



Sunday Morning Worship
March 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

"If any man thinks ill of you, do not be angry with him. For you are worse than he thinks you to be."

– Charles Haddon Spurgeon

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

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

LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

Church Office

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Hours (new!):

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

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Sunday Evening Worship Service

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Greenfield Chapel
3929 Coleman Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15207

Donations

Online: Church Center App (Give)
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Welcome Information:



Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Craig Kozminski

Call to Worship: Psalm 62:1-8

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

Leader For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

People **He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.**

Leader How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

People **They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood. They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.**

Leader For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

People **He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

Leader On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

People **Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.**

Prayer of Invocation

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 Reading: Psalm 63:1-5

Holy Forever

(Words & Music: Brian Johnson, Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson, and Phil Wickham)

A thousand generations
Falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

*And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever*

If you've been forgiven
And if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom
And if you bear his name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

*Hear your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever*

Holy Holy Holy

(Words: Reginald Heber 1826; Music: John Bacchus Dykes 1823-76)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,
In earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Call to Confession: Isaiah 29:13-16

And the LORD said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden." Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"?

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious Heavenly Father, you alone are worthy of all of our praise, honor and glory. Yet, it is not our words alone that you desire, but our hearts. We confess to you where we have said true words with our lips, but our hearts were far from you. Forgive us for going through the motions of worship, but having hearts that escape into fantasies and dreams. Forgive us for withholding part of ourselves from you. Help us to see the areas of our lives that we are withholding from you, such as unforgiveness, pride, bitterness, selfishness, shame, and despair. Return us again to yourself. Restore us and renew our hearts. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Ezekiel 36:25-28

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

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).

Abide

(Words & Music: Aaron Keyes, Aaron Williams, and Jake Fauber)

For my waking breath, for my daily bread
I depend on you, I depend on you
For the sun to rise, for my sleep at night
I depend on you, I depend on you

*You're the Way the Truth and the Life
You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and you are the Vine
Draw me close and teach me to abide*

Where the Spirit leads, as I'm following
I depend on you, I depend on you
For the victories, still in front of me
I depend on you, I depend on you

*You're the Way the Truth and the Life
You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and you are the Vine
Draw me close and teach me to abide*

*Be my strength, my song in the night
Be my all, my treasure, my prize
I am yours, forever you're mine
Draw me close and teach me to abide*

When I pass through death, as I enter rest
I depend on you, I depend on you
For eternal life, to be raised with Christ
I depend on you, I depend on you

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 14:34-15:20

"Healing and Defiling"

- Reverend Joseph Bianco

And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. ³⁵And when the men of that place recognized him, they sent around to all that region and brought to him all who were sick ³⁶and implored him that they might only touch the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

^{15:1}Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, ²“Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat.” ³He answered them, “And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? ⁴For God commanded, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ⁵But you say, ‘If anyone tells his father or his mother, “What you would have gained from me is given to God,” ⁶he need not honor his father.’ So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God. ⁷You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:

⁸“This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;
⁹in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”

¹⁰And he called the people to him and said to them, “Hear and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that

defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person.” ¹²Then the disciples came and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?” ¹³He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵But Peter said to him, “Explain the parable to us.” ¹⁶And he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Congregational Response: Westminster Larger Catechism

Q102. What is the summary of the four commandments that contain our duty to God?

- A. The summary of the four commandments containing our duty to God is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our strength, and with all our mind.**

Songs of Thanksgiving

Take My Life and Let It Be

(Words: Frances R. Havergal 1874; Music: Henri A. Cesar Malan 1823)

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.
Ever, only, all for thee.

Your Grace Is Enough

(Words & Music: Matt Maher 2003)

Great is Your faithfulness O God of Jacob
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
Where nothing can keep us apart

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

*For Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me*

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Nameun Cho will be continuing the series on Joshua, preaching from Joshua 5:13-6:27, "God at Jericho."

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>Women's Retreat March 27th - 28th Ligonier Camp and Conference Center</p>	<p>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 by FRIDAY, March 13. Contact Sarah Jo (sarahthompsonharris@gmail.com)</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 our PITT RUF students serving at Sacred Road Ministry in Yakima. 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)
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- 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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