



Sunday Morning Worship
April 3, 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

"What is the chief end of preaching? I like to think it is this. It is to give men and women a sense of God and His presence."

—D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Preaching and Preachers*

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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Online: Church Center App (Give)
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Communion Service

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Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

Call to Worship: II Corinthians 5:14-20

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

Leader For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

People **From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.**

Leader Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

People **All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;**

Leader That is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

People **Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.**

Prayer of Invocation

Saved My Soul

(Words & Music: Dustin R. Smith, James Ferguson, & Rich Thompson 2016)

*You my God have saved my soul
I am Yours forevermore
I won't be moved of this I'm sure
You are my God and You saved my soul*

I was lost when You came for me
Held in chains by the enemy
But You broke them in victory
Now I'm free I am free

You're my joy and You are my hope
I am saved by Your grace alone
I will sing of Your love for me
I am free I am free

Now I stand with the King of Kings
He has paid for my every sin
And from now through eternity
I am free I am free

What once was dead is now alive
You gave to me the breath of life
You brought me up out from the grave
I'm bursting out with songs of praise

Scripture Reading: Psalm 8

How Great Thou Art

(Words & Music: Carl Gustav Boberg 1949)

Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

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*Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

And when I think that God his son not sparing
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God, how great Thou art

Oh Lord You're Beautiful

(Words & Music: Keith Green)

Oh Lord You're beautiful
Your face is all I seek
And when Your eyes are on this child
Your grace abounds to me

Oh Lord, You're merciful
Your love is all we need
And when Your love is with your church
Forgiveness we receive.

Call to Confession: II Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, you sent Jesus to give freedom to the captives. We confess that our natural state is to live in captivity. We are naturally enslaved to our own desires and the approval of others. Christ has given us a new calling, a new identity and new righteousness. But, still we find ourselves returning to serve sin.

We pray that the freedom of Christ would increasingly rule in our lives. May we be free to live for your glory in all things. Help us to see that all that we do and say is before your face. Help us to live in ways that are fitting for people who have been ransomed by the precious blood of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins

Membership Vows: Megan Bliss

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).

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

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 1:24-2:5

Elements of Worship "Sermons"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

^{2:1}For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, ²that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, ³in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. ⁵For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Additional Scripture

Nehemiah 8:8/ They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

Acts 2:42/ And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Acts 20:27/ For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.

I Thessalonians 2:4-6 / But just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ.

II Timothy 4:2 / Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

Additional Creedal Statements

Westminster Longer Catechism #155/ Q: How is the Word made effectual to salvation? A: The Spirit of God makes the reading of the Word, but especially the preaching of it, an effectual means

- of enlightening, convincing, and humbling sinners;
 - of driving them out of themselves and drawing them to Christ;
 - of conforming them to his image and subduing them to his will;
 - of strengthening them against temptations and corruptions;
 - of building them up in grace;
 - and of establishing their hearts in holiness and comfort through faith to
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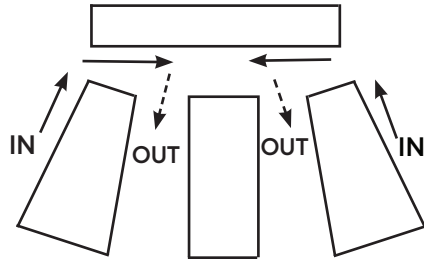
Westminster Longer Catechism #159/ Q: How is the Word of God to be preached by those who are called to the ministry of the Word? A: Those who are called to labor in the ministry of the Word are to preach sound doctrine, diligently, in season and out of season,

- plainly, not in the enticing words of man's wisdom but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power;
 - faithfully, making known the whole counsel of God;
 - wisely, with effort to take into account the necessities and capacities of the hearers;
 - zealously, with fervent love to God and the souls of his people;
 - and sincerely, aiming at his glory and their conversion, edification, and salvation.
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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-communicating 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

O Come To The Altar

(Christopher Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, and Wade Joye 2015)

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

*O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

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Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is rise

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

Isaiah 55| So Shall His Word

(Words & Music: Liz Vice & Sandra McCracken)

So shall his Word that goes out, that goes out
Shall not return, not return empty

*It shall make a name for the LORD
It shall make a name for the LORD
Let the Light make a name for the LORD
In the dark*

Come all who thirst, laborers, lay it down
Come seek the Lord while he may be found

We shall go out, out with joy led in peace
Join in the song all creation sing

*We shall make a name for the LORD
We shall make a name for the LORD
Let the Light make a name for the LORD
In the dark*

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

(Words & Music: Sandra McCracken 2015)

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

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.

