



Sunday Morning Worship
October 20, 2024

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

"And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed
his truth to triumph through us."

– Martin Luther, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
Winchester Thurston Auditorium
5059 Ellsworth Ave
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LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

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Welcome
Information:



Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:30PM
Greenfield Chapel
3929 Coleman Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15207

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Online: Church Center App (Give)
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Church)

Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder David Bacon

Call to Worship: Colossians 1:12-20

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

Leader [We give] thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

People **He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

Leader He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,

People **Whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.**

Leader And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church.

People **He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.**

Leader For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things,

People **Whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

Prayer of Invocation

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

(Words: Edward Perronet 1780 & Music: Oliver Holden 1793)

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Adam's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail him who saves you by his grace
And crown him Lord of all
Hail him who saves you by his grace
And crown him Lord of all

Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe
And crown him Lord of all
To him all majesty ascribe
And crown him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at his feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown him Lord of all

Scripture Reading: Psalm 43

Dear Refuge Of My Weary Soul

(Words & Music: Anne Steele and Kevin Twit 1999)

Dear refuge of my weary soul
On Thee when sorrows rise
On Thee when waves of trouble roll
My fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief
For Thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief
For every pain I feel

But oh when gloomy doubts prevail
I fear to call Thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail
And all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God where shall I flee
Thou art my only trust
And still my soul
Would cleave to Thee
Though prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face
And shall I seek in vain
And can the ear of sovereign grace
Be deaf when I complain
No! Still the ear of sovereign grace
Attends the mourner's prayer
Oh may I ever find access
To breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will
And wait beneath Thy feet
Thy mercy seat is open still
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will
And wait beneath Thy feet

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

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

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

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: 1 Peter 5:6-7

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

Prayer of Confession: Our Lord's Prayer

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. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed 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, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Cards and donations can be placed in offering bags. Giving can also be directed online (cityreformed.org/give) or sent via mail (3929 Coleman St., 15207).

The Lord's Prayer

(Music: Daniel Snoke 2021)

Our Father in heaven
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come
Your will be done
On earth as in heaven

*Give to us today the bread that we need
Forgive us our debts as we forgive
Lead us not into temptation we pray
Deliver us from the evil one*

*For the kingdom power glory are yours
Forever amen forever amen
For the kingdom power glory are yours
Forever amen forever amen*

Lord hear our prayer
Lead us in love for
Yours is the name above all names

Pastoral Prayer

At this time, children ages 4-7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. Please pick them up after the sermon.

Sermon: Colossians 2:8-23

"The Danger of Hyper-Spirituality (Let No One Disqualify You)"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

¹⁶Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

²⁰If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— ²¹“Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” ²²(referring to things that all perish as they are used)— according to human precepts and teachings? ²³These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

1 Peter 5:8-9 / Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

Scriptural Response: Ephesians 6:10-13

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Songs of Thanksgiving

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

(Words & Music: Martin Luther 1529)

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
And armed with cruel hate--
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabbaoth, his name,
From age to age the same--
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo, his doom is sure--
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours,
Through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

The Anthem

(Words & Music: Henry Seeley, Jonathan Hunt, & Liz Webber 2007)

By his stripes we are healed
By his nail-pierced hands we're free
By his blood we're washed clean
Now we have the victory

*The pow'r of sin is broken
Jesus overcame it all
He has won our freedom
Jesus has won it all*

*Hallelujah
You have won the victory
Hallelujah
You have won it all for me
'Cause death could not hold you down
You are the risen King
Seated in majesty
You are the risen King*

Our God is risen he is alive
He won the victory he reigns on high
Our God is risen he is alive
He won the victory he reigns on high

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Joseph Bianco will be preaching from Acts 10:45-11:18, "The Party Falls Silent."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

