



Sunday Morning Worship  
February 15, 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](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

"Do or do not."

– Yoda

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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

Greenfield Chapel

3929 Coleman Street

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**Welcome  
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# Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

## Call to Worship: Psalm 1

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

Leader Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

People **But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.**

Leader He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

People **The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

Leader Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

People **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

## 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

**Scripture Reading:** Revelation 5:1-13

## Is He Worthy

(Words & Music: Ben Shive and Andrew Peterson 2018)

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)  
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)  
Do you know that all the dark won't stop  
The light from getting through? (We do)  
Do you wish that you could  
See it all made new? (We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is)  
Is a new creation coming? (It is)  
Is the glory of the Lord to be  
The light within our midst? (It is)  
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)

*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave  
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave  
Is he worthy, is he worthy?  
Of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is he worthy of this? (He is!)*

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)  
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)  
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those he loves? (He does)  
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does)

*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,  
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave  
From ev'ry people and tribe, every nation and tongue  
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the  
Son*

Is he worthy, is he worthy?  
Of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is he worthy, is he worthy?  
Is he worthy of this?

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He is! He is!  
He is! He is!  
He is worthy, worthy  
Of all blessing and honor and glory.  
Is he worthy of this?  
He is!

## **Now Behold The Lamb**

*(Words & Music: Kirk Franklin 1995)*

Now behold the Lamb  
The Precious Lamb of God  
Born into sin that I may live again  
The Precious Lamb of God

Holy is the Lamb  
The Precious Lamb of God  
Why you love me so  
Lord I shall never know  
The Precious Lamb of God

Thank you for the Lamb  
The Precious Lamb of God  
Because of your grace  
I can finish this race  
The Precious Lamb of God

## **Call to Confession: Romans 3:23-25**

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Father we want to be comfortable and we confess that often we want comfort more than we want to know you. We know that following Jesus means picking up our cross and denying ourselves, but we are often slow to do this.

We are thankful that you are determined to save your people. We praise you because you sent Jesus to die when we were your enemies. Salvation is your work. We look to Christ as our savior, and our source of strength.

We ask that you help us to view each disappointment and challenge as an opportunity to trust you and a place where you can reveal your power. Make us quick to cry out to you in prayer. Draw us to greater dependence on Christ. Glorify yourself by making us fruitful. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Romans 4:4-5**

Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,

### **Membership Vows: Rob & Mary Susan Anderson**

## **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).*

## Heal Us Emmanuel

*(Lyrics: William Cowper 1779; Music: Kevin Twit, Lucas Morton 2015)*

*Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are  
We long to feel Thy touch  
Deep wounded souls to Thee we fly  
O Savior hear our cry*

Our faith is feeble, we confess  
We faintly trust Thy word  
But will You pity us the less?  
Be that far from You Lord!

Remember him who once applied  
With trembling for relief  
"Lord, I believe," with tears he cried  
"O help my unbelief!"

She, too, who touched you in the press  
And healing virtue stole  
Was answered, "Daughter, go in peace  
Thy faith has made you whole."

Like her, with hopes and fears we come  
To touch You if we may  
O send us not despairing home  
Send none unhealed away



# 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 118.*

## Sermon: Matthew 7:13-29

### "Living Faith: The Only Thing That Matters"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. <sup>14</sup>For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

<sup>15</sup>“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup>You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup>So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup>A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup>Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup>Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

<sup>21</sup>“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup>On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ <sup>23</sup>And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

<sup>24</sup>“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup>And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had

been founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup>And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. <sup>27</sup>And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

<sup>28</sup>And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, <sup>29</sup>for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Additional Scripture

Matthew 5:1-4 / Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

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## Congregational Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism #86, 87

Q86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

**A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace by which we receive and rest on him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the Gospel.**

Q87. What is repentance that leads to life?

**A. Repentance that leads to life is a saving grace by which a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin and awareness of the mercy of God in Christ, turns from it to God with grief and hatred of his sin, purposing and working constantly for a new obedience.**

# Songs of Thanksgiving

## Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

(Words: Louisa M. R. Stead 1882 - Music: William J. Kirkpatrick 1882)

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to take him at his word  
Just to rest upon his promise  
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord"

O how sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to trust his cleansing blood  
Just in simple faith to plunge me  
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him  
How I've proved him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus  
O for grace to trust him more*

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just from sin and self to cease  
Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life and rest, and joy and peace

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee  
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend  
And I know that Thou art with me  
Wilt be with me to the end

## 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

Be thou my battle shield sword for my fight  
Be thou my dignity be thou my might  
Thou my soul's shelter thou my high tow'r  
Raise thou me heav'n-ward O Pow'r of my pow'r

