



Sunday Morning Worship
September 25, 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

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

– The Gospel According to John

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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Donations

Online: Church Center App (Give)
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Church)

Welcome Information:



Morning Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Worship – September 25, 2022

Presider: Reverend John McCombs

Call to Worship: Isaiah 42:1-3,5,7

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

Leader But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

People **When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.**

Leader For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior...

People **Fear not, for I am with you;**

Leader I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you...

People **Everyone who is called by my name, whom I have created for my glory, whom I formed and made."**

Prayer of Invocation

O The Deep Deep Love of Jesus

(Words: Samuel T. Francis 1800's; Music: Thomas J. Williams 1890)

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless free.
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love.
Leading onward, leading homeward,
To thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread His praise from shore to shore.
How He loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, never more.
How he watches o'er his loved ones,
Died to call them all his own.
How for them he intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of every love the best.
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me.
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to thee.

Psalm 34 | Gloria

(Words & Music: Mars Hill Music)

I sought for the King.
Then He heard my cry,
And delivered me
From my lonely fears.

They looked unto Him
In His radiance.
All their faces have
Been made unashamed.

Gloria! (4x)

*O, taste and see
That the Lord is good
All you people, all you saints
All you children of the King.*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 34:8-10

Satisfied

(Words: Clara T. Williams 1875; Music: Karl Digerness 1997; Arranged: Daniel Snoko 2010)

All my life long I had panted
For a drink from some clear spring,
That I hoped would quench the burning
Of the thirst I felt within.

*Hallelujah! He has found me.
The one my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings,
Through His blood I now am saved.*

Feeding on the filth around me,
Till my strength was almost gone,
Longed my soul for something better,
Only still to hunger on.

Poor I was, and sought for riches,
Something that would satisfy,
But the dust I gathered round me
Only mocked my soul's sad cry.

Well of water, ever springing,
Bread of life so rich and free,
Untold wealth that never faileth,
My Redeemer is to me.

Call to Confession: Ezekiel 36:24-26

I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. 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. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, you are wise beyond our understanding and unlimited in your knowledge. True wisdom comes from honoring you. And yet we confess that we are often wise in our own eyes. We ask questions that keep you at a distance. We exalt ourselves and boast in our learning. We also become lazy in our thinking and shallow in our understanding.

Forgive us and change us. Teach us to be truly wise as we live in Christ. Give us new eyes to see the world and new hearts that we would love you with all of our mind and all of our strength. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 103:11-13

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

Missions Update: Matt & Chrissie Koerber: Bulgaria

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/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).

Wilderness

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke, Keith Watts, & Naaman Wood 2020)

Ev'ry failure that we carry
Is a load you long to take
And redeem it for your glory
With the lightness of your grace
Though the wilderness is lonely
Though our hope may seem to wear
Still the wilderness is holy
For we find you meet us there there

Ev'ry trial and temptation
Is a cross you call to bear
That we know more of your patience
And to feel your loving care
Though the wilderness is lonely
Though our faith may seem to bend
In the wilderness you closely
Guard our hearts unto the end

Ev'ry stain and imperfection
You are making wholly new
For our marks shall be reflections
Of the scars you carry too
Though the wilderness is lonely
Though we wander and we roam
Through the wilderness your only
Path of love will lead us home

Blessed is his name
Jesus Christ we sing
Worthy to be praise
Hallelujah!

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: | Peter 1:1-6

**Series = 1 Peter: In Exile with Jesus
"The Father's Sovereign Care"**

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ²according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:

May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials...

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism #11

Leader What are God's works of providence?

People **God's works of providence are his most holy, wise and powerful acts of preserving and governing all his creatures and all their actions.**

Songs of Thanksgiving

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

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

How Firm a Foundation

(Words: R. Keene & George Keith 1787; Melody: American Folk)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow,
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply,
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not, desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to break,
I will never, no, never, no, never forsake."

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Tonight's Worship Service: Reverend Joseph Bianco will be preaching on 1 Corinthians 12:1-13, with a time of Q and A ("Grill the Preacher") immediately following.

