



**Pentecost Sunday Morning Worship**  
**May 24, 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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## Prelude

"Lord I want to be a Christian in my heart  
Lord I want to be a Christian in my heart  
In my heart, in my heart  
Lord I want to be a Christian

Lord I want to be more holy in my heart  
Lord I want to be more holy in my heart  
In my heart, in my heart  
Lord I want to be more holy

Lord I want to be like Jesus  
I want to be more holy  
Lord I want to be a Christian"

– *Lord I Want To Be A Christian (African American Spiritual, Arranged by Moses Hogan 1957)*

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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)

### Church Office

3929 Coleman St.  
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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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Welcome Information:



# Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Dave Snoko

## Call to Worship: Revelation 7:9

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

Leader After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice,

People **"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"**

Leader And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying,

People **"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."**

## Prayer of Invocation

## **This Is Our God**

*(Words & Music: Zach Jones, Doug Plank, Neil Degraide, Dave Fournier, and George Romanacce)*

God our Father full of power  
Maker of the heavens maker of the world  
Forming all things seen and unseen  
Truly the Almighty beyond all measured worth  
Holy is his name

*We believe the Lord our God is One  
Father Spirit Son this is our God  
We believe forever he will reign  
Let the church proclaim this is our God*

Our Lord Jesus, sent to save us  
Born unto a virgin lived a perfect life  
Greatly suffered dying for us  
From the grave he's risen seated now on high  
Holy is his name

Jesus will come back again  
To judge the living and the dead  
Usher in the age to come  
Let everyone sing amen

Spirit, Holy One in glory  
Speaking through the prophets empowering the Church  
Life is given by and through him  
With the Son and Father worshiped and adored  
Holy is his name

## Isaiah 55 | So Shall His Word

(Words & Music: Liz Vice Music LLC, Nathan Tasker, and Sandra McCracken 2017)

So shall his Word that goes out, that goes out,  
Shall not return, not return empty.

*It shall make a name for the LORD.*

*It shall make a name for the LORD.*

*Let the Light make a name for the Lord in the dark.*

Come all who thirst, laborers, lay it down.  
Come seek the Lord while he may be found.

We shall go out, out with joy led in peace.  
Join in the song all creation sings.

*We shall make a name for the LORD.*

*We shall make a name for the LORD.*

*Let the Light make a name for the Lord in the dark.*

**Scripture Reading:** Romans 8:12-17

## **Breathe On Me Breath Of God**

*(Words: Edwin Hatch 1878; Music: Robert Jackson 1878)*

Breathe on me breath of God  
Fill me with life anew  
That I may love what Thou dost love  
And do what Thou wouldst do

Breathe on me breath of God  
Until my heart is pure  
Until my will is one with thine  
To do and to endure

Breathe on me breath of God  
Till I am wholly Thine  
Till all this broken part of me  
Glows with Thy fire divine

Breathe on me breath of God  
So shall I never die  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of Thine eternity

## **Call to Confession: Hebrews 12:1-2**

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, 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 Confession:**

Heavenly Father we lift up our prayers to you. You are light – in you there are no shadows. You are life – by your power all things were created and are sustained. You are glorious – infinite, eternal and unchanging in all of your perfection. You have called us to be lights shining in the darkness of the world, voices testifying to the nations about the life of Christ and images reflecting your glory to people who do not know you. But we fall short of this calling. We need again, today, the grace of Christ to forgive us and sustain us. Send your Spirit to empower us, so that we may live for you and bring honor to your name. May we be instruments of grace to our neighbors. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: 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."

### **Missions Moment: Sonya Campbell - MTW Bulgaria**

## **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).*

## O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing

*(Words & Music: Charles Wesley 1739)*

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice,  
New life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
The humble poor believe.

To God all glory, praise, and love  
Be now and ever giv'n;  
By saints below and saints above,  
The church in earth and heav'n.

# 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 22** **"Ransomed from Every Nation"**

- Pastor Matt Koerber

*To the choirmaster: according to The Doe of the Dawn. A Psalm of David.*

**M**y God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why are you so far from saving me, from the  
words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,  
and by night, but I find no rest.

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>In you our fathers trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were rescued;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup>All who see me mock me;  
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

<sup>8</sup>"He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

<sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me from the womb;  
you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.

