



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**April 26, 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

"No one can have God as Father if they do not have the Church as Mother."

– St. Cyprian (3rd century)

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

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

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# Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Andy Leuenberger

## Call to Worship: Psalm 22:25-28

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

Leader From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

People **The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!**

Leader All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

People **For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## Your Glory Reigns (Psalm 57)

*(Words & Music: Luke Bennett, Jenna Miller, Meredith Reed, John Remaniak, Daniel Snoke 2024)*

Glorious refuge from storms of sorrow  
You are our hiding place  
Divine protection from winds of trouble  
Shielded in your embrace

*We will sing to you O Lord  
Every nation tribe and tongue  
Oh awake- our souls- to praise your name  
Above the earth your glory reigns*

A shore of safety from waves of suff'ring  
You lift us from the deep  
A voice of truth when evil's pursuing  
Eternal rest we reap  
Eternal rest we reap

Sent down from heaven your glory to us  
Rescued us from our sin  
Exalted Savior merciful ruler  
In heaven and on earth

Above the earth your glory reigns  
Above the earth your glory reigns.

## For The Beauty Of The Earth

(Words: Folllott Pierpoint 1864; Music: Conrad Kocher 1838)

For the beauty of the earth  
For the glory of the skies  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies

*Lord of all to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise*

For the wonder of each hour  
Of the day and of the night  
Hill and vale and tree and flower  
Sun and moon and stars of light

For the joy of human love  
Brother sister parent child  
Friends on earth and friends above  
For all gentle thoughts and mild

For Thy church that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above  
Offering up on ev'ry shore  
Her pure sacrifice of love

For Thyself best gift divine  
To the world so freely giv'n  
For that great great love of Thine  
Peace on earth and joy in heav'n

## **Call to Confession: 1 Peter 2:11-12**

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

## **Prayer of Confession: The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever,  
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.

## **Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. § The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,\* the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

§ Christ suffered God's wrath on the cross

\* Universal church

## **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).*

## Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

*(Words & Music: Jordan Kauflin, Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Matthew Merker 2020)*

What is our hope in life and death?  
Christ alone, Christ alone  
What is our only confidence?  
That our souls to him belong  
Who holds our days within his hand?  
What comes, apart from his command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ, in which we stand

*O sing hallelujah!  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?  
God is good, God is good  
Where is his grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood

Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what will we sing?  
"Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with him

There we will rise to meet the Lord  
Then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore\_\_\_\_\_

# 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 13:24-33

### "The Organically Growing Kingdom"

- Elder Dave Snoko

**H**e put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup>but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup>And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' <sup>28</sup>He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup>But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'""

<sup>31</sup>He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. <sup>32</sup>It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

<sup>33</sup>He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Additional Scripture

Daniel 2:34-35, 44-45 / "As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth... And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever, just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure."

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Matthew 24:9-14, 28:18-20 / "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come... 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."

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Revelation 5:9-10 / And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

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## **Congregational Response:** Lausanne Covenant, Sec. 4

Our Christian presence in the world is indispensable to evangelism, and so is that kind of dialogue whose purpose is to listen sensitively in order to understand. But evangelism itself is the proclamation of the historical, biblical Christ as Saviour and Lord, with a view to persuading people to come to him personally and so be reconciled to God. In issuing the gospel invitation we have no liberty to conceal the cost of discipleship. Jesus still calls all who would follow him to deny themselves, take up their cross, and identify themselves with his new community. The results of evangelism include obedience to Christ, incorporation into his Church and responsible service in the world.

# Songs of Thanksgiving

## For All the Saints

*(Words: William W. How 1864; Music: Christopher Miner 1997)*

For all the saints,  
Who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith  
Before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus,  
Be forever blessed.  
Alleluia, Allelu

Thou wast their rock,  
Their fortress and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain  
In the well fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness  
Drearest, their one true Light.  
Alleluia, Allelu

O blest communion,  
Fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle,  
They in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in  
Thee, for all are Thine.  
Alleluia, Allelu

The golden evening  
Brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful  
Warriors comes their rest;  
Sweet is the calm  
Of paradise the blessed.  
Alleluia, Alleluia

But lo! There breaks  
A yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant  
Rise in bright array;  
The King of glory  
Passes on his way,  
Alleluia, Allelu

From earth's wide bounds,  
From ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl  
Streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father,  
Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia, Alleluia

## **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 9, "A God of His Word."*

# Announcements

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

<p><b>Gym Worship</b> 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>Backyard Bash: MS&amp;HS</b> Friday, May 15th 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM The Moore's House</p>	<p>We invite all MS &amp; HS students to join us as we celebrate the end of the academic year with fellowship, tournament-style yard games (e.g., Spikeball, Cornhole, Kan Jam, and Volleyball), and summertime snacks! Reach out to Molly if your child needs a ride.</p>
<p><b>Men's Prayer Breakfast</b> 300 Saline Street Saturday, May 16th 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 <i>Caring for One Another</i> 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> May 22nd - 23rd 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>
<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@alexwatt.com">alex@alexwatt.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>Rainforest Falls VBS</b> July 20-24th 10 AM - 12:30 PM</p>	<p>VBS registration open for adult &amp; youth volunteers &amp; children attendees age 4 to rising 5th graders! Special need for Decorating Team to plan &amp; supervise decorations, no need to attend VBS to help. Contact Debbie Bacon for info or visit <a href="http://cityreformed.org/vbs">cityreformed.org/vbs</a></p>
<p><b>Women's Ministry Job Opening</b></p>	<p>After a period of discernment, we have revised and updated the job description for women's ministry, now with a title of Coordinator for Women's Ministry. The job description can be found on our website. Contact Matt with questions and interest (<a href="mailto:pastormatt@cityreformed.org">pastormatt@cityreformed.org</a>)</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> 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, Allen Hall G-10</p>	<p>On 4/27, we will be discussing the apologetics seminar held by the CSS last weekend. Allen Hall G-10 (on Pitt's campus.) Contact Alex Main: <a href="mailto:amain8511@gmail.com">amain8511@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>Global Missions Prayer</b> Mondays @ 9:00 PM</p>	<p>This week we are praying for MTW Bulgaria. Held on Zoom: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/cityreformedglobalprayer">https://tinyurl.com/cityreformedglobalprayer</a></p>
<p><b>Bean Sprouts</b> 3rd Wednesday 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> 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>Mommies' Discipleship</b> 2nd and 4th Thursdays 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> 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 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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