



**Sunday Morning Communion Worship**  
**October 6, 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](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

"Godliness is founded on truth. A test of truth is its power to promote holiness according to our Savior's rule, "By their fruits ye shall know them."

– Preliminary Principle #4, PCA Book of Church Order

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM  
Winchester Thurston Auditorium  
5059 Ellsworth Ave  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
LIVESTREAM: [tinyurl.com/CRPCLive](http://tinyurl.com/CRPCLive)

### Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:30PM  
Greenfield Chapel  
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# Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Joe Stehle

## Call to Worship: 2 Corinthians 3:17-4:1,5-7

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

Leader Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

People **And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.**

Leader For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart...

People **For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.**

Leader For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

People **But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## What a Beautiful Name

*(Words & Music: Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood 2016 [alternate 2nd verse by Daniel Snoko 2017])*

You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in you our Christ

*What a beautiful name it is  
What a beautiful name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful name it is  
The name of Jesus*

The Light of Life shines in the darkness  
And darkness has not overcome  
Grace and truth have come through Jesus  
And now God has been made known

*What a wonderful name it is  
What a wonderful name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful name it is  
The name of Jesus*

Death could not hold You  
The veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and shame  
The heavens are roaring  
The praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival  
You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom  
Yours is the glory  
Yours is the name above all names

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*What a powerful name it is  
What a powerful name it is  
The name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful name it is  
Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful name it is  
The name of Jesus*

## **All I Have Is Christ**

*(Words & Music: Jordan Kauflin 2008)*

*Hallelujah all I have is Christ  
Hallelujah Jesus is my life*

I once was lost in darkest night  
Yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life  
Had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that you would own  
A rebel to your will  
And if you had not loved me first  
I would refuse you still

But as I ran my hell-bound race  
Indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state  
And led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed  
You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me  
Now all I know is grace

Now Lord I would be yours alone  
And live so all might see  
The strength to follow your commands  
Could never come from me  
O Father use my ransomed life  
In any way you choose  
And let my song forever be  
My only boast is You

## **Call to Confession: 2 Corinthians 5:14-16**

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Father, the gospel calls us to love people around us. In the death and resurrection of Jesus, we are forgiven. We owe him everything, and it is proper that we should live for his sake. We know it would honor Jesus to regard the people around us by this standard, but we fall short. We don't love our neighbors well. We don't love our family well. We don't love our brothers and sisters in Christ very well. We need your help. We are painfully aware of how we have fallen short, but we rest in the gospel and ask that you continue your work in us. Remake us in the power of your Spirit to be more like Jesus. Help us to grow in godliness and demonstrate our faith with a life of love and service. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

# 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](http://cityreformed.org/give)) or sent via mail (3929 Coleman St., 15207).*

## The Beauty Of The Heart Of Christ

*(Words & Music: Mitch Wong, Timothy Timmons, and Travis Ryan 2023)*

May my life carry the heart of Christ  
Lord, in all I say and all that I do  
Selfless love, lowly in sacrifice  
Laying down my pride, nothing to prove

*Now that I have seen, now that I have tasted  
Of your mercy and your love divine  
May my life be full, full of one thing only  
Just the beauty of the heart of Christ  
Just the beauty of the heart of Christ*

For the least of these, even my enemies  
Who am I to dare, dare to with hold  
What I've received forgiveness and grace so free  
Let your fire in me never grow cold

Oh, what a privilege  
Oh, what an honor it is  
No greater joy than this  
To carry your heart, carry your heart

# 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 1:28-2:10**

### **"Paul's Ministry Part 2: To Promote a Lasting Maturity in Christ"**

- Reverend Matt Koerber

**H**im we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup>For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

<sup>2:1</sup>For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, <sup>2</sup>that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, <sup>3</sup>in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup>I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. <sup>5</sup>For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See 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.

<sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

**Leader** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**



## Additional Scripture

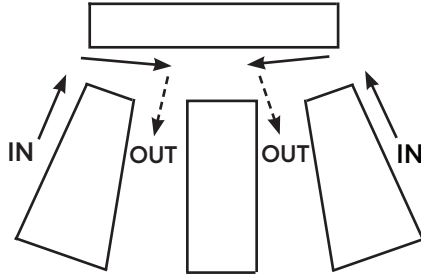
Isaiah 40:27-31 / Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

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# Communion

City Reformed Church invites all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sins and trust Christ alone for salvation, and who are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. Parents with non-communicating children are encouraged to bring their children forward during communion. The elders will lay a hand on their head and briefly pray for them as they serve you.

Communion is served with wine and with grape juice. The wine is placed in the two outer circles of the communion tray, and the grape juice is placed in the inner circle. Because Jesus used wine during the first communion service, we believe using real wine is beneficial. However, participants are welcome to choose. There is also gluten-free bread available on each plate.



Please join us in song as we celebrate Christ dwelling with his church in the sacrament of communion.

