



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**February 9, 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](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

"Grace binds you with far stronger cords than the cords of duty or obligation can bind you. Grace is free, but when once you take it, you are bound forever to the Giver and bound to catch the spirit of the Giver. Like produces like. Grace makes you gracious, the Giver makes you give"

– E. Stanley Jones

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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  
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# Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Luke Kephart

## Call to Worship: Psalm 103:1-5, 8-13

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

Leader Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Leader The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

People He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Leader For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

People As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

## Prayer of Invocation

## Come Ye Sinners

*(Words: Joseph Hart 1759; Music: Southern Harmony Folk 1835; Arrangement: Daniel Snoke 2018)*

Come ye sinners, poor and needy  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore  
Jesus ready stands to save you  
Full of pity love and pow'r  
He is able, He is able  
He is willing doubt no more

Come ye thirsty, come and welcome  
God's free bounty, glorify  
True belief and true repentance  
Ever'y grace that brings you nigh  
Without money, without money  
Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Let not conscience make you linger  
Nor of fitness fondly dream  
All the fitness He requireth  
Is to feel your need of Him  
This He gives you, this He gives you  
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Come ye weary, heavy laden  
Bruised and broken by the Fall  
If you tarry 'till you're better  
You will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous  
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Agonizing in the garden  
Lo! your Master prostrate lies  
On the bloody tree behold Him  
Hear Him cry before he dies  
"It is finished, it is finished"  
Sinner, will not this suffice?

Lo! incarnate God ascended  
Pleads the merit of His blood  
Venture on Him, venture wholly

Let no other trust intrude  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus  
Can do helpless sinners good.

Saints and angels joined in concert  
Sing the praises of the Lamb  
While the blissful seats of heaven  
Sweetly echo with His name  
"Hallelujah, hallelujah!"  
Sinners here may do the same.

## Scripture Reading: Psalm 23

### Goodness Of God

*(Words & Music: Ed Cash and Jenn Johnson 2018)*

I love you Lord  
Oh your mercy never fails me  
All my days  
I've been held in your hands

From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God

*All my life you have been faithful  
All my life you have been so, so good  
With ev'ry breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God*

I love your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night  
You are close like no other

I've known you as a Father  
I've known you as a Friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God

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Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me

With my life laid down  
I'm surrendered now  
I give you everything  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me

## **To God Be The Glory**

*(Words: Fanny Crosby 1875 & Music: W. Howard Doane 1875)*

To God be the glory great things he has done  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life gate that all may go in

*Praise the Lord (praise the Lord)  
Let the earth hear his voice  
Praise the Lord (praise the Lord)  
Let the people rejoice  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give him the glory, great things he has done*

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood  
To every believer the promise of God  
The vilest offender who truly believes  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

Great things he has taught us  
Great things he has done  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see

## **Call to Confession: Matthew 18:32-33**

Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?'

## **Prayer of Confession: 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.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Luke 15:4-7**

"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

## **Membership Vows:**

David Teklea, Carolyn Deemer, Matt and Molly Knauer, Bill and Melissa Rooney, and Emma Neihart

## **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).*

## Jesus What a Friend for Sinners

*(Words: J. Wilbur Chapman 1910; Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard 1811)*

Jesus what a friend for sinners  
Jesus lover of my soul  
Friends may fail me foes assail me  
He my Savior makes me whole

Jesus What a strength in weakness  
Let me hide myself in him  
Tempted tried and sometimes failing  
He my strength my victory wins

*Hallelujah what a Savior  
Hallelujah what a Friend  
Saving helping keeping loving  
He is with me to the end*

Jesus what a help in sorrow  
While the billows o'er me roll  
Even when my heart is breaking  
He my comfort helps my soul

Jesus what a guide and keeper  
While the tempest still is high  
Storms about me, night has found me  
He my pilot hears my cry

Jesus I do now receive him  
More than all in him I find  
He hath granted me forgiveness  
I am his and he is mine



# 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: Matthew 18:15-21, 1 Corinthians 13:1-7, 1 Peter 4:8 "Another Core Value of City Reformed: Grace"**

- Elder Dave Snoko

“**I**f 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. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

<sup>21</sup>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?”

