



Sunday Morning Worship
November 17, 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

"[Wraith] is an old word for a ghost, a spirit that can't rest. Ghosts, according to legend, stay in the place where something was done to them, and they can't get over it or stop reliving it. If you don't deal with your wrath through forgiveness, wrath can make you a wraith, turning you slowly but surely into a restless spirit, into someone who's controlled by the past, someone who's haunted."

– Tim Keller, *Forgive: Why Should I and How Can I?*

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

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

Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:30PM
Greenfield Chapel
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Presider: Elder Craig Kozminski

Call to Worship: Ephesians 4:1-6

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

Leader I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,

People **With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

Leader There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—

People **One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.**

Prayer of Invocation

Joyful Joyful We Adore You

(Words: Henry van Dyke 1907; Melody: Ludwig van Beethoven 1824)

Joyful joyful we adore you
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before you
Op'ning to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

All your works with joy surround you
Earth and heav'n reflect your rays
Stars and angels sing around you
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain
Flow'ry meadow flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Praising you eternally

You are giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Well-spring of the joy of living
Ocean-depth of happy rest
Loving Father, Christ our Brother
May Your Spirit in us shine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to Your joy divine

Mortals join the mighty chorus
With the morning stars began
God's own love is reigning o'er us
Humble love binds all in him
Christ we echo ever singing
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music we are bringing
In the triumph song of life

Scripture Reading: Romans 11:33-12:6

Isaiah 2 | Come Let Us Walk In The Light

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke 2019)

Come to the mountain of the LORD,
A home for the nations.
Come to the hill above all hills,
Greater than kingdoms.
People from all the earth will flow
Into his presence.

*Come let us walk in the light of the LORD.
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Let us go up to meet with God
And follow his pathway.
Let the LORD teach us in the Word
That goes out from Zion.
The Law of the LORD will be the light
That leads us to worship.

Bring your dispute before the LORD,
And look for his justice.
Bring to our God your love for war;
Replace it with mercy.
Nations will lay their weapons down
And take up forgiveness.

Take My Life and Let It Be

(Words: Frances R. Havergal 1874; Music: Henri A. Cesar Malan 1823)

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.
Ever, only, all for thee.

Call to Confession: Psalm 32:1-4

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we long for true spirituality in our connection with you and we long for true relationships with other people, but our sin gets in the way. We wake up each day pondering our own concerns and we struggle to look beyond ourselves. In our pride we puff ourselves up. In our pain we retreat inwards. By nature we are selfish and sinful. We don't love others and we don't love you very well. By nature, we love ourselves.

But you have made us alive in Christ. Our iniquity was laid on Jesus and our sins were pardoned. Our enmity with God is removed and peace is restored. Our hope is in Jesus. Help us to look beyond ourselves, to love others and to love you. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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).

Jesus I Come

(Words: William Sleeper 1887; Music: Greg Thompson 2000)

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light
Jesus, I come to Thee,
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

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 3:1-14

"Therefore, Love One Another, Forgiving Each Other"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Matthew 18:15, 21-24, 35 / "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother... Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ... So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Mark 11:25 / "And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

Luke 17:3-4 / "Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

Ephesians 4:31-32 / Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Creedal Response: The 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.

Songs of Thanksgiving

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

Salvation Belongs To Our God

(Words & Music: Adrian Howard & Pat Turner 1985)

Salvation belongs to our God
Who sits upon the throne
And unto the Lamb
Praise and glory wisdom and thanks
Honor and power and strength

*Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever, Amen*

And we the redeemed shall be strong
In purpose and unity
Declaring aloud
Praise and glory wisdom and thanks
Honor and power and strength

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Joseph Bianco will be preaching from Acts 12:25-13:12, "Devil's Magic and Government Officials."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Classroom Changes TODAY, November 17	Some changes in the classrooms for this Sunday: Sunday School: K-1 in 113; 2-3 in G18 Children's Church: Little Pillars in 115, TMTW in 119 All other classes will meet in their normal rooms!
New Nursing Area for Mothers	A private space is now available to nurse babies or pump milk, on the 2nd floor by Room #112. The changing table has now been placed in the corner stairwell by Rm. G9.
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.
Praying for the Persecuted Church Monday, November 18 7:30pm	Did you know that about 316 million Christians suffer significant persecution? Please join the Missions Committee at the Greenfield Chapel as we pray together for our brothers and sisters in the faith.
Young Adult Women's Christmas Party Saturday, December 14 7 PM Rebecca Pollard's House in Shadyside	Young adult women are invited to a Christmas celebration with food, fellowship, and a white elephant gift exchange (\$10 or less for gifts). Please RSVP to Lindsay if you can attend to help plan for food: lindsay.karr@gmail.com
Women's Ministry Need	We still have an opening for the full-time Women's Ministry Director. The updated job description is listed here: https://tinyurl.com/DirectorWomensMinistry2024 or in print at the welcome table. Please email nameun@cityreformed.org for consideration.

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 300 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: Monday @ 7:30 PM in-person at the Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>This week we will be joining in the prayer for the persecuted church in person at 7:30pm on November 18th. Please note the time change.</p>
<p>Bean Sprouts Ministry: 3rd Wednesday 12:00 PM</p>	<p>The November Bean Sprouts meeting will be Wednesday, November 20 at Noon in the Greenfield Chapel. We will hear from John McCombs about his work at EVO and Mosaic. Contact Joe Stehle: 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 20th.</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: Thursday, November 21, 6:00 - 8:00 PM 3929 Coleman Street</p>	<p>For our last meeting for the year, we will be hosting the "Surviving the Holidays" session. This one night program is focused on navigating the challenges holiday gatherings present to people still on their grief journey. Anyone is welcome to join us, and please invite friends! 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)
- **Men's Discipleship Committee** (mdc@cityreformed.org)
- **Young Women's Discipleship Group** (lindsay.karr@gmail.com)
- **Ultimate Frisbee** (danielrtoney@gmail.com)
- **Board Game Gatherings** (gatcheson@gmail.com)

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