



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**April 19, 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

"Students who are involved in a campus ministry during their college years are more than three times more likely to stay in church after college. The college campus is a strategic opportunity to develop the next generation of leaders for the Church and world."

– Jen Burkholder, National Director of Strategic Partnerships,  
Coalition for Christian Outreach

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

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

LIVESTREAM: [tinyurl.com/CRPCLive](http://tinyurl.com/CRPCLive)

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# Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder David Bacon

## Call to Worship: Psalm 34:1-5, 8

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

Leader I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People **My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

People **I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**

Leader Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

People **Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

## Prayer of Invocation

## 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.

## How Great Thou Art

(Words & Music: Carl Gustav Boberg 1949)

Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees  
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

*Then sings my soul, my savior, God, to thee  
How great thou art, how great thou art  
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How great thou art, how great thou art*

And when I think that God his son not sparing  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim my God, how great thou art

**Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:50–58**

## 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

## **Call to Confession: Romans 7:15–18**

For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Lord, we are thirsty. We confess that we have turned away from the streams of grace you offer to us. Instead we build fountains with our own hands, fountains which cannot really satisfy.

We confess that we have been slow to pray and easily distracted. We quickly embrace our own plans and agendas, while forsaking your Kingdom. We look to our own strength, power, wit and ability instead of looking to you. We act like we only need a little bit of your grace - as if we were not entirely dependent upon your gospel.

We pray that you refresh us again with the living water that Christ offers. Help us, by the Holy Spirit, to see the great resources we have in Jesus. Help us to see that he was crushed for our sin and that we are free and accepted in him. Help us to drink the streams of living water that flow from our crucified savior. Help us to live in the power of our Risen Lord. Help us to remember that we are not alone and that we were bought with a price to live for you. Glorify yourself by quenching our thirst in Christ.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:1**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

# Student Testimony: Lizzie Dickerson

## 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).*

### **It Was Finished Upon That Cross**

*(Words & Music: Jonny Robinson, Nigel Hendroff, and Rich Thompson 2021)*

How I love the voice of Jesus  
On the cross of Calvary  
He declares his work is finished  
He has spoken this hope to me  
Though the sun had ceased its shining  
Though the war appeared as lost  
Christ had triumphed over evil  
It was finished upon that cross

Now the curse it has been broken  
Jesus paid the price for me  
Full the pardon he has offered  
Great the welcome that I receive  
Boldly I approach my Father  
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness  
There is no more guilt to carry  
It was finished upon that cross

Death was once my great opponent  
Fear once had a hold on me  
But the Son who died to save us  
Rose that we would be free indeed  
Yes he rose that we would be free indeed  
Free from ev'ry plan of darkness  
Free to live and free to love  
Death is dead and Christ is risen  
It was finished upon that cross

Onward to eternal glory  
To my Savior and my God  
I rejoice in Jesus' victory  
It was finished upon that cross  
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# 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: John 20:19-31** **"Meeting the Risen Jesus"**

- Reverend Gavin Breeden

**O**n the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

<sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and

yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## **Credal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism #21**

Leader Who is the redeemer of God's chosen people?

People **The only redeemer of God's chosen people is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was and continues to be God and man in two wholly distinct natures and one person, forever.**

# Songs of Thanksgiving

## We Will Feast in the House of Zion

*(Words & Music: Sandra McCracken 2015)*

*We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the Lord our God  
We are not consumed by the flood  
Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn  
My soul be not afraid  
For the promised morning oh how long?  
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the Faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together bring shalom

## Congratulations to our 2026 College and Graduate Studies Graduates!

Nehara Andrews  
Lizzie Dickerson  
Annie Keitel  
Jacob Miller  
Julia Song  
Hannah Kwee

Callie Miller  
Sonya Campbell  
Noah Byun  
Mia Hill  
Julianna Byerly  
Christian Wege

## On Jordan's Stormy Banks

(Words: Samuel Stennett 1787; Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,  
And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land,  
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,  
Shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns,  
And scatters night away.

*I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for the promised land!*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath  
Can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,  
Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place,  
And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face,  
And in His bosom rest?

