



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**December 22, 2019**

# Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us for worship today. Please stop by the Welcome Table in the foyer - we would love to meet you! If you would like more information, please fill out one of the info cards on the table, refer to our print newsletter, *City This Month*, or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

Worrying is carrying tomorrow's load with today's strength - carrying two days at once. It is moving into tomorrow ahead of time. Worrying doesn't empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength.

- Corrie Ten Boom

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*Please speak to an usher or greeter if you have any questions about the nursery and children's programs.*

- *There is a nursery for children infant – 3 during the service.*
- *Cry Room space is available during the service off the foyer and Board Room.*
- *Children's bulletins are available at the side table for those staying in service.*
- *During the sermon, children 4 – 7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church.*

# Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend John McCombs

## Call to Worship: Psalm 37:1-7a

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

Leader Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers! For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

People **Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Leader Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

People **Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him...**

## Prayer of Invocation

## Our Souls In Stillness Wait

(Words & Music: Marty Haugen 1982)

*For you, oh Lord, our souls in stillness wait---  
Truly our hope is in you.*

O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory,  
Your radiance shines in all who look to you;  
Come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.

O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits;  
Our thirsty hearts are yearning for your word;  
Come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts.

O Root of Life, implant your seed within us,  
And in your advent, draw us near to you,  
Our hope reborn in dying and in rising.

O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our journey;  
We ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain;  
Open to us the pathway to your peace.

## Advent Reading: Isaiah 40:9-11

### Psalm 72 | Hail to The Lord's Anointed

(Words: James Montgomery 1821; Music: Sandra McCracken 2012)

*Hail to the Lord's anointed,  
Great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!*

He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression,  
And rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy  
To those who suffer wrong,  
To help the poor and needy,  
And bid the weak be strong.

To give them songs for sighing,  
Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
Are precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth,  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,  
Spring in His path to birth.  
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove.  
His Name shall stand forever,  
That Name to us is Love.

## **O Come All Ye Faithful**

*(Words & Music: John F. Wade 1841)*

O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant,  
Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him,  
Born the King of angels:

*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord.*

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God,

Yea, Lord we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing:

## **Call to Confession: Romans 8:33-34**

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Father, we hunger for many things. We bring our needs to you and trust you to provide the bread we need each day. Calm our fears, protect us from evil, strengthen us in doubt, relieve our burdens, heal our diseases. But as we receive these gifts from you, help us to see you more clearly. May we desire not only to receive your gifts, but to know the giver. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:35, 37-39**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ...No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **Membership Vows: Ben Lind**

## **Corporate Prayer**

# Song of Renewal

*As offering bags are passed, we ask that members and regular attendees consider contributing as an act of worship. Those who are not a regular part of our church are not expected to participate.*

## Hide Away in the Love of Jesus

*(Words & Music: Steve & Vikki Cook 2008)*

Come weary saints though tired and weak,  
Hide away in the love of Jesus.  
Your strength will return by His quiet streams,  
Hide away in the love of Jesus.

Come wand'ring soul and find your home,  
Hide away in the love of Jesus.  
He offers the rest that you yearn to know,  
Hide away in the love of Jesus.

*Hear Him calling your name.  
See the depths of His love in the wounds of His grace,  
Hide away. Hide away.*

Come guilty ones weighed down with sin.  
Hide away in the love of Jesus.  
The freedom you long for is found in Him,  
Hide away in the love of Jesus.

Come hopeless hearts, do not despair,  
Hide away in the love of Jesus.  
For ten-thousand joys await you there,  
Hide away in the love of Jesus.

## Pastoral Prayer

*At this time, children ages 4-7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. The leaders will bring the children to Children's Church and then back to the worship service after the sermon.*

## Sermon: Matthew 6:19-34

"Heavenly Assurance on Earth" - Reverend Nameun Cho

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“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>22</sup>“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, <sup>23</sup>but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

<sup>24</sup>“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

<sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For the



Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

<sup>34</sup>“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

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Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## **Creedal Response: Matthew 6:9b-13**

**"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."**

## **Additional Scripture**

Luke 12:33-34 / Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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Philippians 4:4-7 / Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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# Songs of Thanksgiving

*Please stand for the final songs if you are able.*

## God With Us

*(Words & Music: Leslie Jordan 2012)*

You have come to bring peace  
To be love, to be nearer to us  
You have come to bring life  
To be light, to shine brighter in us.  
Oh Emmanuel, "God with us".

*Our Deliverer, You are Savior  
In Your presence we find our strength  
Over everything, our redemption  
God with us, You are God with us.*

You have come to be hope  
To this world for Your honor and name.  
You have come to take sin  
To bear shame and to conquer the grave.  
Oh Emmanuel, "God with us".

You are here and  
You are holy  
We are standing  
In Your glory (Lord)

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## Be Thou My Vision

*(Translation: Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1905; Tune: "Slane")*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart!  
Naught be all else to me save that thou art!  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord!  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one!

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always!  
Thou and thou only first in my heart;  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won.  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of All.

## Prayer

## Announcements

*At the beginning of announcements parents are dismissed to pick up their children from nursery.*

## Benediction

***Tonight's Evening Service: Reverend Joseph Bianco will be preaching "Do I Need a Priest?" on Hebrews 7:11-28.***

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