



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**March 22, 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

"You don't have to know much when you come to Christ. You don't have to know the whole Gospel. You don't have to know the Bible. You just come like you are."

– Billy Graham, Pittsburgh, PA, 1993

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM  
Winchester Thurston Auditorium  
5059 Ellsworth Ave  
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# Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Dave Snoke

## Call to Worship: Psalm 118:1, 19-24

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

Leader Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! ...

People **Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

Leader This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

People **I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

Leader The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

People **This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader This is the day that the LORD has made;

People **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## **Rising Sun**

*(Words & Music: Leslie Jordan, Kyle Lee, and David Leonard 2012)*

Praise him all you sinners  
Sing oh sing you weary  
Oh praise him all you children of God

We lift high his glory  
Shown throughout our stories  
We praise him as the children of God

*Our great Redeemer glorious Savior  
Your name is higher than the rising sun  
Light of the morning you shine forever  
Your name is higher than the rising sun  
Jesus you're greater than the rising sun*

Praise his name forever  
Speak it loud and clear now  
Oh praise him all you children of God

**Scripture Reading: Psalm 6:1-3**

## Psalm 6

*("Aberystwyth" Joseph Perry 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.

## **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 Peter 2:4-5**

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

## **Prayer of Confession: Based on Psalm 70**

Lord, you are great! But, we confess that we are poor and needy. We feel our weakness and inability to control our surroundings. We confess that we often mask this reality with distraction. We confess that we sometimes use anger or deception to try to gain control. We humble ourselves before you. Restore us and renew our faith. You are our help and our deliverer. O Lord, do not delay! Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 2:9-10**

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## **Missions Moment: John McCombs at Mosaic**

## **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).

## Promises

*(Words & Music: Aaron Moses, Carrington Gaines, Dante Bowe, Keila Alvarado, and Lemuel Marin 2020)*

God of Abraham  
You're the God of covenant  
Of faithful promises  
Time and time again  
You have proven  
You do just what you say

Though the storms may come  
And the winds may blow  
I'll remain steadfast  
And let my heart learn  
When you speak a word  
It will come to pass

*Great is your faithfulness to me  
Great is your faithfulness to me  
From the rising sun  
To the setting same  
I will praise your name  
Great is your faithfulness to me*

God from age to age  
Though the earth may pass away  
Your Word remains the same  
Your history can prove  
There's nothing you can't do  
You're faithful and true

I put my faith in Jesus  
My anchor to the ground  
My hope and firm foundation  
He'll never let me down

# 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 21:23-46

### "Challenges to the Authority of Jesus"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup>Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

<sup>28</sup>"What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup>And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I will, sir,' but did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

<sup>33</sup>“Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup>When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup>And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup>When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup>And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Additional Scripture

Matthew 11:28 / Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

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## **Congregational Response:** Westminster Shorter Catechism

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.**

# Songs of Thanksgiving

## Ancient Of Days

*(Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren, and Jesse Reeves 2018)*

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall  
There is still one King reigning over all  
So, I will not fear for this truth remains  
That my God is the Ancient of Days

*None above him, none before him  
All of time in his hands  
For his throne, it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power, all the glory  
I will trust in his name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days*

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me, I am not alone  
O, his love is sure and he knows my name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see what the future brings  
I will watch and wait for the Saviour king  
Then, my joy complete, standing face to face  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

## 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

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, Reverend John McCombs will be preaching from Ruth 1:1-7, "The LORD Visits His People."*

# Announcements

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

<p><b>Officer and Women's Ministry Council Nominations</b></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 <a href="mailto:pastormatt@cityreformed.org">pastormatt@cityreformed.org</a> by March 31st.</p>
<p><b>Sundays at the Douglas's (HS Only) TODAY</b></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><b>Network of Life/ Women's Choice Network Baby Bottle Campaign</b> Due Sunday, March 29th</p>	<p>It's time to return the bottles! Bottles filled with cash, coins, or a check made payable to Network of Life, or empty bottles can be given to Debbie Bacon by Sunday, March 29. You can still give online at <a href="http://ebottle.org">ebottle.org</a> (select City Reformed Presbyterian Church). See <a href="http://networkoflife.org">networkoflife.org</a> for more information.</p>
<p><b>Medical Missions Opportunity, Ethiopia</b></p>	<p>CRPC will be sending a medical mission team to Ethiopia 6/27-7/5. Applications are due by April 12. Learn more at <a href="https://ethiopiaact.org/">https://ethiopiaact.org/</a> and register for the team on "Get Involved" page. Contact Alex Watt with any questions (<a href="mailto:alex@alexcwatt.com">alex@alexcwatt.com</a>).</p>
<p><b>Thursday PM Women's Bible Study</b> January 15th - early April 6:45 PM - 8:45 PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>We have started 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 (<a href="mailto:partridge.ta@gmail.com">partridge.ta@gmail.com</a>) or Chrissie (<a href="mailto:chrissie@cityreformed.org">chrissie@cityreformed.org</a>).</p>
<p><b>Membership Class</b> 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 (<a href="mailto:joseph@cityreformed.org">joseph@cityreformed.org</a>) for info.</p>
<p><b>Mommies' Discipleship Group</b> 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 (<a href="mailto:scsnoke@comcast.net">scsnoke@comcast.net</a>).</p>

# Regular Events

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<p><b>College Shuttle</b> Sundays</p>	<p><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</p>
<p><b>Agora Forum</b> Biweekly Mondays, 7PM, 300 Saline Street</p>	<p>Next meeting: 3/30. Continuing series on apologetics as Daniel Maienschein discusses argument for God from pure math. Contact Alex Main @amain8511@gmail.com</p>
<p><b>Global Missions Prayer</b> Mondays @ 9:00 PM</p>	<p>This week we are praying for the Jones' at City Presbyterian. Held on Zoom: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/cityreformedglobalprayer">https://tinyurl.com/cityreformedglobalprayer</a></p>
<p><b>Women's Bible Study</b> 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 (<a href="mailto:luda.bates@gmail.com">luda.bates@gmail.com</a>)</p>
<p><b>Bean Sprouts</b> 3rd Wednesday 12:00 PM</p>	<p>The next Bean Sprouts meeting will be Wednesday, April 15th at noon in the Greenfield Chapel. Contact Joe Stehle: <a href="mailto:joestehle@gmail.com">joestehle@gmail.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday Prayer Meetings</b> 8:30-9:30 AM</p>	<p>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>.</p>
<p><b>Youth Group</b> 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 &amp; connect with one another through games, Bible teaching, discussion, &amp; prayer. Current study: themes of discipline &amp; reproof in Proverbs.</p>
<p><b>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group</b> Wednesdays, 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Meets biweekly on the North Side. Contact Lindsay Karr for more info: <a href="mailto:lindsay.karr@gmail.com">lindsay.karr@gmail.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Men's New Hope</b> 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 <a href="mailto:joseph@cityreformed.org">joseph@cityreformed.org</a> for more information.</p>
<p><b>Thursday Women's Bible Study</b> 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 (<a href="mailto:lawyerdad5@aol.com">lawyerdad5@aol.com</a>).</p>
<p><b>Young Adults Fellowship</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Ultimate Frisbee</b> Thursdays</p>	<p>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.</p>

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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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