



Sunday Morning Communion Worship
January 4, 2026

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

"There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations - these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub and exploit - immortal horrors or everlasting splendors."

– C.S. Lewis, *"The Weight of Glory"*

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

Greenfield Chapel

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Welcome
Information:



Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Nameun Cho

Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:1-3a, 11-13

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

Leader Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

People **Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.**

Leader Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

People **Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live...**

Leader "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty,

People **But it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.**

Leader "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

People **Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."**

Prayer of Invocation

Isaiah 2 | Come Let Us Walk In The Light

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke 2019)

Come to the mountain of the LORD,
A home for the nations.
Come to the hill above all hills,
Greater than kingdoms.
People from all the earth will flow
Into his presence.

*Come let us walk in the light of the LORD.
Come let us walk in the light of the LORD.*

Let us go up to meet with God
And follow his pathway.
Let the LORD teach us in the Word
That goes out from Zion.
The Law of the LORD will be the light
That leads us to worship.

Bring your dispute before the LORD,
And look for his justice.
Bring to our God your love for war;
Replace it with mercy.
Nations will lay their weapons down
And take up forgiveness.

Isaiah 55 | So Shall His Word

(Words & Music: Liz Vice & Sandra McCracken)

So shall his Word that goes out, that goes out,
Shall not return, not return empty.

It shall make a name for the Lord.

It shall make a name for the Lord.

Let the Light make a name for the Lord in the dark.

Come all who thirst, laborers, lay it down.
Come seek the Lord while he may be found.

We shall go out, out with joy led in peace.
Join in the song all creation sings.

We shall make a name for the Lord.

We shall make a name for the Lord.

Let the Light make a name for the Lord in the dark.

Call to Confession: Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Prayer of Confession:

Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, we seek you in prayer. We see your glory in all that you have made. The heavens declare your glory and all that you have made is good. You have made us for your image, to govern your creation, but we have rebelled.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us for suppressing the truth and for spurning your kindness which is meant to lead us to repentance. Renew us, by your Spirit and shape us into the image of your Son, our Savior. In his name we pray, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 2:13-14

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility...

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).

Amen Amen

(Words & Music: Kate Robins and Neil Robins 2007)

Let every creature rise and bring
Their grateful praises to our King
Angels descend with songs again
And earth repeats a loud amen

*Amen amen
Amen amen
I found my life
I found my life in him
Amen amen*

Peace like a river from His throne
Will flow to nations yet unknown
His word a light where hope is dim
And tribes unite to cry amen

And in this Child we'll find our rest
And all the meek and lowly blessed
An Infant tongue could sing the hymn
Of hallelujah and amen

Pastoral Prayer

At this time, children ages 4-6 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. Parents, please have your children meet the teachers at the back of the sanctuary and pick them up after the sermon from Children's Church in room 115.

Sermon: Philippians 3:17-4:1

"Walk with the End in View"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

Matthew 25:31-32 / When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

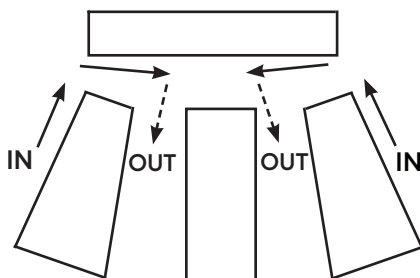
2 Peter 2:9 / The Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment,

Notes

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 briefly pray for 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

Brightest and Best

(Words: Reginald Heber, 1811, Daniel Snoke, 2025; Music: The Temple Harmony, 1826)

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid!
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

*Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid!
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.*

Shall we not yield him, in costly devotion,
Fragrance of Edom, and off'rings divine?
Gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each earnest oblation;
Vainly with gifts would his favor secure:
Richer by far is the grace of salvation
Placed in our hearts that our gifts may be pure.

You Are My Wonder

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke 2023)

Here I lay down my treasure
A gift in the kingdom all for the King
Heaven wrapped in my burden
Cries out salvation makes me to sing

The gates that hold midnight are breaking apart
The light of the kingdom shines through the dark
Lord of the nations King overall
You are my wonder you are my star

Here I bring him my troubles
The weight that I carry, the sin that I keep
My sorrow rests on his shoulders
The sinless babe suffered, my Prince of Peace

The gates of my hell are breaking apart
The King of the righteous enters my heart
O Lord of my glory help in my fall
You are my wonder you are my all

Here I join in devotion
Shepherds that worship and angels above
His blessed mother has opened
The world to embrace and hold him with love

Great Father who clothed your Son in our flesh
Now send us your Spirit and fill up our breath
O Babe in the manger and King at your birth
We sing your praises from all of the earth

The gates that hold midnight are breaking apart
The light of the kingdom shines through the dark
The gates of my hell are breaking apart
The King of the righteous enters my heart

O Lord of my glory help in my fall
You are my wonder you are my all
Lord of the nations King overall
You are my wonder you are my star

