael Leuenberger will be sharing on "Bring Them Here to Me" Prayer Meditations from the Feeding of the Five Thousand</p> <p>RSVP here: tinyurl.com/crpcbrunch2022 Food Sign Up: crpcbrunchfood2022</p>
<p>Hymn Sing March 18th @7PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>Come and join our newest specialty group to sing hymns. Hymn sing will plan to meet monthly. Contact Elizabeth Schwab (alyaeru@gmail.com)</p>

Volunteer Needs

<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 https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer</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. We will be praying for Hannah Nation and her work with China Partnership.</p>
<p>Wednesday Prayer Meetings Wednesdays 8:30- 9:30 AM</p>	<p>Join our staff as they pray for our church. Wednesday weekly prayer is held on Zoom at: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer</p>
<p>Agora Forum Mon 3/7/22 @ 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 Baptist worship, discussing their history and worship style and how it differs from Presbyterian worship. Jason Smith will lead the discussion. Contact Alex (amain8511@gmail.com)</p>

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: 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)**

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

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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