# Songs of Communion

## I Want to Know You

*(Words & Music: James Proctor, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, & Rich Thompson 2016)*

I've tried in vain a thousand ways  
My fears to quell my hopes to raise  
But what I need your word has said  
Is ever only Jesus

You died you live you reign you plead  
There's love in all your words and deeds  
This weary heart finds all it needs  
In ever only Jesus

*I want to know you Jesus my Lord  
King of the Heavens king of my soul  
I trade my treasure and all my rewards  
Jesus to know you then know you more*

Though some should curse me for your name  
I have no fear I have no shame  
You stand with me for all my days  
My ever only Jesus

Like wave after wave on the ocean  
Like all of the sand on the shore  
Your beauty and glory are endless  
O Jesus I must know you more

## Mystery

*(Words & Music: Charlie Hall 2008)*

Sweet Jesus Christ, my sanity  
Sweet Jesus Christ, my clarity

Bread of Heaven, broken for me  
Cup of Salvation, held out to drink  
Jesus, mystery

*Christ has died and, Christ is risen  
Christ will come again*

## 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

## **Doxology**

*(Words: Thomas Ken 1674; Music: Louis Bourgeois 1510)*

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
(repeat)

## **Benediction**

*At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Nameun Cho will be preaching from Acts 9:32-10:23, "Sanitizing Predispositions: Peter's Preparation for Gentile Ministry."*

# Announcements

[www.cityreformed.org/events](http://www.cityreformed.org/events)

<p><b>Newcomers Lounge</b> After AM Worship Sunday, October 6</p>	<p>If you're visiting our church and would like to connect with other leaders/members after the service, please join us in room G8 for a dedicated welcoming space. Coffee, refreshments, and a warm smile will be provided!</p>
<p><b>North of the City Picnic</b> THIS Sunday, October 6, after service</p>	<p>We're organizing a picnic so people who live to the north of Pittsburgh can get to know each other better! Come after church to Fall Run Park in Shaler. Main dish will be provided but please bring a side to share. RSVP to Alex and Kathryn Watt: <a href="mailto:watts@alexcwatt.com">watts@alexcwatt.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Men's Prayer Breakfast</b> Saturday, October 12 9:00 AM Greenfield Chapel Basement</p>	<p>Please join us for a nourishing breakfast and a time of fellowship and spiritual reflection as we explore the topic of caring for others by leading with humility. As it is our intent to feed all of those that attend, we ask that you let us know that you are coming by registering at the following link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/CRPCPrayerBreakfast">https://tinyurl.com/CRPCPrayerBreakfast</a></p>
<p><b>Artists' Workshop</b> Saturday, October 12 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Greenfield Chapel Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>We are starting a group for visual artists of all mediums to come together for community, critique and support. We will meet quarterly throughout the year. Childcare will be available but limited so please let us know if that's needed. Email Camden at <a href="mailto:camdenbianco@gmail.com">camdenbianco@gmail.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Mosaic Vision Tour</b> Saturday, October 12 2:00 - 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Come hear about the urban inner-city cross-cultural work being done in Jeannette, including a tour and ways you can support this mission. RSVP at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/Mosaic-Vision-Tour">https://tinyurl.com/Mosaic-Vision-Tour</a></p>
<p><b>Women's Brunch</b> Saturday, October 19 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>Women of all ages are invited to a brunch hosted by the Women's Council. Come hear testimonies of God's faithfulness in the lives of our sisters in Christ, enjoy yummy food, and greet old and new friends. Surprise book giveaway to all who attend! We are especially eager to include college women! Please sign up here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/WomensBrunchCRPC2024">https://tinyurl.com/WomensBrunchCRPC2024</a> so we can prepare for you and coordinate food and rides.</p>
<p><b>New Nursing Area for Mothers</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Save the Dates!</b></p>	<p><b>October 26th:</b> Annual Hayride event @ Gearhard Farms (Murrysville) <b>November 16th:</b> Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner @ RMU Sports Dome (Coraopolis) More information and registrations to come. Please mark your calendars!</p>

# Regular Events

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<p><b>College Shuttle:</b> Sundays</p>	<p><b>9:30AM- PPU:</b> 201 Wood St; Contact: Daphne: drriddl@pointpark.edu <b>9:45AM- PITT:</b> 4024 O'Hara St; Contact: Rebekka: rjh152@pitt.edu or David: DGT12@pitt.edu</p>
<p><b>Agora Forum:</b> Every other Monday 7:00 PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>Agora Forum: We discuss theology and popular culture topics from a Christian perspective. The next meeting is October 7. We will be continuing our series on civil government. Dr. Snoke will lead the discussion. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)</p>
<p><b>Global Missions Prayer:</b> Mondays @ 9:00 PM</p>	<p>We will be praying this week for MTW Bulgaria. Held on Zoom: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/CRPCglobalprayer2024">https://tinyurl.com/CRPCglobalprayer2024</a></p>
<p><b>Women's Bible Study:</b> 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><b>Bean Sprouts Ministry:</b> 3rd Wednesday 12:00 PM</p>	<p>Although many of us are retired, anyone who is free for lunch once a month is welcome. Next meeting will be October 16th. Contact Joe Stehle for more information: joestehle@gmail.com.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday Prayer Meetings:</b> 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: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer</a>.</p>
<p><b>Youth Group:</b> 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 9th. Hope to see you there!</p>
<p><b>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group:</b> 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><b>Mommies' Discipleship Group:</b> 2nd &amp; 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 (from Colossians). Contact Sandy for more info: scssnoke@comcast.net.</p>
<p><b>Grief Share:</b> 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](http://cityreformed.org/collegestudents)

**Specialty Groups** meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, learning, and service.

- **Agora Forum** ([amain8511@gmail.com](mailto:amain8511@gmail.com))
- **Men's New Hope** ([Joseph@cityreformed.org](mailto:Joseph@cityreformed.org))
- **Mommies' Group** ([Sandy@cityreformed.org](mailto:Sandy@cityreformed.org))
- **Wednesday Morning Prayer** ([Nameun@cityreformed.org](mailto:Nameun@cityreformed.org))
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