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.
Amen

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Gavin Breeden will be preaching from Luke 8:26-39 "The Mission of Jesus."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Roses	Ethan Portnoff born to the Portnoff family December 7 Benjamin Eicher born to the Eicher family December 18 Micah Heins born to the Heins family December 20 Jasmine Schartner to the Schartner family December 25 Welcome to our church family beautiful ones!
Sunday School Starts January 11: 9 AM - 10 AM Sundays at WT	Sunday School starts next week, January 11th! There will be someone in the lobby to direct you & and your crew to the Sunday School classrooms throughout the building at WT. As in past years, the adult CE class will have a multi-week interlude addressing contemporary pastoral issues.
Women's Bible Study Tuesdays 9:45 AM-11:45 AM Greenfield Chapel	Scenes from the Final Week, a Bible Study by Paige Brown. Restarts January 20. Tuesdays from 9:45 am - 11:45 am at Greenfield Chapel. Childcare is provided. Contact Tracy (partridge.ta@gmail.com) or Luda (luda.bates@gmail.com)
Medical Missions Opportunity, Ethiopia	City Reformed will be sending a medical mission team to Ethiopia from June 27-July 5. If you would like more information, contact Alex Watt (alex@alexcwatt.com , 724-858-8031).
Thursday PM Women's Bible Study January 15th - early April 6:45 PM - 8:45 PM Greenfield Chapel	We are starting a new study on Revelation using the book and video series by Nancy Guthrie, Blessed: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Revelation. Contact Tracy (partridge.ta@gmail.com) or Chrissie (chrissie@cityreformed.org).
Mommies' Discipleship Group 2nd and 4th Thursdays 7 PM - 9 PM	Mommies' Discipleship Group meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 7-9pm at the home of Sandy Snoke. Come enjoy warm tea and fellowship with other moms while studying the Sermon on the Mount from the book of Matthew along with a time of prayer for one another. Contact Sandy at scsnoke@comcast.net for more info.

Regular Events

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College Shuttle Sundays	9:30AM - PPU: 201 Wood St; Contact Amy: amy@cityreformed.org 9:40AM - Duquesne University: 1015 Forbes Ave; Contact Nameun: nameun@cityreformed.org 9:55AM - PITT: 4024 O'Hara St; Contact Gavin: gavin.breeden@ruf.org **No shuttle service: 11/30, 12/21-1/4 due to holidays
Agora Forum Biweekly Mondays, 7PM, 300 Saline Street	We discuss theology and popular culture topics from a Christian perspective. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)
Global Missions Prayer Mondays @ 9:00 PM	This week we are praying for the Jones at City Presbyterian. Held on Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/cityreformedglobalprayer
Bean Sprouts 3rd Wednesday 12:00 PM	The next Bean Sprouts meeting will be Wednesday, January 21st at noon in the Greenfield Chapel. Contact Joe Stehle: joestehle@gmail.com.
Wednesday Prayer Meetings 8:30-9:30 AM	Please join us for Scripture reading, adoration, thanksgiving, and sharing prayer requests. Held on Zoom at: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer .
Youth Group Biweekly Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM Greenfield Chapel	This is an opportunity for our MS & HS students to connect with God through His Word & with one another through games, Bible teaching, discussion, & prayer. Youth Group will resume on January 14th
Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group Biweekly Wednesdays, 7:00 PM	Meets on the North Side. Current study: Psalms 31-60. Contact Lindsay Karr for more info: lindsay.karr@gmail.com .
Men's New Hope Bi-Weekly Wednesdays	A ministry for men struggling with various kinds of sexual sin where we practice accountability, scripture reading, and book work. If you are interested in joining, you'll need to first meet with the group leader. Please contact joseph@cityreformed.org for more information.
Thursday Women's Bible Study 1:00-3:00 PM	Women's Bible study on Growing Older and Wiser Thursdays from 1:00-3:00PM at Cathy Taylor's House. Contact Cathy Taylor for more info at lawyerdad5@aol.com
Young Adults Fellowship	Young Adults Fellowship is a monthly time of fellowship, food, and connection for young adults at City. Contact Michele Kloes, michele.kloes@gmail.com , for more info.
Ultimate Frisbee Thursdays	Ultimate frisbee group meets Thursday evenings. All skill levels are welcome! Contact Dan Toney (danielrtoney@gmail.com) for more information.

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, and Abbay Kocsis (gavin.breeden@ruf.org, callie.miller@ruf.org, abbay.kocsis@ruf.org)
- cityreformed.org/collegestudents

Community Groups meet for Bible study, fellowship, and service. Contact Elder Ben Chidester (ben@cityreformed.org) or visit our website at www.cityreformed.org/community-groups/

Sunday:

Fox Chapel A - Watson Barker
Fox Chapel B - Damon Claus
North Hills - David Bacon

Monday:

Forest Hills - Adam Schwab
Morningside - James Lettow

Tuesday:

Shaler - Dan Toney
Bellevue/North Side - Joe Benscoter
Squirrel Hill - Ben Chidester

Wednesday:

Friendship - Michael Hilton
Greenfield - Max Winters
Regent Square - Dave Snoke

Thursday:

Shadyside - Chris Bollinger
West Hills - Jon Dodd

Friday:

East Suburban - Joe Stehle

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