



Sunday Morning Worship
October 27, 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

Scripture says the just shall live by faith, which doesn't mean believing something when you're not sure if it's true. It means that the just shall live by trusting God. Paul distills the essence of the Christian life when he says, "Rejoice in your hope," since our joy is vested in the future that God promises for His people. Our joy as strangers and sojourners in this valley of tears is that God has prepared a place for us—a better world that will be consummated at Christ's return.

Paul's use of the word hope isn't the way we use the term today to refer to things that are uncertain. He and the other biblical authors talk about hope that is certain, hope that cannot fail, and hope that will never disappoint or embarrass you. The New Testament calls hope the anchor of the soul. Why? What is it that makes it certain? The answer is God's sure promises and the demonstration of His faithfulness in the history of Israel, in the lives of the Apostles, and, most clearly, in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

— RC Sproul

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
Winchester Thurston Auditorium
5059 Ellsworth Ave
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Welcome
Information:



Sunday Evening Worship Service

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

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Church)

Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Luke Kephart

Call to Worship: Psalm 33:16-22

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

Leader The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

People **The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.**

Leader Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

People **Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.**

Leader For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

People **Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.**

Prayer of Invocation

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

(Words & Music: Jordan Kauflin, Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Matthew Merker 2020)

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong

Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand

*O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood

Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what will we sing?
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him

There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

Scripture Reading: Psalm 9:1-10

Psalm 9 | Hope of the Poor

(Words & Music: 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!

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

(Words: Joseph M. Scriven 1855; Music: Charles C. Converse 1868)

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care
Precious Savior still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Do thy friends despise forsake thee
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield thee
Thou wilt find a solace there

Call to Confession: Romans 3:19-20

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

Prayer of Confession: from *The Valley of Vision*

O God most high, most glorious, the thought of your infinite serenity cheers me, for I am toiling, troubled, and distressed, but you are forever at perfect peace. The Lord God reigns in omnipotence. I come to you, God, as a sinner with cares and sorrows, to leave every concern entirely to you, every sin calling for Christ's precious blood. Revive deep spirituality in my heart; let me live near to the great Shepherd, hear his voice, know its tones, follow its calls. Your presence alone can make me holy, devout, strong and happy. Abide in me, gracious God. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 3:21-26

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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).

Living Hope

(Words & Music: Brian Johnson and Phil Wickham 2018)

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke your name into the night
Then through the darkness
Your lovingkindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ, My living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom
Such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

*Hallelujah,
Praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah,
Death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain,
There's salvation in your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

Then came the morning
That sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, yours is the victory!

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: Revelation 21:1-14, 22:1-5

"Hope"

- Elder Dave Snoko

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. ⁸But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain,

and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb...

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Psalm 19:1-6 / The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

Psalm 34:4-5 / I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

Jeremiah 31:12 / They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall be like a watered garden, and they shall languish no more.

John 3:16-17 / "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

1 Peter 3:14-16 / But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

Scriptural Response: Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. § The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,* the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

§ Christ suffered God's wrath on the cross

* Universal church

Songs of Thanksgiving

Psalm 34 | Taste and See

(Words & Music: Joe Rigney & Shane Barnard 2015)

I sought the Lord and He answered me
And delivered me from ev'ry fear
Those who look on Him are radiant
They'll never be ashamed
They'll never be ashamed

This poor man cried and the Lord heard me
And saved me from my enemies
The Son of God surrounds His saints
He will deliver them
He will deliver them

*Magnify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name together
Glorify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name forever*

O taste and see that the Lord is good
O blessed is he who hides in Him
O fear the Lord O all you saints
He'll give you ev'rything
He'll give you ev'rything

Let us bless the Lord
Ev'ry day and night
Never ending praise
May our incense rise

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

(Words: Samuel Stennett 1787; Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land!

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Elder Ben Chidester will be preaching from Acts 11:19-30, "What Saul Meant for Evil, God Meant for Good."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Roses	Isaiah Rune to Amelia and Peter Morrissey on September 25; Roman James to Rachel and Andrew Roberge on October 14; Shiloh Joy to Daniel and Bethany Snoke on October 22. Welcome to our world Isaiah, Roman and Shiloh!
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.
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 chrissie@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 be praying for Dean and Kyria in Ethiopia. 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 November 6th. 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:

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- 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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