



Sunday Morning Worship
May 10, 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

"Raising kids is part joy and part guerrilla warfare."

– Anonymous

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

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

LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

Church Office

3929 Coleman St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15207
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)
OR cityreformed.org/give
Mail: Church Office address above "Attn:
Bookkeeper" (please make checks
payable to City Reformed Presbyterian
Church)

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Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

Call to Worship: Psalm 68:1-6, 33-35

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

Leader God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him!

People **As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!**

Leader But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

People **Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him!**

Leader Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

People **God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land...**

Leader Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.

People **Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—**

Leader He is the one who gives power and strength to his people.

People **Blessed be God!**

Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 34 | Taste and See

(Words & Music: Joe Rigney & Shane Barnard 2015)

I sought the Lord and He answered me
And delivered me from ev'ry fear
Those who look on Him are radiant
They'll never be ashamed
They'll never be ashamed

This poor man cried and the Lord heard me
And saved me from my enemies
The Son of God surrounds His saints
He will deliver them
He will deliver them

*Magnify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name together
Glorify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name forever*

O taste and see that the Lord is good
O blessed is he who hides in Him
O fear the Lord O all you saints
He'll give you ev'rything
He'll give you ev'rything

Let us bless the Lord
Ev'ry day and night
Never ending praise
May our incense rise

Scripture Reading: Romans 6:1-11

O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

(Words & Music: Benjamin Hastings, Dean Ussher, and Marty Sampson 2015)

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see his wounds his hands his feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise his Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of Heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Amen Amen

(Words & Music: Kate Robins and Neil Robins 2007)

Let every creature rise and bring
Their grateful praises to our King
Angels descend with songs again
And earth repeats a loud amen

Amen amen

Amen amen

I found my life

I found my life in him

Amen amen

Peace like a river from His throne
Will flow to nations yet unknown
His word a light where hope is dim
And tribes unite to cry amen

And in this Child we'll find our rest
And all the meek and lowly blessed
An Infant tongue could sing the hymn
Of hallelujah and amen

Call to Confession: 1 Peter 1:13-15

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct.

Prayer of Confession:

Father in heaven, all of your ways are pure and you are perfect in your holiness. But our lives are messy and we live in a messy world. Even our best deeds are stained by sin and without Christ we could not hope to stand before you. We confess that we need Christ as much today as ever. We are thankful that you provided for our deepest need and that he was willing to lay down his life and to shed his blood for our sin.

Give us faith to believe this. Grant us strength to pursue holiness. Renew our passion. Grant us a vision for living as your children so that we would not be conformed to the ways of this world and to "our former ignorance."

We ask that Christ be glorified in our lives, in our families, in our churches, and in your world. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 3:1a, 2

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. ... Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

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).

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: Psalm 127

"Hope for Parents... (and people who help parent, or need parents, or want to be parents, or ever had a parent.)"

- Pastor Matt Koerber

A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon.

Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the watchman stays awake in vain.

²It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives to his beloved sleep.

³Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a reward.

⁴Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the children of one's youth.

⁵Blessed is the man
who fills his quiver with them!
He shall not be put to shame
when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Luke 14:26 / "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."

1 Timothy 5:8 / But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

1 Timothy 5:1-4 / Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity. Honor widows who are truly widows. But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God.

Congregational Response: 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.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Jesus I Am Resting Resting

(Words & Music: David Hampton & Jean Sophia Pigott 1998)

Jesus I am resting resting
In the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart

Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee
And Thy beauty fills my soul
For by Thy transforming power
Thou hast made me whole

*Jesus I am resting resting
In the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart*

Oh how great Thy loving-kindness
Vaster broader than the sea
Oh how marvelous Thy goodness
Lavished all on me

Yes I rest in Thee Beloved
Know what wealth of grace is Thine
Know Thy certainty of promise
And have made it mine

Simply trusting Thee Lord Jesus
I behold Thee as Thou art
And Thy love so pure so changeless
Satisfies my heart

Satisfies its deepest longings
Meets supplies its ev'ry need
For He wraps me 'round with blessings
Thine is love indeed

Ever lift Thy face upon me
As I work and wait for Thee
Resting 'neath Thy smile Lord Jesus
Earth's dark shadows flee

Brightness of my Father's glory
Sunshine of my Father's face
Keep me ever trusting resting
Fill me with Thy grace

Blessed Assurance

(Words & Music: Phoebe Palmer Knapp and Fanny Jane Crosby)

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood

*This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long*

Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting, looking above
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Elder Ben Chidester will be continuing the series in Joshua, preaching from Joshua 10:16-43, "A Royal Humiliation."