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

## Benediction

***At tonight's Worship Service, Taylor Dix will be preaching from 2 Timothy 1:6-7.***

# Announcements

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

<b>MTW Bulgaria Lunch TODAY</b> 4:30PM 3929 Coleman Street	The Koerbbers 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: <a href="mailto:chrissie@cityreformed.org">chrissie@cityreformed.org</a>
<b>Congregational Meeting</b> Sunday, February 22	Immediately following the morning service, please join us in the WT auditorium for our annual stated meeting. We will be electing new leaders and hearing various updates on the ministry of the church. All are welcome, members are encouraged to attend. Due to the meeting, all Sunday School classes will be cancelled prior to the service.
<b>Sundays at the Andryshak's (HS Only)</b> February 22 1:30 PM-3:30 PM	A few families have offered to host Sunday lunch while Molly is on maternity leave, so note the location change! All HS students are invited to the Andryshak's after Morning Worship for fellowship & games.
<b>Men's Retreat</b> 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: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/CRPCMensRetreat2026">https://tinyurl.com/CRPCMensRetreat2026</a>
<b>Women's Retreat</b> March 27th - 28th Ligonier Camp and Conference Center	It is time to register for the 2026 Women's Retreat. Join us for worship, prayer, teaching, discussion and fellowship as we think about the ways we are "Called and Equipped"! Saturday only option available. Scholarships available. Register at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/CRPCWomensRetreat2026">https://tinyurl.com/CRPCWomensRetreat2026</a> through March 6. Contact Sarah Jo ( <a href="mailto:sarahthompsonharris@gmail.com">sarahthompsonharris@gmail.com</a> )
<b>Medical Missions Opportunity, Ethiopia</b>	CRPC will be sending a medical mission team to Ethiopia 6/27-7/5. For more info, contact Alex Watt ( <a href="mailto:alex@alexcwatt.com">alex@alexcwatt.com</a> ).
<b>Women's Bible Study</b> Tuesdays 9:45 AM-11:45 AM	Scenes from the Final Week, a Bible Study by Paige Brown. Greenfield Chapel. Childcare is provided. Contact Luda ( <a href="mailto:luda.bates@gmail.com">luda.bates@gmail.com</a> )
<b>Thursday PM Women's Bible Study</b> January 15th - early April 6:45 PM - 8:45 PM Greenfield Chapel	We have started a study on Revelation using the book and video series by Nancy Guthrie, Blessed: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Revelation. Contact Tracy ( <a href="mailto:partridge.ta@gmail.com">partridge.ta@gmail.com</a> ) or Chrissie ( <a href="mailto:chrissie@cityreformed.org">chrissie@cityreformed.org</a> ).
<b>Mommies' Discipleship Group</b> 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 ( <a href="mailto:scsnoke@comcast.net">scsnoke@comcast.net</a> ).

# Regular Events

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<b>College Shuttle</b> Sundays	<b>9:30AM - PPU:</b> 201 Wood St; Contact Amy: amy@cityreformed.org <b>9:40AM - Duquesne University:</b> 1015 Forbes Ave; Contact Nameun: nameun@cityreformed.org <b>9:55AM - PITT:</b> 4024 O'Hara St; Contact Gavin: gavin.breeden@ruf.org
<b>Agora Forum</b> Biweekly Mondays, 7PM, 300 Saline Street	We will be continuing our series on apologetics. Alex Main will lead a discussion this week on the canon of Scripture. Our next meeting is on February 16th.
<b>Global Missions Prayer</b> Mondays @ 9:00 PM	This week we are praying for Jon and Beka. Held on Zoom: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/cityreformedglobalprayer">https://tinyurl.com/cityreformedglobalprayer</a>
<b>Bean Sprouts</b> 3rd Wednesday 12:00 PM	The next Bean Sprouts meeting will be Wednesday, February 18th at noon in the Greenfield Chapel. Contact Joe Stehle: <a href="mailto:joestehle@gmail.com">joestehle@gmail.com</a> .
<b>Wednesday Prayer Meetings</b> 8:30-9:30 AM	Please join us for Scripture reading, adoration, thanksgiving, and sharing prayer requests. Held on Zoom at: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer</a> .
<b>Youth Group</b> 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. We will be starting a series on repeated themes and topics in the book of Proverbs, seeing how the gospel applies to our sanctification and helps us walk in wisdom in God's world. Our next meeting will be on February 25th.
<b>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group</b> Wednesdays, 7:00 PM	Meets biweekly on the North Side. Contact Lindsay Karr for more info: <a href="mailto:lindsay.karr@gmail.com">lindsay.karr@gmail.com</a> .
<b>Men's New Hope</b> 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 <a href="mailto:joseph@cityreformed.org">joseph@cityreformed.org</a> for more information.
<b>Thursday Women's Bible Study</b> 1:00-3:00 PM	Turn Your Eyes: A Bible Study on the Psalms. Thursdays from 1:00-3:00PM at Cathy Taylor's House. Contact Cathy Taylor ( <a href="mailto:lawyerdad5@aol.com">lawyerdad5@aol.com</a> ).
<b>Young Adults Fellowship</b>	Young Adults Fellowship is a monthly time of fellowship, food, and connection for young adults at City. Contact Michele Kloes, <a href="mailto:michele.kloes@gmail.com">michele.kloes@gmail.com</a> , for more info.
<b>Ultimate Frisbee</b> Thursdays	Ultimate frisbee group meets Thursday evenings. All skill levels are welcome! Contact Dan Toney ( <a href="mailto:danielrtoney@gmail.com">danielrtoney@gmail.com</a> ) for more information.

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- [cityreformed.org/collegestudents](http://cityreformed.org/collegestudents)

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

**Sunday:**

Fox Chapel - Watson Barker  
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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