



Easter Sunday Morning Worship
April 5, 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

"For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive."

– 1 Corinthians 15:22

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

5:30PM
Greenfield Chapel
3929 Coleman Street
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Donations

Online: Church Center App (Give)
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Bookkeeper" (please make checks
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Church)

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Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Ben Chidester

Call to Worship: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-9, 13; 12:1-2

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

Leader Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation... By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

People **By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.**

Leader These all died in faith, not having received the things promised,

People **But having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.**

Leader Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

People **Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Prayer of Invocation

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

(Words: Charles Wesley 1739; Music: John Walsh 1708)

Christ the Lord is risen today - Alleluia
Sons of men and angels say - Alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high - Alleluia
Sing ye heav'ns and earth reply - Alleluia

Love's redeeming work is done - Alleluia
Fought the fight the battle won - Alleluia
Lo the Sun's eclipse is o'er - Alleluia
Lo He sets in blood no more - Alleluia

Vain the stone the watch the seal - Alleluia
Christ has burst the gates of hell - Alleluia
Death in vain forbids Him rise - Alleluia
Christ has opened paradise - Alleluia

Lives again our glorious King - Alleluia
Where, O death, is now thy sting - Alleluia
Once He died our souls to save - Alleluia
Where thy victory O grave - Alleluia

Hail the Lord of earth and Heaven - Alleluia
Praise to Thee by both be given - Alleluia
Thee we greet triumphant now - Alleluia
Hail the resurrection thou - Alleluia

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:1-2

Christus Victor (Amen)

(Words & Music: Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Matt Boswell, and Matt Papa 2024)

O Most High King of the ages
Great I am, God of wonders
By the blood you have redeemed us
Led us through mighty waters
Our strength our song our sure salvation

*Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle you have won
Hallelujah Amen*

O Most High dwelling among us
Son of man sent for sinners
By your blood you have redeemed us
Spotless Lamb mighty Savior
Who lived who died who rose victorious

*Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle you have won
Hallelujah*

*With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah Amen*

O Most High King of the nations
Robed in praise crowned with splendor
On that day who will not tremble
When you stand Christ the Victor
Who was and is and is for ever

Amen amen

A - men

Amen amen

A - men

Fairest Lord Jesus

(Words: Unknown; Music: Silesian Folk Melody)

Fairest Lord Jesus ruler of all nature
O Thou of God and Man the Son
Thee will I cherish Thee will I honor
Thou my soul's glory joy and crown

Fair are the meadows fairer still the woodlands
Robed in the blooming garb of spring
Jesus is fairer Jesus is purer
Who makes the woeful heart to sing

Fair is the sunshine fairer still the moonlight
And all the twinkling starry host
Jesus shines brighter Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast

Beautiful Savior Lord of all the nations
Son of God and Son of Man
Glory and honor praise adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine

Call to Confession: Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we confess that we are weak. We are tempted and we have given into temptation. We sin. And so we hide from you and from your presence. We know that without a savior your holiness would cause us to be undone.

So we don't hope in ourselves but look to Jesus, our great high priest. He took on flesh and dwelt among us. In his death our sin is judged. In his resurrection we live. We thank you that in Christ we have confidence to come to you in prayer. We thank you that in Christ we have access to your presence. We thank you that you have not left us alone, but have drawn us to yourself in Christ.

Help us to see that you are with us, even till the end of time. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 10:12-14

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

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).

Living Hope

(Words & Music: Brian Johnson and Phil Wickham 2018)

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke your name into the night

Then through the darkness your lovingkindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ, My living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame

The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

*Hallelujah,
Praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah,
Death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain,
There's salvation in your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

Then came the morning
That sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me

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 28:1-10

"Fear and Great Joy"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Scriptural Response: 1 Corinthians 15:3-6

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

Songs of Thanksgiving

I Know That My Redeemer Lives - Glory Hallelujah

(Words: Samuel Medley 1775; Music: Southern Harmony American Folk Melody 1900's)

I know that my redeemer lives
Glory hallelujah
What comfort this sweet sentence gives
Glory hallelujah

*Shout on pray on we're gaining ground
Glory hallelujah
The dead's alive and the lost is found
Glory hallelujah*

He lives he lives who once was dead
Glory hallelujah
He lives my everlasting Head
Glory hallelujah

He lives to bless me with his love
Glory hallelujah
He lives to plead for me above
Glory hallelujah

He lives all glory to his name
Glory hallelujah
He lives my Jesus still the same
Glory hallelujah

To God Be The Glory

(Words: Fanny Crosby 1875; Music: W. Howard Doane 1875)

To God be the glory great things he has done
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in

*Praise the Lord! (Praise the Lord!)
Let the earth hear his voice
Praise the Lord! (Praise the Lord!)
Let the people rejoice
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory, great things he has done*

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

Great things he has taught us
Great things he has done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see

Benediction

There will be no Evening Worship Service tonight.

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

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>The Christian Scientific Society April 17-18 Cathedral of Learning</p>	<p>The Christian Scientific Society is having a two-day meeting on Evidential Apologetics, April 17-18 at the Cathedral of Learning. The meeting is open to the public, but registration is required; high school and college students can attend at no cost. For details see https://christianscientific.org/pittsburgh-meeting-on-evidential-apologetics-april-17-18/</p>
<p>Gym Worship April 19 & 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>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>Notary needed to help with notarizing provider documentation to get Ethiopian Medical Licenses. Contact Tracy Partridge (partridge.ta@gmail.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>RUF at Pitt Grad Banquet Food Request Friday, April 24 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! Food can be dropped off at Church of the Ascension Fri, April 24, 6:00pm-6:45pm or drop-off arranged with Gavin or Abbay. Sign up here: tinyurl.com/rufgrad2026 or contact Gavin Breeden gavin.breeden@ruf.org or Abbay Kocsis abbay.kocsis@ruf.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>Women's Ministry Job Opening</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 (pastormatt@cityreformed.org)</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: 4/13. 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 Andrew and Amy. Held on Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/cityreformedglobalprayer</p>
<p>Bean Sprouts 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: 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/crcpwnednesdayprayer.</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>Mommies' Discipleship 2nd and 4th Thursdays 7 PM - 9 PM</p>	<p>Meets at the home of Sandy Snoke (scsnoke@comcast.net). Enjoy tea & fellowship with other moms, studying the Sermon on the Mount & praying for one another.</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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- 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 Snoko

Thursday:

Shadyside - Chris Bollinger
West Hills - Jon Dodd

Friday:

East Suburban - Joe Stehle

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