## Benediction

***At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Joseph Bianco will be preaching from Joshua 8:30-35, "Will God Forgive Me?"***

# Announcements

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

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| <p><b>Sunday School Brunch</b><br/>300 Saline Street<br/>April 26th<br/>8:30 AM - 9:30 AM</p>         | <p>The Sunday School Brunch is NEXT Sunday! Please join us to celebrate this year of Sunday School. Sign up to contribute to the table here: <a href="http://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations">crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations</a>. All ages are welcome! See you there!</p>  |
| <p><b>Gym Worship</b><br/>April 19 &amp; 26</p>   | <p>Due to school theater productions, the morning worship service will be in the gymnasium of WT on these particular Sundays. Please make note of the change!</p>  |
| <p><b>Medical Missions Opportunity, Ethiopia</b></p>  | <p>CRPC will be sending a medical mission team to Ethiopia 6/27-7/5. For more info, contact Alex Watt (<a href="mailto:alex@alexcwatt.com">alex@alexcwatt.com</a>).</p> <p>Notary needed to help with notarizing provider documentation to get Ethiopian Medical Licenses. Contact Tracy Partridge (<a href="mailto:partridge.ta@gmail.com">partridge.ta@gmail.com</a>).</p>   |
| <p><b>RUF at Pitt Grad Banquet Food Request</b><br/>Friday, April 24<br/>6:00 PM - 6:45 PM</p>        | <p>We are looking for help as we celebrate our RUF at Pitt Senior Class and hear them reflect on God's work in their lives! Drop off food at Church of the Ascension Fri, April 24, 6:00pm-6:45pm or arrange drop-off with Gavin or Abbay. Sign up here: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/rufgrad2026">tinyurl.com/rufgrad2026</a> or contact Gavin Breeden <a href="mailto:gavin.breeden@ruf.org">gavin.breeden@ruf.org</a> or Abbay Kocsis <a href="mailto:abbay.kocsis@ruf.org">abbay.kocsis@ruf.org</a></p>         |
| <p><b>Men's Prayer Breakfast</b><br/>300 Saline Street<br/>Saturday, May 16th<br/>9:00 - 10:30 AM</p> | <p>Men and young men of City Reformed, please join us for a nourishing breakfast, time of fellowship, and spiritual reflection. Our speaker will lead us through the final topic, Remember and Reflect, from our Caring for One Another teaching series! Even if you have not been able to attend any of these talks, come hungry and join us for this very special event! Registration is now open at the following link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/CRPCSpring26PB">https://tinyurl.com/CRPCSpring26PB</a></p> |
| <p><b>Membership Class</b><br/>May 22nd - 23rd<br/>300 Saline Street</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>   |

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

# Regular Events

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| <p><b>College Shuttle</b><br/>Sundays</p>   | <p><b>9:30AM - PPU:</b> 201 Wood St; Contact Amy: amy@cityreformed.org<br/> <b>9:40AM - Duquesne University:</b> 1015 Forbes Ave; Contact Nameun: nameun@cityreformed.org<br/> <b>9:55AM - PITT:</b> 4024 O'Hara St; Contact Gavin: gavin.breedon@ruf.org</p>   |
| <p><b>Agora Forum</b><br/>Biweekly Mondays,<br/>7PM, 300 Saline Street</p>                | <p>Next meeting: 4/27. Continuing series on apologetics. Contact Alex Main: <a href="mailto:amain8511@gmail.com">amain8511@gmail.com</a></p>  |
| <p><b>Global Missions Prayer</b><br/>Mondays @ 9:00 PM</p>                                | <p>This week we are praying for John McCombs at Mosaic. Held on Zoom: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/cityreformedglobalprayer">https://tinyurl.com/cityreformedglobalprayer</a></p>   |
| <p><b>Bean Sprouts</b><br/>3rd Wednesday<br/>12:00 PM</p>                                 | <p>The next Bean Sprouts meeting will be Wednesday, May 20th 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><br/>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/crcpwnednesdayprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crcpwnednesdayprayer</a>.</p>  |
| <p><b>Youth Group</b><br/>Biweekly Wednesdays,<br/>6:30-8:30 PM<br/>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><br/>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><br/>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><br/>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>Mommies' Discipleship</b><br/>2nd and 4th Thursdays<br/>7 PM - 9 PM</p>             | <p>Meets at the home of Sandy Snoke (<a href="mailto:scsnoke@comcast.net">scsnoke@comcast.net</a>). Enjoy tea &amp; fellowship with other moms, studying the Sermon on the Mount &amp; praying for one another.</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><br/>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>)</p>   |

**College Students** please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

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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 Bencotter  
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

## Leadership

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