



Sunday Morning Worship
May 15, 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 Spirit does not draw attention to himself; he has even been referred to as the 'shy' member of the Trinity. His task is to glorify Christ, not to speak of or draw attention to himself. But to draw the conclusion from this that we should not focus our attention on the Spirit at all, or grow in personal knowledge of him is a mistake. The fact that within the economy of the divine activity he does not draw attention to himself but to the Son and the Father is actually a reason for us to seek to know him better, to experience communion with him more intimately, not hte reverse. He is be glorified together with the Father and the Son."

–Sinclair Ferguson, The Holy Spirit

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

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Sunday Morning Worship – May 15, 2022
Presider: Reverend John McCombs

Call to Worship: Ezekial 36:24-26

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

Leader Thus says the Lord GOD..."I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land.

People **I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.**

Leader And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you.

People **And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.**

Prayer of Invocation

Christ Is Able

(Words: Joseph Hart 1759 Music: Mike Harland & Tommy Walker 2009)

Come ye sinners poor and needy
Come ye wounded, weak and worn.
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity joined with pow'r.

Come ye needy, come and welcome
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.

*He is able. He is able.
Christ is able doubt no more.
Come ye sinners poor and needy,
Christ is able still to save.*

Come ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better
You will never come at all.

Come ye ransomed and forgiven.
Come ye rescued from the grave,
Rise and worship Christ our Savior,
For the glory of His name.

Easter Reading: Galatians 4:3-7

Christ Is Risen

(Words & Music: Mia Fieldes and Matt Maher 2009)

Let no one caught in sin
Remain inside the lie of inward shame
But fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to Him who showed great love
And bled for us
Freely You've bled for us

*Christ is risen from the dead
Trampling over death by death
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead
We are one with Him again
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave*

Beneath the weight of all our sin
You bowed to none but heaven's will
No scheme of hell no scoffer's crown
No burden great can hold You down
In strength You reign
Forever let Your church proclaim

O death where is your sting
O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light
The glory of God has defeated the night
Singing O death where is your sting
O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light
Our God is not dead
He's alive He's alive

For The Beauty Of The Earth

(Words: Folliot Pierpoint 1864 Music: Conrad Kocher 1838)

For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies

*Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise*

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light

For the joy of human love
Brother sister parent child
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild

For Thy church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love

For Thyself best gift divine
To the world so freely given
For that great great love of Thine
Peace on earth and joy in heaven

Call to Confession: Ephesians 2:4-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we confess that we do not love well. We don't love our brothers and sisters – even though we see them clearly. We are preoccupied with ourselves. We use people instead of seeking their good. We manipulate instead of loving others. And by nature we run from your glory and hide in the dark.

But you have loved us. When we were dead in our sins you made us alive with Christ. You have shown us what true love is by sending your son to die for your enemies. Your love is eternal, unchanging and free.

Cause your Spirit to work in us to move us past our own fear and prejudice. We pray that you would soften our hearts and change us. Empower us to love each other in a way that demonstrates the gospel to the world. Be glorified by working in us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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).

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

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: 2 Corinthians 13:14, John 14:15-27, 16:7-15

Elements of Worship

"Benediction as Summary: Worship in the Spirit"

- Reverend Matthew Koerber

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all...

John 14:15-27

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

²²Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?” ²³Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

²⁵“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you.
²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid...

John 16:7-16

...I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Additional Scripture

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.

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.

Creedal Response: Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 182. How does the Spirit help us to pray?

