



Sunday Morning Communion Worship
November 3, 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

"Cast your deadly doing down—
Down at Jesus' feet;
Stand in Him, in Him alone,
Gloriously complete."

— James Proctor

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
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Online: Church Center App (Give)
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Mail: Church Office address above "Attn:
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Presider: Reverend Derek Bates

Call to Worship: Psalm 101:1-6

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

Leader I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O LORD, I will make music.

People I will ponder the way that is blameless. Oh when will you come to me? I will walk with integrity of heart within my house;

Leader I will not set before my eyes anything that is worthless. I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me.

People A perverse heart shall be far from me; I will know nothing of evil.

Leader Whoever slanders his neighbor secretly I will destroy. Whoever has a haughty look and an arrogant heart I will not endure.

People I will look with favor on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; he who walks in the way that is blameless shall minister to me.

Prayer of Invocation

Rejoice

(Words & Music: Ben Shive, Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Skye Peterson 2022)

Rejoice in the Lord now and always,
Sing it again, we rejoice
Delight in the love he has shown us,
Gratefully lift up your voice

His gentleness among us
Will join our hearts with praise
We gather in his goodness,
A family of grace

*With each breath he's given,
Praise the Lord
In these times we live in,
We will praise the Lord
Throughout ev'ry season, I am sure
We have ev'ry reason
To praise the Lord*

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing,
Praying for all that you need
Come with a song of thanksgiving,
Lay your requests at his feet

His peace will fall upon us
To guard our hearts and minds
In Christ, who reigns eternal,
Shepherd of our lives

Rejoice in the Lord now and always,
Tell of the good he has done
Worship the Lord to remember,
All of the joy yet to come

The hope that burns within us,
The dark cannot destroy
With praise that's never ending,
We say again rejoice

Great Are You Lord

(Words & Music: Leslie Jordan & David Leonard 2012)

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore
Ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

*It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only*

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord

Call to Confession: Galatians 4:8-11

Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? You observe days and months and seasons and years! I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain.

Prayer of Confession: from *The Valley of Vision*

O God of Grace, You have imputed my sin to my substitute, and you have imputed his righteousness to my soul, clothing me with a bridegroom's robe and decking me with jewels of holiness. But in my Christian walk I am still in rags; my best prayers are stained with sin; my penitential tears are full of impurity; my confessions of wrong are themselves corrupt; my reception of the Spirit is tainted with selfishness.

I need to repent of my repentance; I need my tears to be washed; I have no robe to cover my sins, no loom to weave my own righteousness; I am always standing clothed in filthy garments, and by grace I am always receiving a change of clothing, for you always justify the ungodly.

Every morning let me wear the righteousness of Christ, every evening return in it, go out to the day's work in it, be married in it, be wound in death in it, stand before the great throne of the judgment in it, enter heaven in it shining as the sun. Grant that I may never lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, and the exceeding wonder of grace. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 6:5-7

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from 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).

His Mercy Is More

(Words & Music: Matt Boswell & Matt Papa 2016)

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Praise the Lord

His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness new every morn

Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

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 3:1-4 "Christ Who Is Our Life"

- Reverend Joseph Bianco

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.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

Matthew 16:23 / But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

John 11:25 / Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."

Romans 6:2 / By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

Creedal Response: Westminster Larger Catechism

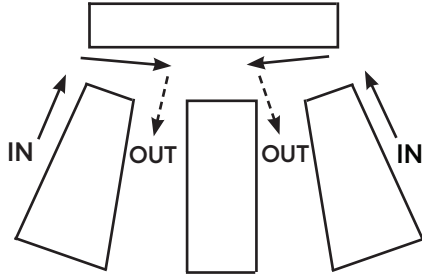
Q 66. What is that union which the elect have with Christ?

A. The union which the elect have with Christ is the work of God's grace, whereby they are spiritually and mystically, yet really and inseparably, joined to Christ as their head and husband; which is done in their effectual calling.

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

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

Wood and Nails

(Words & Music: Isaac Wardell, Keith Watts, & Madison Cunningham 2017)

O humble carpenter down on your hands and knees
Look on your handiwork and build a house
So you may dwell in me
So you may dwell in me

*The work was done with nothing but wood and nails
In Your scar-borne hands
O show me how to work and praise
Trusting that I am Your instrument*

O loving laborer with the sweat upon your face
O build a table that I too may join you
In the Father's place
Oh in the Father's place

*The kingdom's come and built upon
Wood and nails gripped with joyfulness
So send me out within Your ways
Knowing that the task is finished*

*The dead will rise and give You praise
Wood and nails will not hold them down
These wooden tombs we'll break them soon
And fashion them into flower beds*

*The curse is done the battle won
Swords bent down into plowshares
Your scar-borne hands we'll join with them
Serving at the table You've prepared*

O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

(Words & Music: Benjamin Hastings, Dean Ussher, and Marty Sampson 2015)

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

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.
Amen

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Mark Robinson will be preaching from Isaiah 56:3-5 and Acts 8:26-40, "The Ethiopian Eunuch: 'Not a Dry Tree.'"

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>New Nursing Area for Mothers</p>	<p>For moms needing a private space to nurse babies or pump milk, there is a small office space available on the second floor by Room #112. The diaper changing table has now been placed in the corner stairwell by Rm. G9.</p>
<p>Election Prayer Monday, November 4 8:30 PM</p>	<p>Pray together for the election, our country, peace, and revival: https://tinyurl.com/CRPCglobalprayer2024. Consider staying for our regular Missions prayer at 9:00.</p>
<p>Women's Mentor Lunch November 10 After Church</p>	<p>Women of all ages are invited to the annual soup and dessert mentor lunch Sunday, November 10 in room 115 right after worship! Come enjoy homemade soups, desserts, laughter, and sweet stories of women walking alongside women encouraging and reflecting Christ's love to one another. The mentor program is in need of more mentors so if you have been curious about the mentor program, this is a good opportunity to explore and consider if this is a role for you! Contact Sandy for more info or to volunteer to help. scsnoke@comcast.net</p>
<p>Shepherd's Heart Clothing Drive November 10 After Church</p>	<p>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 in a heavy duty garbage bag or a lidless box. For questions please contact Mark Prascak @ (412) 576-4961.</p>
<p>Thanksgiving Dinner Saturday, November 16 RMU Sports Island Center 7600 Grand Ave, 15225 5:30 PM</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Praying for the Persecuted Church Monday, November 18 7:30pm</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Deacons Fund</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Women's Ministry Need</p>	<p>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.</p>

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: Mondays @ 9:00 PM</p>	<p>This week we will be praying for PRISM on November 4th. 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>The November Bean Sprouts meeting will be Wednesday, November 20, 2024 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 6th.</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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