New Nursing Area for Mothers	For moms needing a private space to nurse babies or pump milk, there is a small office space available for use. It is located on the second floor next to Room #112. The diaper changing table has now been placed in the corner stairwell next to Rm. G9.
Fall Hayride & Maze Saturday, October 26 3:00 - 5:30 PM	Join us for our annual Hayride event at Gearhard Farms (Murrysville)! There will be a bonfire and reserved field space for us, with tractor hayrides. Light refreshments will be provided! \$5 per person and \$20 for families. Please register & pay at https://tinyurl.com/2024CRPCHayride .
Shepherd's Heart Clothing Drive November 10 After Church	There has been a greater need since a rise in homelessness post-pandemic for men's and women's winter clothing including: winter coats, hoodies, sweaters, hats and scarves, gloves, new thermal socks and underwear. Donations will be collected on Sunday, November 10. Please have all donations cleaned, folded, and placed in a heavy duty black garbage bag or a lidless box. For questions please contact Mark Prascak @ (412) 576-4961.
Thanksgiving Dinner Saturday, November 16 RMU Sports Island Center 7600 Grand Ave, 15225 5:30 PM	Join us for our annual, church-wide, potluck-style dinner! Please bring a side dish or dessert to share or sign up to be one of the needed 11 folks to roast a turkey! Many hands are needed to help set-up, greet, serve food, and tear down in order to make this event a success. Sign-ups can be found https://tinyurl.com/2024THXSignup . Contact chrisie@cityreformed.org for more info.
Deacons Fund	Each year we take a special collection for our deacons' fund at the Thanksgiving dinner. Please prayerfully consider making a generous contribution at this time.
Women's Ministry Need	We still have an opening for the full-time Women's Ministry Director position. The job description has been slightly revised since its initial posting and can be found at https://tinyurl.com/DirectorWomensMinistry2024 . We also have copies in print - ask at the Welcome Table. If you or someone you know would like to be considered for the position, please email nameun@cityreformed.org .

Regular Events

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<p>College Shuttle: Sundays</p>	<p>9:30AM- PPU: 201 Wood St; Contact: Daphne: drriddl@pointpark.edu 9:45AM- PITT: 4024 O'Hara St; Contact: Rebekka: rjh152@pitt.edu or David: DGT12@pitt.edu</p>
<p>Agora Forum: Every other Monday 7:00 PM 600 Saline Street</p>	<p>We discuss theology and popular culture topics from a Christian perspective. We will be discussing Christianity and Culture this Monday. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)</p>
<p>Global Missions Prayer: Mondays @ 9:00 PM</p>	<p>This week we will have an open prayer time. Held on Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/CRPCglobalprayer2024</p>
<p>Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays, 9:45 AM - 12:00 PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>We are having an 8-week Paige Benton Brown study on the books Joshua and Judges. Contact Luda Bates for more info: luda.bates@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Bean Sprouts Ministry: 3rd Wednesday 12:00 PM</p>	<p>Although many of us are retired, anyone who is free for lunch once a month is welcome. Contact Joe Stehle for more information: joestehle@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Wednesday Prayer Meetings: 8:30-9:30 AM</p>	<p>All are welcome to join our Wednesday prayer community. We begin with Scripture, move to a general opening prayer of adoration/thanksgiving, then share specific prayer requests and pray through them. Held on Zoom at: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer.</p>
<p>Youth Group: Biweekly Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>We will continue to look at Christ's miracles in the Gospels and recognize the greatest of Christ's miracles, the resurrection. We invite all MS and HS students to join us. Next date is October 23rd. Hope to see you there!</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group: Bi-Weekly Wednesdays 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Meets on the North Side and Squirrel Hill. Fall study: Jesus' 7 "I Am" statements in the book of John. Contact Lindsay Karr for more info: lindsay.karr@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Mommies' Discipleship Group: 2nd & 4th Thursdays 7:00 - 9:00 PM</p>	<p>Join us for a time of fellowship and encouragement as we pray for one another and study the book of Luke. Contact Sandy for more info: scssnoke@comcast.net.</p>
<p>Grief Share: Thursdays, 6:00 - 8:00 PM 3929 Coleman Street</p>	<p>If you have lost a loved one and want to work through the grieving process with friends on a similar journey, please join us. Sign up on the Grief Share website (griefshare.org) or see Joe Stehle or Ginny Heasley.</p>

College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- CMU: Chris Bollinger (cwbollinger@gmail.com)
- 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** (amain8511@gmail.com)
- **Men's New Hope** (Joseph@cityreformed.org)
- **Mommies' Group** (Sandy@cityreformed.org)
- **Wednesday Morning Prayer** (Nameun@cityreformed.org)
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- **Board Game Gatherings** (gatcheson@gmail.com)

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