A. Since we do not know what to pray for as we ought, the Spirit helps our infirmities by enabling us to understand for whom, for what, and how prayer is to be made, and by working and enlivening in our hearts (although not in all persons, nor at all times, in the same degree) all those appreciations, desires, and graces which are needed for the right performance of this duty.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart

(Words: George Croly 1854 Music: Daniel Snoko 2020)

Spirit of God descend upon my heart
Wean it from sin through all its pulses move
Stoop to my weakness mighty as Thou art
Make me to love Thee as I ought to love
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

I ask no dream no prophet ecstasies
No sudden rending of the veil of clay
No angel vision no revealing skies
Take now the dimness of my soul away
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

Hast Thou not bid us love Thee God and King
All all Thine own soul heart and strength and mind
I see the cross there teach my heart to cling
O let me seek Thee O and let me find
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear
Come check my rising doubt, my rebel sigh
Teach me the patience of unanswered pray'r
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love
One holy passion filling all my frame
Baptize my life with heav'ns descended Dove
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

This I Believe - Apostles' Creed

(Words & Music: Ben Fielding & Matt Crocker 2014)

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

*I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

Our judge and our defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

*I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

***Tonight's Worship Service: North African Outreach and Ministry
Night, Sermon text: John 17:1-8***

Upcoming Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Summer Infant Nursery Update</p>	<p>We are setting up, but not staffing, the Infant Nursery. Parents of children ages 0-17 months are welcome to use room 112 as a cry room or play space during service. A livestream will be set up in the room each week. Disciplers will return to the Infant Nursery at the end of the summer! Contact Becki with questions (becki@cityreformed.org)</p>
<p>North African Outreach and Ministry Night TONIGHT!! @ 5:30-7:30PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>City Reformed has members on the ground in North Africa (Jon and Beka), and will have two more couples moving there in the next year or two (Andrew and Amy, Jon and Vicky). What is the context there and how can CRPC members here be best supporting our brothers and sisters? Come hear and ask questions at an evening of worship, teaching, fellowship and prayer, featuring a veteran worker who has worked in North Africa for years. Refreshments provided! If you have questions, contact Jim Partridge at jim@cityreformed.org</p>
<p>Renewing Your Mind: Abortion and the Sanctity of Life. Friday, May 27, 7:00 PM at the Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>This will be the fourth and final seminar in our spring series. In this seminar, Pastor Joseph will summarize the Biblical basis for guarding the sanctity of human life and introduce various speakers from the congregation who will share their involvement with the pro-life movement, including: <i>Pro-life advocacy and support for abortion-vulnerable women, adoption and foster care, and healing for post-abortion trauma.</i></p>
<p>Photo Booth May 29th, June 5th</p>	<p>We will have an opportunity to take family photos to update the church directory. No signups necessary, just come ready to take a photo on May 29th or June 5th, directly after service.</p> <p>We are planning to change our directory from Adjace to Planning Center in the near future. You will receive more information about this soon.</p> <p>Contact Zachary for more information (zachary@cityreformed.org)</p>
<p>Recreational Ultimate Frisbee McKnight Park Mondays, 6-8PM</p>	<p>Come join us for some recreational ultimate frisbee! We hope this serves as an opportunity for us to connect with other members of our congregation while getting some exercise. Feel free to invite a friend! For more information, contact Dan Toney (daxtony@gmail.com)</p>

Regular Events

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<p>Global Mission Prayer 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 the Warrens and their ministry in Ethiopia.</p>
<p>Wednesday Prayer Meetings 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>Grace and Truth for Moms Summer Study Every other Tues night from 6/14-8/9 from 7:30-9pm Greenfield Chapel: 3929 Coleman Street</p>	<p>Have you ever felt stuck in negative patterns with your children? Do anger, anxiety or other emotions like shame or discouragement plague your interactions with your kids? You're not alone! Connected Families has created a 5-session small group course to help. We want you to get to the root of difficult emotions and interactions in parenting, so you can be set free by the grace and truth God has for you. Join us this summer for a study co-lead by Amanda Moore and Rachael Leuenberger at the Greenfield Building. There is a \$10 cost which gives you lifetime access to the course videos and handouts. Please sign up using this link: tinyurl.com/CRPCSummerstudy22</p>

Groups

<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)

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 Hills*- Jonathan Dodd

Wednesday

Near East Suburban- Jim Partridge

Regent Square- David Snoke

Baldwin/Greenfield*- Joseph Bianco

East Suburban- Joe Stehle

Thursday

Shadyside - Ben Chidester

Forest Hills*- Adam Schwab

*Childcare provided

** Kid's play area available

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