



**Sunday Morning Communion Worship**  
**March 2, 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

"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'"

– Jesus of Nazareth (*Gospel of John, Chapter 8*)

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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)

### Church Office

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### Welcome Information:



### Sunday Evening Worship Service

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

### Donations

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# Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Craig Kozminski

## Call to Worship: Isaiah 60:1-4, 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. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;

People **But the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.**

Leader And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

People **Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar...**

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

## 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

# 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: Ephesians 5:8-9**

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Heavenly Father we confess this truth: You are light and in you no darkness can dwell. Yet Lord we acknowledge that even as children of the light, we still delight in darkness; we still run after the things our sinful heart's desire. We stumble around blindly after things that do not satisfy, and things that cause us destruction. O Savior we desire to live in the light; to be in fellowship with you! Oh God forgive us for our fickle hearts; forgive our sin, we ask. Help us! Change us! By your Spirit, draw us into the light that we might stand as radiant reflections of you in this dark world. For we ask these things through the Light of the World, your son and our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon: 2 Corinthians 4:5-6**

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

# Membership & Baptism:

Rachel and Elias Griffin, Sophie Hooper, Abby Hooper

## 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).*

### Be Thou My Vision

*(Words: Mary Elizabeth Byrne, 1905; Music: "Slane")*

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me save that thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word  
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father I thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always  
Thou and thou only first in my heart  
High King of Heaven my treasure thou art

High King of Heaven my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision O Ruler of All

# 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: John 1:1-18

### "The Light Shines in the Darkness"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

**I**n the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.



**Leader** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

## Additional Scripture

John 3:16-17 / "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God."

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John 6:35, 53 / Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst... So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."

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John 8:31-32, 44 / So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ... "You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

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John 8:12, 9:39 / "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." ... Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

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John 14:1-2, 6 / "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ... Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

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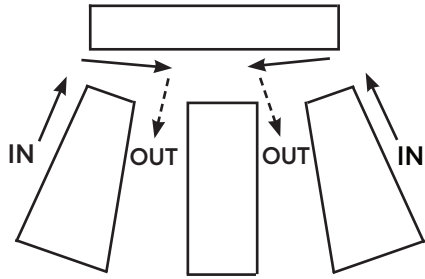
John 15:12-15, 20 / "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you... Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours."

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# 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 bless 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.



City Reformed Church distributes communion to groups of people who come forward to eat and drink the Lord's Supper together. Please join us in song as we celebrate Christ dwelling with his church in the sacrament of communion. Lines are formed at the front of the room and the entire line will eat and drink at the same time. Not everyone should stand and line up at the same time and it is often better to remain seated until the line progresses. Please notify an usher if you are unable to come forward and need to receive communion in your seat.

## Songs of Communion

### How Deep the Father's Love for Us

(Words & Music: Stuart Townend 1995)

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That he should give his only Son  
To make a wretch his treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns his face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross  
My sin upon his shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts no power no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from his reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

## **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.

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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.

## **Promises**

*(Words & Music: Aaron Moses, Carrington Gaines, Dante Bowe, Keila Alvarado, and Lemuel Marin 2020)*

God of Abraham  
You're the God of covenant  
Of faithful promises  
Time and time again  
You have proven  
You do just what you say

Though the storms may come  
And the winds may blow  
I'll remain steadfast  
And let my heart learn  
When you speak a word  
It will come to pass

*Great is your faithfulness to me  
Great is your faithfulness to me  
From the rising sun  
To the setting same  
I will praise your name  
Great is your faithfulness to me*

God from age to age  
Though the earth may pass away  
Your word remains the same  
Your history can prove  
There's nothing you can't do  
You're faithful and true

I put my faith in Jesus  
My anchor to the ground  
My hope and firm foundation  
He'll never let me down

## **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.  
(repeat)  
Amen

## **Benediction**

*At tonight's Worship Service, Elder Dave Snoke will be preaching  
from Acts 17:1-28, "How Should We Confront Our Culture?"*

# Announcements

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

<p><b>Membership Class</b> Friday, March 7, 7-9:30 PM Saturday, March 8, 9 AM-1 PM</p>	<p>Looking to learn more about our church and/or pursue formal membership? Consider attending our dual-session class at 300 Saline Street. Visit <a href="https://tinyurl.com/MemberMarch2025">https://tinyurl.com/MemberMarch2025</a> to register! For questions, contact <a href="mailto:joseph@cityreformed.org">joseph@cityreformed.org</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>Guess Who's Coming for Dinner?</b> Saturday, March 15, 6:30 PM</p>	<p>This is a really fun opportunity to get to know folks in the church that are not otherwise connected to your life. Home hosts and traveling guests (with sides) needed! Signup using: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/GWCTD2025">https://tinyurl.com/GWCTD2025</a></p>
<p><b>Pray for the Muslim World</b> Monday, March 24 at 7:30 PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>Please join our missions committee as we pray for the Muslim world (1.9 billion people) during Ramadan!</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: join us 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 March 10. We will be continuing our series on apologetics. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)</p>
<p><b>Global Missions Prayer:</b> Monday @ 9:00 PM</p>	<p>We will be praying for Adrienne Willhoft this week on March 3rd. 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 March Bean Sprouts meeting will be Wednesday, March 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/crcpwednesdayprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crcpwednesdayprayer</a>.</p>
<p><b>Youth Group:</b> Biweekly Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>Youth Group will continue on March 12. We invite all middle and high school students to join us as we study God's Word and reflect on Christ's miracles!</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. Current 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 Prayer. 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 about Taco Night, March 21 @ 6:30PM.</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](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))
- **Mommies' Group** ([Sandy@cityreformed.org](mailto:Sandy@cityreformed.org))
- **Wednesday Morning Prayer** ([Nameun@cityreformed.org](mailto:Nameun@cityreformed.org))
- **Men's Discipleship Committee** ([mdc@cityreformed.org](mailto:mdc@cityreformed.org))
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