



Sunday Morning Worship
March 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 or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Reflections

"Reconciliation is more beautiful than victory."

– Violeta Chamorro

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
Winchester Thurston Auditorium
5059 Ellsworth Ave
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Church Office

3929 Coleman St.
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Hours (new!):

- Tuesday - Thursday 9AM - 3PM
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Sunday Evening Worship Service

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Church)

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Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Dave Bacon

Call to Worship: Psalm 131:1-3

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

Leader O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high;

People I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

Leader But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me.

People O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.

Prayer of Invocation

O The Deep Deep Love of Jesus

(Words: Samuel T. Francis 1800's; Music: Thomas J. Williams 1890)

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless free.
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love.
Leading onward, leading homeward,
To thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread His praise from shore to shore.
How He loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, never more.

How he watches o'er his loved ones,
Died to call them all his own.
How for them he intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of ev'ry love the best.
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me.
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to thee.

Serve With a Single Heart or Eye

(Words & Music: W. S. Turner (1866), Sacred Harp Tradition)

*Serve with a single heart or eye
And to thy glory live or die*

There then to thee thine own I leave
Mould as thy wilt thy passive clay
But let me all thy stamp receive
And let me all thy words obey

Scripture Reading: Psalm 141

Breathe On Me Breath Of God

(Words: Edwin Hatch, 1878; Music: Robert Jackson, 1878)

Breathe on me breath of God
Fill me with life anew
That I may love what Thou dost love
And do what Thou wouldst do

Breathe on me breath of God
Until my heart is pure
Until my will is one with thine
To do and to endure

Breathe on me breath of God
Till I am wholly Thine
Till all this broken part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine

Breathe on me breath of God
So shall I never die
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity

Call to Confession: 1 John 4:7-12

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we confess that we do not love well. We don't love our brothers and sisters – even though we see them clearly. We are preoccupied with ourselves. We use people instead of seeking their good. We manipulate instead of loving others. And by nature we run from your glory and hide in the dark.

But you have loved us. When we were dead in our sins you made us alive with Christ. You have shown us what true love is by sending your son to die for your enemies. Your love is eternal, unchanging and free.

Cause your Spirit to work in us to move us past our own fear and prejudice. We pray that you would soften our hearts and change us. Empower us to love each other in a way that demonstrates the gospel to the world. Be glorified by working in us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 4:13-19

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us.

Installation of Officers:

Andy Leuenberger (Elder), Kyle McMillan (Deacon)

Questions for the Installation of Elders/Deacons:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder/deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

Questions to the Congregation:

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as ruling elders/deacons, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which his office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles him?

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).

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 with hold
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

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 18:1-20

"The Scope of Reconciliation"

- Reverend Nameun Cho

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not

leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

2 Corinthians 13:1-4 / This is the third time I am coming to you. Every charge must be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. I warned those who sinned before and all the others, and I warn them now while absent, as I did when present on my second visit, that if I come again I will not spare them— since you seek proof that Christ is speaking in me. He is not weak in dealing with you, but is powerful among you. For he was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but in dealing with you we will live with him by the power of God.

Galatians 6:1 / Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

Congregational Response: Matthew 22:34-40

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Songs of Thanksgiving

Holy Spirit

(Words & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend 2006)

Holy Spirit living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole
Cause your Word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit come abide within
May your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show your power once again on earth
Cause your church to hunger for your ways
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see

Come Thou Fount

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

Come thou fount of every 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,
Wandering 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 wandering 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.

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Elder Ben Chidester will be continuing the series on Joshua, preaching from Joshua 7, "The Soul Who Sins Shall Die."

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All scripture verses are the English Standard Version (ESV), unless otherwise noted.

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Officer and Women's Ministry Council Nominations</p>	<p>The nomination period is now open for all potential elder, deacon, and Women's Ministry Council candidates. If you are a member of City Reformed, please send a list of all of your nominations to pastormatt@cityreformed.org by March 31st.</p>
<p>Sundays at the Douglas's (HS Only) Sunday, March 22nd</p>	<p>A few families have graciously offered to host Sundays while Molly is on maternity leave, so take note of the location change! All HS students are invited to the Douglas's home after Morning Worship for fellowship and games. Lunch will be provided!</p>
<p>Baby Bottle Campaign Due Sunday, March 29th</p>	<p>Join our Baby Bottle Campaign this March! Support the life-saving work of Network of Life/ Women's Choice Network by filling a bottle with cash, coins, or a check made payable to Network of Life, or by giving online at ebottle.org (select City Reformed Presbyterian Church). Please return all physical bottles by Sunday, March 29, full or empty. See networkoflife.org for information.</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>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>Membership Class May 22nd - 23rd</p>	<p>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 info.</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>

Regular Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>College Shuttle Sundays</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Agora Forum Biweekly Mondays, 7PM, 300 Saline Street</p>	<p>Next meeting: 3/16. Continuing series on apologetics as Daniel Maienschein discusses argument for God from pure math. Contact Alex Main @amain8511@gmail.com</p>
<p>Global Missions Prayer Mondays @ 9:00 PM</p>	<p>This week we are praying for Adrienne Willhoft & Sarah Gould. Held on Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/cityreformedglobalprayer</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>Bean Sprouts 3rd Wednesday 12:00 PM</p>	<p>The next Bean Sprouts meeting will be Wednesday, March 18th at noon in the Greenfield Chapel. Contact Joe Stehle: joestehle@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Wednesday Prayer Meetings 8:30-9:30 AM</p>	<p>Please join us for Scripture reading, adoration, thanksgiving, and sharing prayer requests. Held on Zoom at: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer.</p>
<p>Youth Group Biweekly Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>An opportunity for MS and HS students to connect with God through His Word & connect with one another through games, Bible teaching, discussion, & prayer. Current study: themes of discipline & reproof in Proverbs.</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group Wednesdays, 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Meets biweekly on the North Side. Contact Lindsay Karr for more info: lindsay.karr@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Men's New Hope Bi-Weekly Wednesdays</p>	<p>A ministry for men struggling with various kinds of sexual sin. 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.</p>
<p>Thursday Women's Bible Study 1:00-3:00 PM</p>	<p>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).</p>
<p>Young Adults Fellowship</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Ultimate Frisbee Thursdays</p>	<p>Ultimate frisbee group meets Thursday evenings. All skill levels are welcome! Contact Dan Toney (danielrtoney@gmail.com) for more information.</p>

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 - 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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