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

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Capital Campaign Update</p>	<p>Friday, May 22: Info Packet email Sunday, May 24: Q&A <i>after</i> AM service Sunday, May 31: Q&A <i>before</i> AM service Sunday, June 7: Congregational Meeting with vote <i>after</i> AM service</p>
<p>Backyard Bash: MS&HS Friday, May 15th 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM The Moore's House</p>	<p>We invite all MS & 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>Men's Prayer Breakfast 300 Saline Street Saturday, May 16th 9:00 - 10:30 AM</p>	<p>Men, and young men of City Reformed, join us for a breakfast, fellowship, & spiritual reflection. Final topic: Remember and Reflect, from our Caring for One Another teaching series. Feel free to attend, even if you have not been able to attend any of these talks, Registration: https://tinyurl.com/CRPCSpring26PB</p>
<p>Membership Class 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 (joseph@cityreformed.org) for info.</p>
<p>Women's Bible Study Leaders Training May 30th 9AM - 12PM 300 Saline Street</p>	<p>Have you ever considered leading a Women's Bible Study? Join us for Women's Bible Study Leaders Training! This training is required for any woman who wants to lead a Bible Study at City, but open to anyone. See Debbie Bacon for details, and register at https://tinyurl.com/WomensBibleStudyLeaderTraining</p>
<p>High School Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 31st WT</p>	<p>Celebrating and praying for our HS graduates as a church family during Morning Worship, recognizing the accomplishments of our covenant children! Our HS graduates and their families are invited to a lunch in the WT cafeteria immediately after Morning Worship.</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>Rainforest Falls VBS July 20-24th 10 AM - 12:30 PM</p>	<p>VBS registration open for adult & youth volunteers & children attendees age 4 to rising 5th graders! Special need for Decorating Team to plan & supervise decorations, no need to attend VBS to help. Contact Debbie Bacon for info or visit cityreformed.org/vbs</p>

Regular Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

College Shuttle Sundays	Shuttle will be on pause for the summer, starting May 10th.
Agora Forum Biweekly Mondays, 7PM, Allen Hall G-10	Next meeting is 5/11. Allen Hall G-10 (on Pitt's campus.) Contact Alex Main: amain8511@gmail.com
Global Missions Prayer Mondays @ 9:00 PM	This week we will have open prayer. Held on Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/cityreformedglobalprayer
Bean Sprouts 3rd Wednesday 12:00 PM	The next Bean Sprouts meeting will be Wednesday, May 20th at noon in the Greenfield Chapel. Contact Joe Stehle: joestehle@gmail.com .
Wednesday Prayer Meetings 8:30-9:30 AM	Please join us for Scripture reading, adoration, thanksgiving, and sharing prayer requests. Held on Zoom at: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer .
Youth Group Biweekly Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM Greenfield Chapel	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.
Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group Wednesdays, 7:00 PM	Meets biweekly on the North Side. Contact Lindsay Karr for more info: lindsay.karr@gmail.com .
Men's New Hope Bi-Weekly Wednesdays	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.
Thursday Women's Bible Study 1:00-3:00 PM	Studying Psalms. Thursdays from 1:00-3:00PM at Cathy Taylor's House. Contact Cathy Taylor (lawyerdad5@aol.com).
Mommies' Discipleship 2nd and 4th Thursdays 7 PM - 9 PM	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.
Young Adults Fellowship	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.
Ultimate Frisbee Thursdays	Ultimate frisbee group meets Thursday evenings. All skill levels are welcome! Contact Dan Toney (danielrtoney@gmail.com)

College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- CMU: Chris Bollinger (cwbollinger@gmail.com)
- CCO at PPU: Matt Koerber (pastormatt@cityreformed.org)
- 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 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

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