

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

"For Paul, the ministry of pastors and church leaders is "to equip" the saints for ministry. One ministry serves the other. Pastors are the supply line; church members are the front line. Ministry belongs to the members."

- Sam Emadi

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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Church)



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Morning Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Worship - August 20, 2023

Presider: Elder Dave Snoke

Call to Worship: Ephesians 4:1-7

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

Leader I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience,

People Bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Leader There is one body and one Spirit—

People Just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—

Leader One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

People But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Prayer of Invocation

Joyful We Adore You

(Words: Henry van Dyke 1907 & Melody: Ludwig van Beethoven 1824)

Joyful joyful we adore You
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You
Op'ning to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

All Your works with joy surround You Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays Stars and angels sing around You Center of unbroken praise Field and forest vale and mountain Flow'ry meadow flashing sea Chanting bird and flowing fountain Praising You eternally

You are giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Well-spring of the joy of living
Ocean-depth of happy rest
Loving Father, Christ our Brother
May Your Spirit in us shine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to Your joy divine

Mortals join the mighty chorus
With the morning stars begin
God's own love is reigning o'er us
Humble love binds all in Him
Christ we echo ever singing
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music we are bringing
In the triumph song of life

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 8:11-13

Prayer of St. Francis

(Words & Music: Noah McLaren 2017)

Lord make me an instrument of your peace Lord make me an instrument of your peace

Where there is hatred let me sow love Where there is injury pardon Where there is doubt let me sow faith Where there's despair Lord bring hope Help me shine in the darkness Where there is sadness bring joy

Where there is heartache pain or despair God may your servant draw nearer For when we give then we receive When we forgive we're forgiv'n When we die in the waters Then we are raised to new life

What the Lord Has Done in Me

(Words & Music: Reuben Morgan 1998)

Let the weak say I am strong Let the poor say I am rich Let the blind say I can see It's what the Lord has done in me

> Hosanna hosanna To the Lamb that was slain Hosanna hosanna Jesus died and rose again

Into the river I will wade There my sins are washed away From the heaven's mercy stream Of the Savior's love for me

I will rise from waters deep Into the saving arms of God I will sing salvation songs Jesus Christ has set me free

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.

Installation of Reverend Nameun Cho

Explanation & Charge to Pastor and Congregation Questions to Nameun (BCO 21-9):

- 1. Are you now willing to take charge of this congregation as their pastor, agreeable to your declaration in accepting its call?
- 2. Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that, in taking upon you this charge, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church?
- 3. Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of a pastor to this congregation, and will be careful to maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a minister of the Gospel of Christ, agreeable to your ordination engagements?

Questions to Congregation (BCO 21-10):

- 1. Do you, the people of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive Nameun Cho, whom you have called to be your pastor?
- 2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love, and to submit to him in the due exercise of discipline?
- 3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
- 4. Do you engage to continue to him while he is your pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

Pronouncement and Prayer

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Take a moment and fill out your care card and please use offering bags or direct giving online or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

(Words & Music: Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, & Michael Farren 2018)

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus For my life is wholly bound to his Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken For by my side the Saviour he will stay I labor on in weakness and rejoicing For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me Through the deepest valley he will lead Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven The future sure the price it has been paid For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated Jesus now and ever is my plea Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free Yet not I but through Christ in me

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With every breath I long to follow Jesus For he has said that he will bring me home And day by day I know he will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus All the glory evermore to him When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat Yet not I but through Christ in 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 from G8 after the sermon from Children's Church.

Sermon: Ephesians 4:8-16 "Ministry of the Saints"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Therefore it says,
"When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
and he gave gifts to men."

⁹(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. 15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scriptures

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 / Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Creedal Response: Westminster Confession of Faith

26:1. All saints are united to Jesus Christ their Head by his Spirit through faith, and have fellowship with him in his grace, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory. Being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obligated to the performance of such public and private duties as support their mutual good, both in the inward and outward person.

Notes

Songs of Thanksgiving

Jesus with Thy Church Abide (Words: Thomas Pollock 1871 & Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

Jesus, with Thy Church abide, Be her Savior, Lord, and Guide, While on earth her faith is tried: We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

Bid her strife and envy cease, Grant the lovely gift of peace: All her dreadful sin release. We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

May her lamp of truth be bright, Bid her bear aloft its light Through the realms of endless night: We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

Keep her life and doctrine pure, Grant her, patient, to endure, Trusting in Thy promise sure: We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

May she one in doctrine be, One in truth and charity, Winning all to faith in Thee: We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

May she guide the poor and blind, Seek the lost until she find, And the broken hearted bind: We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

May she thus all glorious be, Spotless and from sin borne free, Pure and bright, bring praise to Thee: We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

Take My Life and Let It Be

(Words: Frances R. Havergal & 1874 Music: Henri A. Cesar Malan 1823)

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise. (2x)

