



Sunday Morning Worship
February 8, 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

"I myself (if you will permit me, mere mouse-dirt, to be mingled with pepper) am deeply indebted to my papists that through the devil's raging they have beaten, oppressed, and distressed me so much. That is to say, they have made a fairly good theologian of me, which I would not have become otherwise."

– Martin Luther, *Preface to the Wittenberg Edition of Luther's German Writings*

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
Winchester Thurston Auditorium
5059 Ellsworth Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

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Hours (new!):

- Tuesday - Thursday 9AM - 3PM
- Friday 9AM - 12PM

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Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Dave Snoke

Call to Worship: 1 Corinthians 1:18-22, 24-25

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

Leader The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

People **For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."**

Leader Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

People **For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe...**

Leader But to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

People **For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.**

Prayer of Invocation

In Christ Alone

(Words & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend 2001)

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground his body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am his and he is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand
'Til he returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

Scripture Reading: Romans 11:33-36

I Love You Lord

(Words & Music: Laurie Klein 1978)

I love you, Lord
And I lift my voice
To worship you,
O my soul rejoice!
Take joy, my King,
In what you hear,
May it be a sweet,
Sweet sound in your ear.

Before the Throne of God Above

(Words: Charitie Lees Bancroft; Music: Vikki Cook 1997)

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on his hands
My name is written on his heart
I know that while in heav'n he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me
To look on him and pardon me

Behold him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with his blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

Call to Confession: 1 Corinthians 1:26-29

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we confess that we live lives full of fear. We are afraid of what others think. We fear losing the things that make us comfortable. We are afraid of being alone, of being in need, of being weak. We are slow to go to you and to rest in you. We ask that you would humble us and cause us to see your mercy. Give us confidence to come to you because of our savior Jesus Christ. Help us to trust that you are working for us and that you are able to care for us. Be glorified as you bring your strength to our weakness. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Corinthians 1:30-31

And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Corporate Prayer

Missions Moment: Adrienne Willhoft

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).

To See You Right (Get Low)

(Words & Music: Sarah Herrmann, Sam Hogue, Daniel Snoke 2024)

Only you can purify this heart of mine
Because you are holy, because you are holy
Only you can captivate my wandering eyes
Because of your beauty, only your beauty

*To see you right, we must get low
To lift you high, we must get low*

To the Ancient of Days
Get low, oh my soul
The defeater of the grave
Get low, oh my soul
To the only One who saves
Get low, oh my soul
To the freer of the slaves
Get low, oh my soul

To the Lamb that was slain
Get low, oh my soul
To the Son of suffering
Get low, oh my soul
To the Creator of all things
Get low, oh my soul
To the reigning King of Kings
Get low, oh my soul

I just want to see you as you are, as you are
I just want to bring all my heart, all my heart
I just want to see you as you are, as you are
I just want to bring my lifted hands a lifted heart

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 5:1-16

"Blessed in God's Upside Down Kingdom"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¹³"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

Matthew 4:17, 19, 23 / From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ...And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ...And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

Philippians 3:10-11 / That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Galatians 2:20-21 / I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

Congregational Response: Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Notes

Songs of Thanksgiving

All I Have Is Christ

(Words & Music: Jordan Kauflin 2008)

*Hallelujah all I have is Christ
Hallelujah Jesus is my life*

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that you would own
A rebel to your will
And if you had not loved me first
I would refuse you still

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

Now Lord I would be yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow your commands
Could never come from me
O Father use my ransomed life
In any way you choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

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, Elder Ben Chidester will be continuing the series in Joshua, preaching from Joshua 3: "Following Joshua Through the Waters."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

MTW Bulgaria Lunch Sunday, February 15 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: chrissie@cityreformed.org
Congregational Meeting 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.
Sundays at the Andryshak's (HS Only) February 22 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 Andryshak's after Morning Worship for fellowship & games. Lunch provided!
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. 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).

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
Agora Forum Biweekly Mondays, 7PM, 300 Saline Street	We will be continuing our series on apologetics. Dr. Snoke will lead a discussion this week "Do people's beliefs ever change?" Next meeting February 16th.
Global Missions Prayer Mondays @ 9:00 PM	This week we are praying for the CCO and Jubilee happening February 13th-15th. Held on Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/cityreformedglobalprayer
Bean Sprouts 3rd Wednesday 12:00 PM	The next Bean Sprouts meeting will be Wednesday, February 18th 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. 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 11th.
Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group Wednesdays, 7:00 PM	Meets biweekly on the North Side. 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	Turn Your Eyes: A Bible Study on the Psalms Thursdays from 1:00-3:00PM at Cathy Taylor's House. Contact Cathy Taylor (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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