

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 it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?"

- Simon Peter, Apostle of Jesus Christ

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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Church)

Morning Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Worship – August 21, 2022

Presider: Elder Andy Leuenberger

Call to Worship: Psalm 118:19-27a, 29

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

Leader Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

People This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

Leader I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

People The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Leader Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

People We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Leader The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

People Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Prayer of Invocation

Endless Light

(Words & Music: Karl Cashwell & Dean Ussher 2011)

From the highest throne to the earth below You laid down Your life for the likes of us Great is the love of the Saviour

From a wounded heart to a life made whole Every human heart will declare as one Great is the love of the Saviour

Lord of endless light Let Your glory shine forever All the earth All the earth will sing Your praise

Hope of every heart Let Your Name be lifted higher All our hearts All our hearts will sing Your praise

From the mountain heights to the valleys low All created things given life to show Jesus we live for Your glory

From the rising sun to the still of night Every waking moment for Your delight Jesus we live for Your glory

God be exalted God be exalted in everything We live for Your glory Live for Your glory

Scripture Reading: Revelation 19:6-10

Crown Him With Many Crowns

(Words: Matthew Bridges 1951 Music: George Job Elvey 1868)

Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of love
Behold His hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight
But downward bends each burning eye
At mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of peace Whose pow'r a sceptre sways From pole to pole That wars may cease And all be prayer and praise His reign shall know no end And round His pierced feet Fair flowers of paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet

Crown Him the Lord of years
The Potentate of time
Creator of the rolling spheres
Ineffably sublime
All hail Redeemer hail
For Thou hast died for me
Thy praise shall never never fail
Throughout eternity

Hosanna

(Words & Music: Israel Houghton, Sidney Mohede, and M. Sidney 2010)

Hosanna, in the highest Let our King be lifted up Hosanna

Be lifted higher, higher Be lifted higher, higher Jesus you be lifted higher, higher Be lifted higher

Call to Confession: Revelation 2:1-5

"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands."' I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.'

Prayer of Confession:

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, prone to evil and lazy in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. But you, O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for everything in which we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our sins; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins, for the sake of your dear Son. And most holy and loving Father, help us, we ask you, to live in your light and walk in your ways according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 1:5-7

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Membership Vows Amy Lee Channell, Anna Marie Clark, Elizabeth Imhoff, Andrew Stimmel, Andrew Roberge & Rachel Roberge

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Please use offering bags or direct giving online or via mail (cityreformed.org/qive; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).

Amen Amen

(Words & Music: Kate Robins and Neil Robins 2007)

Let every creature rise and bring Their grateful praises to our King Angels descend with songs again And earth repeats a loud amen

Amen amen
Amen amen
I found my life
I found my life in him
Amen amen

Peace like a river from His throne Will flow to nations yet unknown His word a light where hope is dim And tribes unite to cry amen

And in this Child we'll find our rest And all the meek and lowly blessed An Infant tongue could sing the hymn Of hallelujah and amen

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: Matthew 21:1-17
"The Cleansing Work of Christ"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

¹²And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹³He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers."

¹⁴And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, ¹⁶and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, "Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have

"Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise'?"

¹⁷And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Additional Scripture

Psalm 8:1-2 /O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

Isaiah 56:6-7 / And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Jeremiah 7:11 / Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I myself have seen it, declares the LORD.

Zechariah 9:9 / Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Malachi 3:1-2,5 / "Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his

he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap....Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts." **Notes**

temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold,

Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism 26

Q. 26. How does Christ carry out the office of a king?

A. Christ carries out the office of a king in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Psalm 9 | Hope of the Poor (Music & Words: Wendell Kimbrough 2015)

The Lord is a home for all the oppressed In times of trouble and need. To all who will come and trust in His name, A refuge and strength He will be.

The needy will not be forsaken, and the hope of the poor will not die; For God who is mighty in judgment Does not forget their cry!

Arise, O my Lord and answer my call; My heart cries out to be heard! I've no other hope than your gracious love; I trust and cling to your word.

The Lord has heard our cry! The Lord has heard our cry! The Lord has not forsaken us; The Lord has heard our cry!

So sing out to God who sits on the throne, Proclaim his marvelous ways! Our rescue has come! For all he has done, We offer our lives in praise!