Upcoming Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>College Shuttle The college shuttle for Fall semester.</p>	<p>Pickup (details upon request!) 9:30AM- Point Park University 9:45- Pitt 9:55- Carnegie Mellon University Return: 12pm Contact Katelyn (katelyn@cityreformed.org) for more information.</p>
<p>Community Group Fair TODAY!</p>	<p>This is a sweet opportunity to get to know our community group leaders as well as scope out how to more beautifully connect with others in this church. Different CG's will be present in various tables. Come mingle and see where and when you might further connect with CRPC. Contact joseph@cityreformed.org for more information.</p>
<p>Newcomers Lounge</p>	<p>Sundays in September! Are you new to City Reformed? Please join us after the service in the Dance Studio G8 for a dedicated space to welcome new visitors. Coffee, bagels, and a warm smile will be made available!</p>
<p>Membership Class: 10/7 - 10/8, Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>New to City Reformed? Want to learn more about our church? Join us for our next membership class Friday 10/7 (7:00-9:30pm) & Saturday 10/8 (9:00am-1:00pm) in the Greenfield Chapel (3929 Coleman St.). Questions? Email nameun@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Youth Communicant's Class</p>	<p>Are you or do you have a youth in your family looking to take membership vows? Join us as we host a class to study the process of professing faith and becoming communicant members in the church. Email all questions and interests to nameun@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>2022 Women's Retreat Friday, November 4, 5:30 PM - Saturday, November 5, 7:00 PM Ligonier Camp & Conference Center</p>	<p>You're invited to join in fellowship, discussion, prayer, food, games and a time to get to know each other better at Ligonier Camp & Conference Center! Sandy Snoke will be speaking on "Journeying Together in Hope: Themes from 1 Thessalonians". The retreat begins with check-in on Friday at 5:30 and ends with dinner on Saturday evening. But, you're welcome to join us just for the day on Saturday. Cost is \$75 for the entire retreat; \$40 for Saturday only. Scholarships available. Please register no later than Saturday, October 15 at tinyurl.com/crcretreat2022. Questions? Contact Sarah Winkler (sarahditch@gmail.com).</p>

<p>Agora Forum Mon 9/26/22 @ 7PM 3929 Coleman St., 15207</p>	<p>We will be continuing our series on predestination. David Snoke will lead a discussion based on his article "The six points of Calvinism." Contact Alex (amain8511@gmail.com).</p>
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Missions Committee

<p>Zimbabwe Missions Trip</p>	<p>Zimbabwe Mission Trip information meeting: Plans are moving forward in our planning for a CRPC Zimbabwe missions trip in June/July 2023. Actual dates, trip costs and logistics are being worked out and we would like to share them with any who may feel they are being called to this work; if that is YOU, please consider yourself invited to a Zimbabwe trip information meeting immediately after the morning service on Sunday, 10/9/22. The meeting will be held in G8, the dance studio. Please contact Jim Partridge at jim@cityreformed.org with questions.</p>
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Employment and Volunteer Needs

www.cityreformed.org/employment

<p>Program Manager Job Posting</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Youth Ministry Job Posting</p>	<p>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</p>

Regular Events

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<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>Global Mission Prayer Mondays @9PM</p>	<p>Join our church in prayer for our mission partners We will be praying for the Isemingers in the Middle East. Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer</p>

<p>Women's Tuesday morning Bible Study: <i>Standing Alone: Scenes from Elijah and Elisha</i></p>	<p>Come join with other women on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12pm for an eight week Bible study led by Paige Brown of West End Community Church, Nashville, TN. Lectures will be viewed weekly via livestream followed by group discussion at the home of Luda Bates at 3334 Dawson St, Pittsburgh 15213. Childcare is not provided. For more information contact Luda at Luda.bates@gmail.com</p>
<p>Women's Thursday Bible Study First & Third Thursday evenings via Zoom @ 6:00 - 7:30PM</p>	<p>Studying the topic Heart Renewal: Finding Spiritual Refreshment Contact Cathy Taylor (lawyerdad5@aol.com)</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Bible Study Every Other Wednesday Evening, 7PM</p>	<p>Join us for an 8 session study of Proverbs at Katelyn Spallinger's Home (1815 Sarah Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203). Contact Katelyn Spallinger (katelyn@cityreformed.org).</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: Gavin Breeden & Callie Miller (gavin.breeden@ruf.org, callie.miller@ruf.org) • cityreformed.org/collegestudents
<p>Specialty Groups meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, learning, and service.</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 (Nameun@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 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

Friendship**- Michael Hilton

Morningside* - Jeff Winkler

West Hills*- Jonathan Dodd

Wednesday

Regent Square- David Snoke

Baldwin/Greenfield*- Joseph Bianco

East Suburban- Joe Stehle

Near East Suburban- Jim Partridge

Thursday

Shadyside - Ben Chidester

Forest Hills*- Adam Schwab

*Childcare provided

** Kid's play area available