



Sunday Morning Worship
January 19, 2025

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

"Prayer is bringing your helplessness to Jesus... We forget that helplessness is how the Christian life works... The gospel, God's free gift of grace in Jesus, only works when we realize we don't have it all together. The same is true for prayer. The very thing we are allergic to – our helplessness – is what makes prayer work. It works because we are helpless. We can't do life on our own."

– Paul Miller, *A Praying Life*

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

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

Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:30PM
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Pittsburgh, PA 15207

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Donations

Online: Church Center App (Give)
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Church)

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Information:



Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Craig Kozminski

Call to Worship: John 15:7-11

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

Leader If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

People **By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.**

Leader As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.

People **Abide in my love.**

Leader If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

People **These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.**

Prayer of Invocation

Endless Light

(Words & Music: Karl Cashwell & Dean Ussher 2011)

From the highest throne to the earth below
You laid down your life for the likes of us
Great is the love of the Savior

From a wounded heart to a life made whole
Every human heart will declare as one
Great is the love of the Savior

*Lord of endless light
Let your glory shine forever
All the earth
All the earth will sing your praise*

*Hope of every heart
Let your name be lifted higher
All our hearts
All our hearts will sing your praise*

From the mountain heights to the valleys low
All created things given life to show
Jesus we live for your glory

From the rising sun to the still of night
Every waking moment for your delight
Jesus we live for your glory

God be exalted
God be exalted in everything
We live for your glory
Live for your glory

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:19–25

Sing Hallelujah

(Words & Music: Linda Stassen 1974)

Sing Hallelujah to the Lord (echo)

Sing Hallelujah to the Lord (echo)

Sing Hallelujah! sing Hallelujah!

Sing Hallelujah to the Lord.

Jesus is risen from the dead. (echo)

Jesus is risen from the dead. (echo)

Jesus is risen! Jesus is risen!

Jesus is risen from the dead.

Jesus is coming once again. (echo)

Jesus is coming once again. (echo)

Jesus is coming! Jesus is coming!

Jesus is coming once again.

I Stand Amazed

(Words & Music: Charles H. Gabriel 1905)

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner condemned unclean

For me it was in the garden
He prayed not my will but thine
He would not yield to his own grief
But sweat drops of blood for mine

*How marvelous how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous how wonderful
Is my Saviour's love for me*

In pity angels beheld Him
And came from the world of light
To comfort Him in the sorrows
He bore for my soul that night

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me

Call to Confession: 1 John 2:4-6

Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, you have shown your love to us by sending your son to die for our sins. Your love is vast, unending, boundless and free. But we are slow to believe and slow to respond. Our hearts turn back to the things of this world and we forget your love. Forgive us and renew us. Strengthen us through your Spirit that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. Help us to better know the surpassing love of Christ. Help us to see the depth of his love to cover our sin. Help us to taste the heights of his love to satisfy our deep longings. Help us to trust the length of his love which continues to the end of time. Help us to rest in the broadness of his love as it meets us in our disappointment. Help us to abide in his love. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Missions Moment: Andrew & Amy

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

(Words: 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 4:2-4 **"Steadfast in Prayer"**

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— ⁴that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

2 Corinthians 1:11 / You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q 100. What does the preface of the Lord's prayer teach us?

A. The preface of the Lord's prayer, which is, "Our Father who is in heaven," teaches us to draw near to God with a full holy reverence and confidence, and as children who draw near to a father able and ready to help us. Also (in using the plural our), it teaches us that we should pray with and for others.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Approach My Soul

(Words & Music: Jordan Kauflin and Laura Story)

Approach my soul the mercy seat where Jesus answers prayer
There humbly fall before his feet for none can perish there
Thy promise is my only plea with this I venture nigh
Thou calls our burdened souls to Thee and such O Lord am I

*Oh wondrous love
Oh boundless grace
Rejoice my soul forever
Christ has made a way*

Bowed down beneath a load of sin by satan sorely pressed
By wars without and fears within I come to Thee for rest
Be Thou my shield and hiding place that sheltered near Thy side
I may my fierce accuser face and tell him Thou hast died

O wondrous love to bleed and die to bear the cross and shame
That guilty sinners such as I might plead Thy gracious name
The tempted soul he tells be still my promised grace receive
'Tis Jesus speaks I must I will I can I do believe

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

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Mark Robinson will be preaching from Ephesians 4:17-24, "The New Life."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study 9:45 AM-12:00 PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>Join us for a 3 week study on the book of Ruth with Paige Brown. We will be meeting Tuesday mornings 9:45-noon January 21st-Feb 4th at the Greenfield building. For more info please contact Luda Bates at 314-229-2023.</p>
<p>Young Adults Fellowship Friday, January 24th 6:00 PM</p>	<p>Young Adults Fellowship is a regular time of fellowship, food, and connection for young adults at City. Kickoff pizza/ice cream/game night in Squirrel Hill at the home of the Rampelt family. Contact Claire Josey, clairemjosey@gmail.com, for more information.</p>
<p>Artist Workshop January 25th 3:00-5:00 PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>All artists and visual makers are welcome to join. We will be discussing the first half of Walking on Water by Madeleine L'Engle (Reading isn't necessary for attendance). Bring artwork if you would like feedback. Limited childcare is available upon request. Any questions please email Camden at camdenbianco@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Ethiopia Missions Team January 26 - February 1</p>	<p>We are sending a short-term medical team to Ethiopia in a month! (Jan 26-Feb 1) Our team is 12 people total, seven of whom are from City. Please pray for our trip and consider giving to City with "Ethiopia" designated to support it. Please also consider donating new, small, packable toys for the 100+ children the team will work with; e.g. new stuffies (less than 5") are much beloved! Contact Alex Watt (alex@alexwatt.com) with any questions.</p>
<p>Men's Retreat February 28 - March 1 Ligonier Camp and Conference Center</p>	<p>Mark your calendars, gentlemen! Our annual men's retreat is returning to Ligonier Camp and Conference Center from February 28th to March 1st. Save the date for a time of fellowship, growth, and renewal in a beautiful setting. More details will follow soon!</p>
<p>Women's Retreat March 28, 5:30 PM - March 29, 7:00 PM Ligonier Camp and Conference Center</p>	<p>Women of the church: mark your calendars for study, fellowship, discussion, prayer, food, and games at our annual Women's Retreat! Join in as Irene Sun leads us through Psalm 23. Friday, March 28, 5:30 PM - Saturday, March 29, 7:00 PM at Ligonier Camp & Conference Center. Find out more and register at http://tinyurl.com/womensretreat2025.</p>
<p>Welcome Activities Committee (WAC) Please consider joining us!</p>	<p>WAC is dedicated to fostering a warm and inclusive environment for all members of our congregation. Our mission is to create engaging and meaningful activities that provide a sense of belonging and allow everyone to thrive and contribute to Christ's kingdom. For more information, contact WAC@cityreformed.org.</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 meet every other Monday at the new building at 7 pm (300 Saline St). The next meeting is January 27. We will be continuing our series on apologetics. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)</p>
<p>Global Missions Prayer: Monday @ 9:00 PM</p>	<p>No prayer this week due to the holiday. Join us next week, January 27th for the next prayer meeting. Held on Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/CRPCglobalprayer2024</p>
<p>Bean Sprouts Ministry: 3rd Wednesday 12:00 PM</p>	<p>The February Bean Sprouts meeting will be Wednesday, February 19 at noon in the Greenfield Chapel. 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>Youth Group will continue on January 29th. We invite all middle and high school students to join us as we study God's Word together!</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>

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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