



**Sunday Evening Service
February 1, 2026**

"In 1962, missionaries Don and Carol Richardson faced a daunting challenge. They set out to share the gospel with the Sawi people of New Guinea. Known for their violent customs, the Sawi practiced cannibalism and honored treachery as a virtue.... When the Richardsons introduced the story of Jesus, they were met with confusion. The Sawi honored Judas Iscariot as a hero, failing to grasp Christ's sacrifice... The story of the Sawi exemplifies how any culture can discover hope through Jesus Christ."

- Review of Peace Child, by Don Richardson

Evening Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Elder Craig Kozminski

Call to Worship: Psalm 67:1-6

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

Leader May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

People **That your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.**

Leader Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

People **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

Leader Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

People **The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.**

Prayer of Invocation

Desert Song

(Words & Music: Brooke Fraser 2008)

This is my pray'r in the desert
When all that's within me feels dry
This is my pray'r in my hunger and need
My God is the God who provides

This is my pray'r in the fire
In weakness or trial or pain
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold
So refine me Lord through the flame

*I will bring praise, I will bring praise
No weapon formed against me shall remain
I will rejoice, I will declare
God is my victory and He is here*

This is my pray'r in the battle
When triumph is still on its way
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ
So firm on His promise I'll stand

All of my life in ev'ry season
You are still God
I have a reason to sing
I have a reason to worship

This is my pray'r in the harvest
When favour and providence flow
I know I'm filled to be emptied again
The seed I've received I will sow

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 withhold
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

Call to Confession: Isaiah 57:11

Whom did you dread and fear, so that you lied, and did not remember me, did not lay it to heart? Have I not held my peace, even for a long time, and you do not fear me?

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, lift up our eyes. We were made in your image, for your great kingdom. Your kingdom is an eternal and glorious kingdom, populated by people from every language, and tribe and nation. You have planned all history to culminate in your glorious city, the New Jerusalem, and we play a role in that story. All creation cries out to praise you, the Holy One. Change us, O Lord, to remember that our citizenship is in heaven, for you have redeemed us through the blood of your Son. Teach us to fix our eyes on you. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 57:15

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite."

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Please direct giving online or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207)

God So Loved

(Words & Music: Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, and Scott Cash 2019)

Come all you weary
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners
Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for

*For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world*

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms

Praise God praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love

Scripture & Homily: Joshua 2:1-14 "A Gentile Joins the People of God"

- Elder Dave Snoke

And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and lodged there. ²And it was told to the king of Jericho, "Behold, men of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land." ³Then the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land." ⁴But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. And she said, "True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from. ⁵And when the gate was about to be closed at dark, the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them." ⁶But she had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks of flax that she had laid in order on the roof. ⁷So the men pursued after them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. And the gate was shut as soon as the pursuers had gone out.

⁸Before the men lay down, she came up to them on the roof ⁹and said to the men, "I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. ¹⁰For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. ¹¹And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the LORD your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. ¹²Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that, as

I have dealt kindly with you, you also will deal kindly with my father's house, and give me a sure sign ¹³that you will save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death.” ¹⁴And the men said to her, “Our life for yours even to death! If you do not tell this business of ours, then when the LORD gives us the land we will deal kindly and faithfully with you.”

¹⁵Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was built into the city wall, so that she lived in the wall. ¹⁶And she said to them, “Go into the hills, or the pursuers will encounter you, and hide there three days until the pursuers have returned. Then afterward you may go your way.” ¹⁷The men said to her, “We will be guiltless with respect to this oath of yours that you have made us swear. ¹⁸Behold, when we come into the land, you shall tie this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and you shall gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your father's household. ¹⁹Then if anyone goes out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we shall be guiltless. But if a hand is laid on anyone who is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head. ²⁰But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be guiltless with respect to your oath that you have made us swear.” ²¹And she said, “According to your words, so be it.” Then she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.

²²They departed and went into the hills and remained there three days until the pursuers returned, and the pursuers searched all along the way and found nothing. ²³Then the two men returned. They came down from the hills and passed over and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and they told him all that had happened to them. ²⁴And they said to Joshua, “Truly the LORD has given all the land into our hands. And also, all the inhabitants of the land melt away because of us.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

Ruth 1:15-16 / And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God."

Psalm 96:3-10 / Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth! Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

Matthew 1:5-6 / ...And Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah...

Notes

Song of Thanksgiving

O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing

(Words & Music: Charles Wesley 1739)

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
The humble poor believe.

To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n;
By saints below and saints above,
The church in earth and heav'n.

Benediction

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Sundays at the Hilton's (HS Only) TODAY, after service 12:00 PM-2:00 PM	A few families have offered to host Sundays while Molly is on maternity leave, so note the location change! All HS students are invited to the Hilton's after Morning Worship for fellowship & games. Lunch provided!
Membership Class Friday, 2/6 7PM-9:30PM Saturday 2/7 9AM-1PM 300 Saline St	If you are interested in learning more about City Reformed and/or joining the church, you're invited to attend our next Membership Class! Contact Pastor Joseph Bianco (joseph@cityreformed.org) for more info.
Snow Camp (MS & HS) Friday, February 6th - Sunday, February 8th	Please join us as we pray for the group of 41 from CRPC going to Snow Camp. The theme this year is being heirs of the kingdom (Rom 8:15-18).
MTW Bulgaria Lunch Sunday, February 15 4:30PM 3929 Coleman Street	The Koerbers are hosting a couple doing important work in Bulgaria and would love to have you join us for a late lunch/dinner at the chapel before the evening service, Feb 15th. Dinner is at 4:30PM with Katherine and Taylor Dix. Plan to hear him preach after! Contact Chrissie with any questions: chrissie@cityreformed.org
Men's Retreat February 27th - 28th Ligonier Camp and Conference Center	Our Annual Men's Retreat is happening 2/27-2/28. Join us for a great weekend of food, fellowship, and teaching. Registration is now open: https://tinyurl.com/CRPCMensRetreat2026
Women's Retreat March 27th - 28th Ligonier Camp and Conference Center	Our annual Women's Retreat: Called and Equipped. Join us for worship, prayer, teaching, discussion and fellowship! Register at https://tinyurl.com/CRPCWomensRetreat2026 through March 6. Contact Sarah Jo (sarahthompsonharris@gmail.com).
Medical Missions Opportunity, Ethiopia	CRPC will be sending a medical mission team to Ethiopia 6/27-7/5. Info session after service TODAY. For more info, contact Alex Watt (alex@alexcwatt.com).
Women's Bible Study Tuesdays 9:45 AM-11:45 AM	Scenes from the Final Week, a Bible Study by Paige Brown. Restarts 1/20, Greenfield Chapel. Childcare is provided. Contact Luda (luda.bates@gmail.com)
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	Meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday, 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 and praying for one another. Contact Sandy (scsnoke@comcast.net).