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) (Let your glory fill the earth) You will reign forever! (2x) (Let your glory fill the earth)

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Tonight's Worship Service: Elder Dave Snoke will be preaching on 1 Corinthians 10:23-33 with a time of Q and A ("Grill the Preacher") immediately following.

Upcoming Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

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Book Table	We are resuming our book table, a set of select titles displayed in the lobby. All books can be purchased for \$10, Bibles are \$2.
College Shuttle Resumes Next Week	The college shuttle will resume next week for the duration of the Fall semester. The shuttle stops at Point Park, Pitt, and CMU. Contact Zachary (zachary@cityreformed.org) for more information.
Crates for Ukraine Update and Prayer Meeting August 24th, 7:30- 8:30PM Greenfield Chapel	We will meet with the MTW Ukraine coordinator, Jon Eide, who will be the courier for our crates. Come hear more about MTW's work in Ukraine and pray for the crates we will send. Dessert will be provided.
Women's Informal Gathering: Outdoor Movie Night Friday Evening, August 26th @ 7:30PM	Join us for an outdoor movie night at Becki Toney's home (108 Heather Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15209)! Contact Becki Toney (becki@cityreformed.org)
How to Study the Bible, Women's Seminar September 24th, 9AM- noon Greenfield Chapel	Women of CRPC! Mark your calendars and join WMC on Saturday morning, Sept. 24 from 9:00am -12 noon as Shelly Scott leads us in learning how to study the Bible using the inductive manuscript method. Shelly is a seasoned teacher in her role with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. She is passionate about the Word of God and her calling to help others encounter God through personal Bible study and in community settings. This seminar is designed for people with all levels of Bible study experience. We are so excited about this opportunity to learn and grow together and hope you will join us! Registration is required by Sept.18 at: tinyurl.com/crpcbiblestudy

Children's Ministry

Teacher Training Next Sunday at 9 AM, WT Cafeteria	Sunday School Teachers and Children's Church Disciplers - this is for you! Please mark your calendars for this mandatory training and join us as we prepare to kick off a new year this fall. A light breakfast will be provided, and kids are welcome! Please let Becki know if you cannot attend (becki@cityreforemd.org)
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Sunday School!	Sunday school classes from Toddler - Adult will resume at 9 AM on September 11th. No advance registration
	is required. See you there! Reach out to Becki (becki@cityreforemd.org) with any questions.

Employment and Volunteer Needs www.cityreformed.org/employment

Program Manager Job Posting	This position oversees the church communications, coordination of all-church events, and logistics for Sunday mornings. The position is currently posted as 20hr/wk, but hours are flexible depending on the situation of the applicant. Applicants should send a resume and two references to Nameun@cityreformed.org
Youth Ministry Job Posting	This position works primarily with middle schoolers, teaching Sunday School, discipling youth, and coordinating youth group activities. The position is currently posted as 20hr/wk, but hours are flexible depending on the situation of the applicant. Applicants should send a resume and two references to Nameun@cityreformed.org
Coffee Servers Needed	We need more baristas! This is a great way to see everyone during the fellowship time, while serving a very tangible need of the congregation. Baristas serve approximately once a month. No coffee making experience is required. Contact kara@kargwyn.com for further details and to set up training.

Regular Events

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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 Dean and Kyria Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer
Women's Thursday Bible Study First & Third Thursday evenings via Zoom @ 6:00 - 7:30PM:	Studying the topic Heart Renewal: Finding Spiritual Refreshment Contact Cathy Taylor (lawyerdad5@aol.com)
Young Adult Women's Bible Study Every Other Wednesday Evening, 7PM	Join us for an 8 session summer study of Proverbs at Katelyn Spallinger's Home (1815 Sarah Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203). Contact Katelyn Spallinger (katelyn@cityreformed.org).

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: 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 (Zachary@cityreformed.org)
- Men's Discipleship Committee (mdc@cityreformed.org)
- Young Adult Women's Fellowship (Katelyn@cityreformed.org)
- Informal frisbee (danielrtoney@gmail.com)
- Board Game Gatherings (gatcheson@gmail.com)

Community Groups

Community Groups meet for Bible study, fellowship, and service, and are some CCLI License #24/3859

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