Take my silver and my gold; Not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. (2x)

Take my will and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine. Take my heart it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne. (2x)

Take my love; my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee. (2x)

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Communion Service, Reverend Joseph Bianco will be preaching from Acts 1:1-11, "The Beginning of the Church"

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Sunday Ministry Volunteer Needs.	We're looking for various help in the following ministries: Set-up/Tear Down, Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Prayers, Stream Techs. If you would like to serve in any of these areas, please contact Nameun (nameun@cityreformed.org).
College Ministry Needs	We're looking for volunteers to serve in a variety of capacities to our ministries at CMU & Point Park starting this fall. If you are interested, please contact Nameun (nameun@cityreformed.org)
Sounds Director Need	City Reformed is looking for a part-time Sound Director to begin as soon as possible. Job description available, please send resume and interest to Nameun Cho (nameun@cityreformed.org)
College shuttle resumes Sunday 8/27	Pickups: 9:30AM- Point Park University: 201 Wood St, 15222 (intersection of Wood Street & Boulevard of the Allies) • Contact: Kaia J (kaianoeljohnson@gmail.com) 9:45AM- Pitt: 4024 O'Hara St, 15213 (on O'Hara Street near University Place) • Contact: Maya Kang (mayakang523@gmail.com) or David Teklea (DGT12@pitt.edu)
Fellowship in Regent Square September 3rd 12:30-4pm	Come and enjoy an afternoon of hot dogs, lawn games, and time together hosted by the Regent Square community group on Sunday, 9/3 from 12:30-4pm. We will gather in the Frick Park field across the street from the home of the Snokes, 955 LaClair Street, 15218. Please bring a side dish, drinks, or snacks to share, lawn chairs or a blanket, and your favorite lawn game if you have one! Contact Kathryn Watt for a ride or more info: kathrynlwatt@gmail.com
Fall Ministry Kick-Off! September 10!	Sunday School resumes for both Adult Education and Children/Youth Ministries (9:00-9:50am). Welcome Picnic after the morning service in the WT Parking Lot. We'll be hosting our Community Group Fair in conjunction with the Picnic. More details to come!
Pittsburgh Presbytery Men/Father-Son Retreat: September 22-23	Join the annual presbytery father-son retreat at Ligonier Camp and Conference Center. The theme is "Truth: Our duty to proclaim it to our family, church, & the world." Engage in meaningful fellowship, spiritual growth, and optional activities such as laser tag and shooting range. For details and registration, visit: https://www.pcapittsburgh.org/event-details/pittsburgh-presbyterysmens-retreat or contact Michael Peets at peetsno2@gmail.com.

Regular Events

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Agora Forum: Every other Monday @ 7PM 3929 Coleman St.	We discuss theology and popular culture topics from a Christian perspective. We meet every other Monday at the Greenfield Chapel at 7 pm (3929 Coleman St). The next meeting is August 21. We will be continuing our summer series "How to think about God". Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com).
Bean Sprouts Ministry: Monthly	Although many of us are retired, anyone who is free for lunch, please join us (and bring a friend!) at 12pm once a month. Contact Joe Stehle: joestehle@gmail.com.
Mommies' Discipleship Group: 2nd & 4th Thursdays	August dates are 8/10 and 8/24. Join us for a time of fellowship and encouragement as we pray for one another and study the book of Hebrews. Contact Sandy for more info: sandy@cityreformed.org.
Men's Discipleship	Please contact Adam Schwab (ahs27@pitt.edu) if you are interested in getting more connected.
Wednesday Prayer Meetings: 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.
Global Mission Prayer: Mondays @9PM	Join our church in prayer for our mission partners. We will be praying for Youth Group Missions Trip to Jeannette. Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/ crpcglobalprayer.
Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group	*New Leader & Location*: Wednesdays bi-weekly (beginning on July 19th) @ 7PM at Amelia Morrissey's Home on the North Side. For more info, contact Lindsay Karr (lindsay.karr@gmail.com) .
Ultimate Frisbee: Thursdays @ 6PM	Anyone who is interested in playing Ultimate Frisbee is welcome to join us Thursdays (6 PM) at McKnight Playground near the aviary. Contact Dan Toney, danielrtoney@gmail.com

Groups

College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- CMU: Nameun Cho (nameun@cityreformed.org)
- CCO at PPU: Matt Koerber (pastormatt@cityreformed.org)
- RUF at Pitt: Gavin Breeden & Callie Miller (gavin.breeden@ruf.org, callie.miller@ruf.org)
- cityreformed.org/collegestudents

Specialty Groups meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, learning, and service.

- Agora Forum- Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)
- Men's New Hope (Joseph@cityreformed.org)
- Mommies' Group (Sandy@cityreformed.org)
- Wednesday Morning Prayer (Nameun@cityreformed.org)
- Men's Discipleship Committee (mdc@cityreformed.org)
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