...<sup>13:1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is

not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

...<sup>4:8</sup>Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## **Creedal Response:** Westminster Larger Catechism

Q 143. What is the ninth commandment?

**A. The ninth commandment is, "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."**

Q 144. What are the duties required in the ninth commandment?

**A. The duties required in the ninth commandment are the following:**

- **preserving and promoting truth between one person and another;**
- **upholding the good name of our neighbor as much as our own;**
- **appearing and standing for the truth, from the heart, sincerely, freely, clearly, and fully;**
- **speaking the truth, and only the truth, in matters of judgment and justice and in all other things;**
- **a charitable esteem of our neighbors, loving, desiring, and rejoicing in their good name and sorrowing for and covering their infirmities, freely acknowledging their gifts and graces, defending their innocence, readily receiving a good report, and unwillingly admitting an evil report concerning them.**

## Additional Scripture

Exodus 2:23-25 / During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. God saw the people of Israel—and God knew.

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Leviticus 19:17 / "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him."

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Psalms 86:15 / But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

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Romans 2:4 / Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

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# 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

## **Come Thou Fount**

*(Words: Robert Robinson & Martin Madan 1760; Music: Unknown)*

Come thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace.  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by thy help I'm come,  
And I hope by thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God.  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be.  
Let that grace now like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for thy courts above.

## **Benediction**

*At tonight's Worship Service, Elder Ben Chidester will be preaching from Psalm 3, "How to Sleep When the Armies of Israel Assail You."*

# Announcements

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

<p><b>Congregational Meeting:</b> February 16, immediately after service</p>	<p>Please mark your calendars to join us as we report in on various ministries of CRPC and celebrate what the Lord is doing in the midst of our community. Sunday School will be taking a break this week for our congregational meeting.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study (on hold for two weeks - resumes February 11)</b> 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 February 11 &amp; 18 (for the final two studies) at the Greenfield building. For more info please contact Luda Bates at 314-229-2023.</p>
<p><b>Men's Retreat</b> 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. Register here: <a href="https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2702959">https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2702959</a></p>
<p><b>Children's Church Training</b> Greenfield Chapel March 7 or March 8</p>	<p>If you serve in Children's Church (or are interested in learning how you can join us in this ministry), please plan to attend our mandatory training on either Friday March 7th, 7:30-9 PM OR Saturday March 8th, 9-10:30 AM. Reach out to <a href="mailto:becki@cityreformed.org">becki@cityreformed.org</a> with any questions!</p>
<p><b>Save the Date: "Guess Who's Coming for Dinner?"</b> Saturday, March 15, 6:00 PM</p>	<p>Mark your calendars for one of CRPC's favorite events: "Guess Who's Coming for Dinner?" Saturday, March 15th, 6pm. Home hosts and traveling guests (with sides) needed!</p>
<p><b>Women's Retreat</b> 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 &amp; Conference Center. Find out more and register at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/womensretreat2025">http://tinyurl.com/womensretreat2025</a>.</p>
<p><b>Welcome Activities Committee (WAC)</b> 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 <a href="mailto:WAC@cityreformed.org">WAC@cityreformed.org</a>.</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 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. Dr. Snoke will lead a discussion on "Different schools of thought on how to do evangelism". Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)</p>
<p><b>Global Missions Prayer:</b> Monday @ 9:00 PM</p>	<p>We will be praying for Dean and Kyria this week on February 10th. Held on Zoom: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/CRPCglobalprayer2024">https://tinyurl.com/CRPCglobalprayer2024</a></p>
<p><b>Bean Sprouts Ministry:</b> 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><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>Youth Group will continue on February 12th. We invite all middle and high school students to join us as we study God's Word and reflect on Christ's miracle recorded in Mark 11:12-25!</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>Thursday Women's Bible Study</b> 1:00-3:00 PM</p>	<p>Women's Bible study on Becoming A Woman of Strength. Thursdays from 1:00-3:00PM at Cathy Taylor's House. Contact Cathy Taylor for more information at lawyerdad5@aol.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. Contact Sandy for more info: scssnoke@comcast.net.</p>
<p><b>Young Adults Fellowship</b></p>	<p>Young Adults Fellowship is a monthly time of fellowship, food, and connection for young adults at City. Contact Claire Josey, clairemjosey@gmail.com, for information on our next gathering.</p>

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- [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))
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