



**Sunday Evening Service
February 22, 2026**

"I have learned to kiss the wave that throws me against the Rock of Ages."

- Charles Spurgeon (paraphrased)

Evening Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church
Sunday Evening Worship – February 22, 2026
Presider: Elder Joe Stehle

Call to Worship: Psalm 105:1-6

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

Leader Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

People **Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!**

Leader Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

People **Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!**

Leader Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

People **O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

Prayer of Invocation

Come Thou Fount

(Words: Robert Robinson & Martin Madan; 1760 Music: Unknown)

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it –
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

Psalm 6 | Lord in Wrath Rebuke Me Not

(Words: Ben Chidester 2026; Music: Joseph Parry 1879)

Lord, in wrath rebuke me not;
Nor in anger chasten me.
Send your grace and not your ire,
For I'm frail and languishing.
Heal me, Lord; restore my bones.
Cause the dread of death to flee.
E'en my soul is sorely vexed.
When, Lord, will you come to me?

Turn, O Lord, deliv'rance give
From the threat of enemies.
In your loving faithfulness,
Grant my soul the victory.
For in death none speak your name;
None in tombs give thought to you.
Who in Sheol renders praise?
Who there sings the thanks you're due?

O, how weary is my soul
From my moaning constantly.
Every night I drench my bed
With the flood of tears I weep.
Soon my eye shall waste away
From the grief it has observed;
It grows weak from all my foes,
Who harass me undeserved.

Now, you evil workers all,
Take your presence far from me.
For the Lord has heard my cry
And has answered graciously.
He has heard my urgent prayer;
He accepts my sighing plea.
All my foes shall turn away;
Shamed and troubled, they shall flee.

Call to Confession: Matthew 7:24-27

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 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. 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. 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."

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious Heavenly Father, we want to be like the person who builds wisely on the rock. Jesus is the rock and our only firm foundation, yet we confess our lack of wisdom. We build our lives on the shifting sands of idols such as our comforts, our personal dreams, and selfish desires. Then we are surprised when we see them crumble. Show us each the folly of our ways. Reveal to us where the ground is anything other than the solid rock of Christ. Restore us and forgive us in the error of our ways. We confess our fears, our anger, our lusts, and anything else that is shifting sand. Let our memorial be the rock of Christ and Christ alone. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Luke 6:47-48

"Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built."

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)

Solid Rock (My Hope Is Built)

(Words: Edward Mote 1834; Music: William Batchelder Bradbury 1863)

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

When darkness veils his lovely face
I rest on his unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

His oath his covenant his blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

When he shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in him be found
Dressed in his righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

Scripture & Homily: Joshua 4 "12 Memorial Stones"

- Reverend Joseph Bianco

When all the nation had finished passing over the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, ²“Take twelve men from the people, from each tribe a man, ³and command them, saying, ‘Take twelve stones from here out of the midst of the Jordan, from the very place where the priests' feet stood firmly, and bring them over with you and lay them down in the place where you lodge tonight.’” ⁴Then Joshua called the twelve men from the people of Israel, whom he had appointed, a man from each tribe. ⁵And Joshua said to them, “Pass on before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take up each of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, ⁶that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, ‘What do those stones mean to you?’ ⁷then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever.”

⁸And the people of Israel did just as Joshua commanded and took up twelve stones out of the midst of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, just as the LORD told Joshua. And they carried them over with them to the place where they lodged and laid them down there. ⁹And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the covenant had stood; and they are there to this day. ¹⁰For the priests bearing the ark stood in the midst of the Jordan until everything was finished that the LORD commanded Joshua to tell the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua.

The people passed over in haste. ¹¹And when all the people had finished passing over, the ark of the LORD and the priests passed over before the people. ¹²The sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh passed over armed before the people of Israel, as Moses had told them. ¹³About 40,000 ready for war passed over before the LORD for battle, to the plains of Jericho. ¹⁴On that day the LORD exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel, and they stood in awe of him just as they had stood in awe of Moses, all the days of his life.

¹⁵And the LORD said to Joshua, ¹⁶“Command the priests bearing the ark of the testimony to come up out of the Jordan.” ¹⁷So Joshua commanded the priests, “Come up out of the Jordan.” ¹⁸And when the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD came up from the midst of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up on dry ground, the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and overflowed all its banks, as before.

¹⁹The people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and they encamped at Gilgal on the east border of Jericho. ²⁰And those twelve stones, which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal. ²¹And he said to the people of Israel, “When your children ask their fathers in times to come, ‘What do these stones mean?’ ²²then you shall let your children know, ‘Israel passed over this Jordan on dry ground.’ ²³For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up for us until we passed over, ²⁴so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Thanksgiving

Living Stones | 1 Peter 2:1-12

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke 2019)

May you keep your actions noble
May your neighbors see your love
When they speak about your failure
May they see your deeds and give God glory

*For you, you have been chosen
To be God's holy people
That he builds into his house like living stones
Full of the Spirit*

*And you, you have been chosen
To be God's holy people
That he builds into his house like living stones
Full of the Spirit of peace*

If you've seen that God is precious
If you've tasted that he's good
If you struggle with your passion
Come to rest your soul as God's beloved

Come to him, the stone rejected
Come to him and give your life
Put away your sin and slander
Come to Christ the Living Stone of Zion

His mercy calls you
From darkness into his glory
The day of the Lord will come

Benediction

Spring 2026



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| 1/14 | Youth Group Resumes |
| 2/1 | Spring Reading Program Begins |
| 2/6—7 | Membership Class |
| 2/6—8 | Snow Camp |
| 2/27—28 | Men's Retreat |
| 3/1 | Communicants Class Begins |
| 3/7 | Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? |
| 3/27—28 | Women's Retreat |
| 4/3 | Good Friday |
| 4/5 | Easter (Sunrise & Breakfast) |
| 4/26 | Sunday School Brunch |
| 5/16 | Men's Prayer Breakfast |
| 5/24 | Pentecost |
| 7/20—24 | VBS |

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Men's Retreat February 27th - 28th Ligonier Camp and Conference Center</p>	<p>Our Annual Men's Retreat is happening 2/27-2/28. Join us for a great weekend of food, fellowship, and teaching. Registration CLOSES TODAY: https://tinyurl.com/CRPCMensRetreat2026</p>
<p>Guess Who's Coming to Dinner! Saturday March 7th</p>	<p>An opportunity to get to know folks that you might not yet know in our growing community. As a host, you will provide a main dish for the number of folks that you can comfortably fit into your home. As a guest, you will bring a side/dessert to compliment the main dish. You will be notified the week before. Contact Chrissie for more info: chrissie@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Women's Retreat March 27th - 28th Ligonier Camp and Conference Center</p>	<p>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 https://tinyurl.com/CRPCWomensRetreat2026 through March 6. Contact Sarah Jo (sarahthompsonharris@gmail.com)</p>
<p>Medical Missions Opportunity, Ethiopia</p>	<p>CRPC will be sending a medical mission team to Ethiopia 6/27-7/5. For more info, contact Alex Watt (alex@alexcwatt.com).</p>
<p>Women's Bible Study Tuesdays 9:45 AM-11:45 AM</p>	<p>Scenes from the Final Week, a Bible Study by Paige Brown. Greenfield Chapel. Childcare is provided. Contact Luda (luda.bates@gmail.com)</p>
<p>Thursday PM Women's Bible Study January 15th - early April 6:45 PM - 8:45 PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>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).</p>
<p>Mommies' Discipleship Group 2nd and 4th Thursdays 7 PM - 9 PM</p>	<p>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).</p>