<sup>10</sup>On you was I cast from my birth,  
and from my mother's womb you have been my God.

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me,  
for trouble is near,  
and there is none to help.

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<sup>12</sup>Many bulls encompass me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;  
<sup>13</sup>they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax;  
it is melted within my breast;

<sup>15</sup>my strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.

<sup>16</sup>For dogs encompass me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they have pierced my hands and feet—

<sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones—  
they stare and gloat over me;

<sup>18</sup>they divide my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.

<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, do not be far off!  
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

<sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my precious life from the power of the dog!

<sup>21</sup> Save me from the mouth of the lion!  
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

<sup>22</sup>I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

<sup>24</sup>For he has not despised or abhorred  
the affliction of the afflicted,  
and he has not hidden his face from him,  
but has heard, when he cried to him.

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

<sup>26</sup>The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!  
May your hearts live forever!

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before you.

<sup>28</sup>For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.

<sup>29</sup>All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

<sup>30</sup>Posterity shall serve him;  
it shall be told of the LORD to the coming generation;

<sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a  
people yet unborn,  
that he has done it.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Additional Scripture

Acts 1:8 / "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

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## **Congregational Response:** The Motto of the PCA

Q1. For what purpose was the Presbyterian Church in America formed?

**A. We seek to be a denomination that is "Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed Faith, and Obedient to the Great Commission."**

# Songs of Thanksgiving

## Love Divine All Loves Excelling

*(Words: Charles Wesley 1747; Music: Lowell Mason 1839)*

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n to earth come down,  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling;  
All Thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation;  
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit  
Into every troubled chest!  
Let us all in Thee inherit,  
Let us find the promised rest.  
Take away our love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver;  
Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return and never,  
Nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;  
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,  
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then, Thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee.  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till with heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## Psalm 96 | Christ is the Lord Redeemer and King

*(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke, Jalen Bell, Nate Glasper Jr., Eron Lauchié 2024)*

Sing to the LORD, sing a new song  
To God whom the glory of nations belong  
Trust in the LORD and not empty praise  
For Great is the LORD and great are his ways

Give to the LORD O drifter and saint  
Give to the LORD both glory and strength  
Bring him your life and make it his throne  
Offer your heart and enter his home

*Say the LORD reigns, he's breaking the curse  
Here the LORD brings his kingdom to earth  
Now The LORD reigns! With heaven we sing  
"Christ is the Lord Redeemer and King"*

The heavens rejoice with earth and the sea  
They join in the song of true jubilee  
Creation proclaims the day of the Lord  
And kingdom shalom will soon be restored

*Say the LORD reigns! All nations and tribes  
Here the LORD reigns, the church as his bride  
Now The LORD reigns! Let everyone sing  
"Christ is the Lord Redeemer and King"*

His good good justice is fixed like the mountains  
His faithfulness and mercy are boundless

## Benediction

***At tonight's Worship Service, we will have a special Pentacost service in Spanish with translation to English. Guest speaker Roseberg Polania will be preaching from Acts 19:1-7, "Getting to Know the Unknown God."***

