



Sunday Morning Worship
January 26, 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

"How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?"

– Romans 10:14

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

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

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Welcome Information:



Sunday Evening Worship Service

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

Donations

Online: Church Center App (Give)
OR cityreformed.org/give
Mail: Church Office address above "Attn: Bookkeeper" (please make checks payable to City Reformed Presbyterian Church)

Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

Call to Worship: Isaiah 60:1-3, 5-6, 9

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

Leader Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

People **For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;**

Leader But the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising...

People **Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.**

Leader A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.

People **They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD...**

Leader For the coastlands shall hope for me, the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your children from afar, their silver and gold with them,

People **For the name of the LORD your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has made you beautiful.**

Prayer of Invocation

O The Deep Deep Love of Jesus

(Words: Samuel T. Francis 1800's; Music: Thomas J. Williams 1890)

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless free.
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love.
Leading onward, leading homeward,
To thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread his praise from shore to shore.
How he loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, never more.
How he watches o'er his loved ones,
Died to call them all his own.
How for them he intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of every love the best.
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me.
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to thee.

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Psalm 24 | We Long to See You

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2015)

Almighty God, we long to see you.
Open our hearts and make them pure.
Spirit, we wash our hands in mercy.
Come teach our souls to love your truth.

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
'Tis Jesus speaks I must I will I can I do believe

Call to Confession: Isaiah 45:22

"Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other."

Prayer of Confession:

Heavenly Father, we confess that we love far too little. We want people to affirm us, but we offer mere idle praise to others, not valuing all people as immortals made in the image of God. We want to win in the game of life, doing better than others in one type of success or another, whether in the affirmation of family, job, or cultural experiences; we want to use others so that we can gain control and so that we can be comfortable and at ease. Open our eyes to see people whom Christ died for and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We thank you that your love for us is everlasting and unchanging, and that you can fill us with your Holy Spirit to truly love others who are sinners like us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 10:12-13

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Membership Vows:

Austin Andryshak
Kaylin Andryshak
Devin Arrington
Caleb Bates

Abiel Bates
Elisea Bates
Sam Gould
Samuel Greco

John Iaconis
Stella Koerber
Lauryn McKenna
Laura Smith

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).

Send Me

(Words & Music: Brandon Lake, Jenn Johnson, and Kari Jobe 2020)

If it's bandaging the broken or washing filthy feet
Here I am Lord send me
If it's loving one another even when we don't agree
Here I am Lord send me

If I'm poor or if I'm wealthy I'll serve you just the same
Here I am Lord send me
On the mountain or the valley I will choose to praise
Here I am Lord send me

*If I'm known by how I love
Let my life reflect how much I love you,
I love you
And before you even ask
Oh my answer will be yes because I love you
I love you*

If the truth cuts like an arrow I will say it anyway
Here I am Lord send me
If it means that they'll reject me Lord I will still obey
Here I am Lord send me

When I'm standing in your glory I'll be glad I chose to say
Here I am Lord send me
Well done good and faithful I live to hear you say
Here I am Lord send me

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 4:2-6 **"Walk in Wisdom Toward Outsiders"**

- 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.

⁵Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. ⁶Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

1 Peter 3:14b-16 / 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: Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Songs of Thanksgiving

The Great Commission

(Words & Music: Daniel Justice Snoke 2022)

At your call we follow
In your name we worship
In our doubting hearts be glorified

*All authority is mine therefore go
Baptize all the world and teach them my Word
By Father Son and Holy Spirit I am with you*

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

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Matt Koerber will be preaching from Acts 15:1-35, "Jerusalem Council."

Community Groups

Community Groups meet for Bible study, fellowship, and service, and are some of the best opportunities to connect with church life - always open for visitors throughout the year. Visit the welcome table after service to find out more information! Contact Pastor Nameun Cho (nameun@cityreformed.org)

Sunday

Fox Chapel A - Watson Barker

Every other Sunday, 5:00pm

Fox Chapel B - Damon Claus & Ben Sera

Every other Sunday, 5:00pm

North Hills - David Bacon

Two Sundays per month, 3:00pm

Monday

Forest Hills - Adam Schwab & Don McMillan

1st, 2nd, 4th Mondays, 6:00pm

Tuesday

Bellevue/North Side - Joe Benscoter & Cyril Isaac

1st, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays, 6:00pm

Friendship - Michael Hilton & Dan Toney

1st, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays, 6:00pm

Morningside - James Lettow

1st, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays, 6:00pm

Squirrel Hill - Ben Chidester & Andrew Roberts

7:00pm

Wednesday

Baldwin/Greenfield - Max Winters, Wesley Jernigan, Matt Yost

Regent Square - Dave Snoke, Drew Hayward, Michael Plittman

7:30pm

Thursday

Shadyside - Stephen Pollard & Chris Bollinger

7:00pm

West Hills - Jon Dodd & Bryan Campbell

1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30pm

Friday

East Suburban - Joe Stehle & Luke Kephart

1st Fridays, 6:30pm

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study 9:45 AM-12:00 PM Greenfield Chapel	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.
Ethiopia Missions Team January 26 - February 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. Contact Alex Watt (alex@alexcwatt.com) with any questions.
Men's Retreat February 28 - March 1 Ligonier Camp and Conference Center	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. Register here: https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2702959
Women's Retreat March 28, 5:30 PM - March 29, 7:00 PM Ligonier Camp and Conference Center	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 .
Welcome Activities Committee (WAC) Please consider joining us!	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 .

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 February 10. 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>This week we will be praying for Jon and Beka in North Africa on January 27th. 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>
<p>Young Adults Fellowship</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>

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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