Amen

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Tonight's Service: Reverend Nameun Cho will be preaching on Psalm 135.

Upcoming Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

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| <p>Sunday School Celebration Brunch NEXT WEEK April 10th, 9-9:50AM WT cafeteria</p> | <p>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: tinyurl.com/SSCelebrate All classes are invited - including Adult CE! See you there!</p> |
| <p>VBS Volunteer and Children Registration Open July 25-29</p> | <p>Join us for VBS this summer! Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness VBS will be July 25-29. We are currently recruiting for adult & youth (rising 6th-12th graders) volunteer and child registration. Contact Debbie Bacon vbs@cityreformed.org if you'd like to help with any of the preparation or if you have any questions. Register at: https://tinyurl.com/RegisterVBS2022</p> |

Easter

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| <p>Palm Sunday Sunday, April 10th WT</p> | <p>We will be celebrating Palm Sunday on Sunday April 10th. We will have palm branches displayed during our usual morning worship service to commemorating Jesus' Triumphant Entry.</p> |
| <p>Good Friday Friday, April 15th @7PM First Baptist</p> | <p>We will have our Tenebrae Good Friday service at First Baptist Church. This is a service remembering the crucifixion that features music and readings from the Gospels as the lights are gradually extinguished.</p> |
| <p>Easter Sunrise Sunday, April 17th@ 7:30AM Schenley Park</p> | <p>We will gather at 7:30AM at the Anderson Playground in Schenley Park for worship and short devotions to start the Easter celebrations.</p> |
| <p>Easter Breakfast Sunday, April 17th@ 8:30AM WT</p> | <p>We will be serving a continental breakfast of pastries, fruit, juice, and coffee between the Sunrise and regular worship services. We will have a time of reflection on God's provision in the last two years and an update from the RUF trip to Yakima during this time.</p> |
| <p>Easter Morning Service Sunday, April 17th @ 10:15AM WT</p> | <p>We will end our Easter celebration together with a worship service. We anticiapate having a number of visitors with this for this service, so please be extra attentive to new faces this morning.</p> |

Volunteer Needs

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| Easter Nursery Disciples Needed! | We are in need of 3-4 volunteers to serve in the Nursery on Easter Sunday! If you are willing to serve, reach out to Becki (becki@cityreformed.org). |
| Fellowship Setup and Tear Down | We will be resuming our practice of having weekly bagels after service on May 2nd. We are currently looking for roughly 10 people to serve on the Fellowship Setup and Tear Down team. This will involve both setting up and tearing down the bagel station. |
| Bagel Pickup | Volunteers will ideally serve once every 2-3 months. We are also looking for people who are willing to pick up bagels before service. Contact Sarah Winkler (sarahditch@gmail.com) to sign up. |

Regular Events

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| Youth Group Today, April 3 @ 12:30- 2:30PM Greenfield Chapel | Any students grades 6-12 are welcome to come and join us for our final youth group of the season! |
| Agora Forum Mon 4/4/22 @ 7PM 3929 Coleman St., 15207 | Our series on worship will conclude by looking at Pentecostalism. Dr. Snoko will moderate the discussion. Contact Alex (amain8511@gmail.com). |
| Global Mission Prayer time CHANGE Mondays @9PM Zoom https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer | 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 Jon and Vicky |
| Wednesday Prayer Meetings Wednesdays 8:30- 9:30 AM | Join our staff as they pray for our church. Wednesday weekly prayer is held on Zoom at: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer |

Groups

College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- CCO at CMU: Nameun Cho (ncho@cco jubilee.org)
- CCO at PPU: Katelyn Spallinger (kspallinger@cco jubilee.org)
- RUF at Pitt: Callie Miller (callie.miller@ruf.org)
- cityreformed.org/collegestudents

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 Wills*- 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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