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

# Announcements

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

<p><b>Capital Campaign Update</b></p>	<p><b>Friday, May 22:</b> Info Packet email  <b>Sunday, May 24:</b> Q&amp;A <i>after</i> AM service  <b>Sunday, May 31:</b> Q&amp;A <i>before</i> AM service  <b>Tuesday, June 2:</b> 8-9pm via Zoom <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86729152270">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86729152270</a>  <b>Sunday, June 7:</b> Congregational Meeting with vote <i>after</i> AM service</p>
<p><b>Women's Bible Study Leaders Training</b>            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 <a href="https://tinyurl.com/WomensBibleStudyLeaderTraining">https://tinyurl.com/WomensBibleStudyLeaderTraining</a></p>
<p><b>High School Graduate Recognition</b>            Sunday, May 31st            WT Cafeteria</p>	<p>Celebrate &amp; pray for our HS graduates as a church family, recognizing the accomplishments of our covenant children! Our HS graduates &amp; families are invited to a lunch immediately after Morning Worship.</p>
<p><b>Ethiopia Missions BP Clinic</b>            Sunday, May 31st            after Morning Worship            WT</p>	<p>Join us to get your blood pressure taken by future youth triage support, Abiel Bates &amp; Zachary Chan, under Dr. Stephen Chan's clinical oversight. Support our youth missionaries as they practice for the clinics and learn how they'll be serving in Ethiopia this summer.</p>
<p><b>Medical Missions Opportunity, Ethiopia</b></p>	<p>CRPC will be sending a medical mission team to Ethiopia 6/27-7/5. Contact Alex Watt <a href="mailto:alex@alexcwatt.com">alex@alexcwatt.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Parents' Night Out (HS)</b>            Saturday, June 13th            5PM - 8PM            300 Saline St</p>	<p>The Youth Ministry is hosting a Parents' Night Out to raise support for our short-term mission trip in June. More info to come (including a registration), but save the date for now!</p>
<p><b>Women's Nail Day</b>            Saturday, June 13th            1PM - 3:30PM            Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>Girls &amp; women of all ages are invited to an afternoon of manicures and fellowship! Nail polish and nail art supplies will be provided. Contact Elizabeth McMillan at <b>412-5116-4117</b> or <a href="mailto:elizabeth.mcmillan20@gmail.com">elizabeth.mcmillan20@gmail.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Men's Camping Trip</b>            Friday, June 19th -            Saturday, June 20th            Moraine State Park</p>	<p>Activities will include ultimate frisbee, relaxing by a campfire, fishing from Captain Luke's boat, bike riding &amp; swimming. Registration <a href="https://tinyurl.com/CRPCMensCampingTrip2026">https://tinyurl.com/CRPCMensCampingTrip2026</a> is required. Contact Adam Schwab for questions.</p>
<p><b>Rainforest Falls VBS</b>            July 20-24th            10AM - 12:30PM</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>

# Regular Events

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<b>College Shuttle</b> Sundays	Shuttle will be on pause for the summer, starting May 10th.
<b>Agora Forum</b> Biweekly Mondays, 7PM, Allen Hall G-10	Next meeting is 5/25. Allen Hall G-10 (on Pitt's campus.) Contact Alex Main: <a href="mailto:amain8511@gmail.com">amain8511@gmail.com</a>
<b>Global Missions Prayer</b> Mondays @ 9:00 PM	This week we will be pausing our regular prayer meeting for Memorial Day.
<b>Bean Sprouts</b> 3rd Wednesday 12:00 PM	The next Bean Sprouts meeting will be a field trip to Rodef Shalom on Wednesday, June 17th at 11:55AM. Contact Joe Stehle: <a href="mailto:joestehle@gmail.com">joestehle@gmail.com</a> .
<b>Wednesday Prayer Meetings</b> 8:30-9:30 AM	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> .
<b>Youth Group</b> Biweekly Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM	We are continuing our bi-weekly Wednesday night schedule throughout the summer, gathering in the homes of our student families for informal fellowship and a brief Bible study. Hope you will join us when you're in town!
<b>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group</b> Wednesdays, 7:00 PM	Meets biweekly on the North Side. Contact Lindsay Karr for more info: <a href="mailto:lindsay.karr@gmail.com">lindsay.karr@gmail.com</a> .
<b>Men's New Hope</b> 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 <a href="mailto:joseph@cityreformed.org">joseph@cityreformed.org</a> for more information.
<b>Thursday Women's Bible Study</b> 1:00-3:00 PM	Studying 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> ).
<b>Summer Women's Bible Studies</b> Various Locations	This summer we will study Remember Your Joy: Bible Stories of Salvation in the Old Testament by Courtney Doctor and Melissa Kruger in various locations around the city. Find details, purchase a book & register here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/CRPCSummerStudies2026">https://tinyurl.com/CRPCSummerStudies2026</a> .
<b>Young Adults Fellowship</b>	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.
<b>Ultimate Frisbee</b> Thursdays	Ultimate frisbee group meets Thursday evenings. All skill levels are welcome! Contact Dan Toney ( <a href="mailto:danielrtoney@gmail.com">danielrtoney@gmail.com</a> )
<b>Summer RUF</b> Wednesdays 6:30 PM	Hosted at Various locations. ALL college students, HS grads welcome. Contact Gavin, <a href="mailto:gavin.breeden@ruf.org">gavin.breeden@ruf.org</a>

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

- CMU: Chris Bollinger (cwbollinger@gmail.com)
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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

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