



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**March 16, 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

"...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

– Jesus (Acts 1:8)

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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)

### Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:30PM  
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# Morning Worship Service

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Prisider: Reverend Nameun Cho

## Call to Worship: Isaiah 43:1-2, 10-12

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

Leader But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

People **"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.**

Leader When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

People **When you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you."**

Leader "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he.

People **Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.**

Leader I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior. I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you;

People **And you are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and I am God.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## **Psalm 100 | All People That on Earth**

*(Words: William Kethe 1500's; Music: Louis Bourgeois 1510)*

All people that on earth do dwell  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice  
Him serve with mirth his praise forth tell  
Come ye before him and rejoice

The Lord ye know is God indeed  
With out our aid he did us make  
We are his flock he doth us feed  
And for his sheep he doth us take

O enter then his gates with praise  
Approach with joy his courts unto  
Praise laud and bless his name always  
For it is seemly so to do

For why the Lord our God is good  
His mercy is forever sure  
His truth at all times firmly stood  
And shall from age to age endure

## **Scripture Reading: Psalm 6**

*The reading of Psalm 6 will be accompanied by the singing of the following refrain:*

### **Psalm 6 (Refrain)**

*(Words & Music: Daniel Snoko 2025)*

Heal me, Lord  
For I am weak.  
Heal me, Lord  
My bones are terrified.  
How long, how long,  
How long, Oh how long?

# 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

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

## **Call to Confession: Isaiah 51:12-13a**

"I am he who comforts you; who are you that you are afraid of man who dies, of the son of man who is made like grass, and have forgotten the LORD, your Maker, who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth."

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Father, we praise you as the creator of the universe. We praise your Son Jesus Christ. By him all things came into being and he holds them together by the power of his word. Every day we see the surprises and mysteries of life. The more we learn the more we are awed by the beauty of your world. We thank you for the gift of life.

And yet, we confess that we do not guard the lives of our fellow humans as we should. Instead of seeking their good we are consumed with self interest. In so doing we dishonor your image when we encounter it in our fellow man.

Forgive us and renew us. Empower us to love by the strength of your Holy Spirit. Cause the life of your son Jesus to be lived out in our lives. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 43:16, 25**

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters... "I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins."

## **Sacrament of Baptism:**

Justin Roy Toney, son of Dan and Becki

## **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).*

## Behold Our God

*(Words & Music: Jonathan, Meghan, & Ryan Beird, & Stephen Altrogge 2011)*

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

*Behold our God, seated on His throne  
Come, let us adore Him  
Behold our King, nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

You will reign forever!  
Let your glory fill the earth  
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# 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 5:18, 30-47 **"Witnesses for Jesus"**

- Reverend Matt Koerber

**T**his was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God...

<sup>30</sup>"I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>31</sup>If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true. <sup>32</sup>There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. <sup>33</sup>You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. <sup>34</sup>Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. <sup>35</sup>He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. <sup>36</sup>But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me. <sup>37</sup>And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, <sup>38</sup>and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. <sup>39</sup>You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, <sup>40</sup>yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. <sup>41</sup>I do not receive glory from people. <sup>42</sup>But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. <sup>43</sup>I have come in my Father's name, and you do



not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. <sup>44</sup>How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? <sup>45</sup>Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. <sup>46</sup>For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. <sup>47</sup>But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

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

**People** Thanks be to God.

## Additional Scripture

Deuteronomy 18:15 / "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—"

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Luke 24:27 / And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

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## Creedal Response: Westminster Confession of Faith 8.2

**The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being truly and eternally God, of one substance and equal with the Father, when the fullness of time came, took upon himself mankind's nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities of it, yet without sin, being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the virgin Mary, and of her substance. Thus two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. This person is truly God and truly man, and yet is one Christ, the only mediator between God and man.**



# Songs of Thanksgiving

## King of Kings

*(Words & Music: Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, Scott Ligertwood 2018)*

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope without light  
Till from heaven you came running  
There was mercy in your eyes  
To fulfil the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit Three in One  
God of Glory majesty  
Praise forever to the King of kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross  
For even in your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake you died

And the morning that you rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel shall not faint

By his blood and in his name  
In his freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me

## **Psalm 72 | Jesus Shall Reign**

*(Words: Isaac Watts 1719; Music "Duke Street" John Hatton 1793)*

Jesus shall reign wher e'er the sun  
Does his successive journeys run  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore  
Till moons shall rise and set no more

To him shall endless prayer be made  
And princes throng to crown his head  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With every morning sacrifice

People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on his love with sweetest song  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on his name

Blessings abound wherever he reigns  
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains  
The weary find eternal rest  
And all the sons of want are blest

Let every creature rise and bring  
The highest honors to our King  
Angels descend with songs again  
And earth repeats the loud amen

## **Benediction**

***At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Joseph Bianco will be preaching from Acts 18:1-17, "When It Is Scary To Follow Jesus".***

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

<p><b>WT Construction</b> Sunday, March 23</p>	<p>Room adjustments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Dining Hall doors into the parking lot and the back of the auditorium will be closed off for construction. The door between the Dining Hall and parking lot perpendicular to the handicap entrance will be offered as an alternative.</li><li>• 2nd-3rd grade Sunday School will meet upstairs in room 115</li><li>• Teach Me To Worship will meet upstairs in 115</li></ul>
<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>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 24. 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 Andy and Bev Warren this week on March 17th. 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/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 March 26. 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)
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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))
- **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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