



Sunday Morning Communion Worship
June 7, 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

"If we discover a desire within us that nothing in this world can satisfy, also we should begin to wonder if perhaps we were created for another world."

– C. S. Lewis

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

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

LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:30PM
Greenfield Chapel
3929 Coleman Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15207

**Welcome
Information:**



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Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder David Bacon

Call to Worship: Psalm 2

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

Leader Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

People **The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."**

Leader He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

People **Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."**

Leader I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

People **Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

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

Crown Him With Many Crowns

(Words: Matthew Bridges 1951; Music: George Job Elvey 1868)

Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of peace
Whose pow'r a sceptre sways
From pole to pole
That wars may cease
And all be prayer and praise
His reign shall know no end
And round His pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet

Crown Him the Lord of years
The Potentate of time
Creator of the rolling spheres
Ineffably sublime
All hail Redeemer hail
For Thou hast died for me
Thy praise shall never never fail
Throughout eternity

Call to Confession: Hebrews 2:1-4

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, you are creator, sustainer, and redeemer. All things were made for your glory and by your power they are held together. You are perfect in holiness, power and wisdom. You have called us to come to yourself in humility. You exalt the lowly and give rest to the weary.

But we confess that we are slow to trust you. We continue to grasp for control of our own lives. We seek refuge, power and escape in the created things of the world instead of from you. Forgive us and renew us. Teach us to trust you with all our hearts. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 2:14-18

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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).

In Tenderness

(Words & Music: Adoniram Judson Gordon, Nate Garvey, and W. Spencer Walton 2013)

In tenderness he sought me
Weary and sick with sin
And on his shoulders brought me
Back to his fold again
While angels in his presence sang
Until the courts of heaven rang

*Oh the love that sought me
Oh the blood that bought me
Oh the grace that brought me to the fold of God
Grace that brought me to the fold of God*

He died for me while I was sinning
Needy and poor and blind
He whispered to assure me
I've found thee, thou art mine
I'd never heard a sweeter voice
It made my aching heart rejoice

Upon his grace I'll daily ponder
And sing anew his praise
With all adoring wonder
His blessings I retrace
It seems as if eternal days
Are far too short to sing his praise

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 45 **"A Biblical Fairy Tale"**

- Elder Dave Snoke

To the choirmaster: according to Lilies. A Maskil of the Sons of Korah; a love song.

My heart overflows with a pleasing theme;
I address my verses to the king;
my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

²You are the most handsome of the sons of men;
grace is poured upon your lips;
therefore God has blessed you forever.

³Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one,
in your splendor and majesty!

⁴In your majesty ride out victoriously
for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness;
let your right hand teach you awesome deeds!

⁵Your arrows are sharp
in the heart of the king's enemies;
the peoples fall under you.

⁶Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.
The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of
uprightness;

⁷ you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

⁸ your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and
cassia.

From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;
⁹ daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

¹⁰Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear:
forget your people and your father's house,
¹¹ and the king will desire your beauty.

Since he is your lord, bow to him.

¹² The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts,
the richest of the people.

¹³All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes
interwoven with gold.

¹⁴ In many-colored robes she is led to the king,
with her virgin companions following behind her.

¹⁵With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king.

¹⁶In place of your fathers shall be your sons;
you will make them princes in all the earth.

¹⁷I will cause your name to be remembered in all
generations;
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Song of Solomon 1:2-4 / *She*: Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! For your love is better than wine; your anointing oils are fragrant; your name is oil poured out; therefore virgins love you. Draw me after you; let us run. The king has brought me into his chambers. *Others*: We will exult and rejoice in you; we will extol your love more than wine; rightly do they love you.

Luke 20:41-44 / But he said to them, "How can they say that the Christ is David's son? For David himself says in the Book of Psalms, "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." David thus calls him Lord, so how is he his son?"

Luke 24:25-27 / And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

Acts 2:25-31 / For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." "Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.

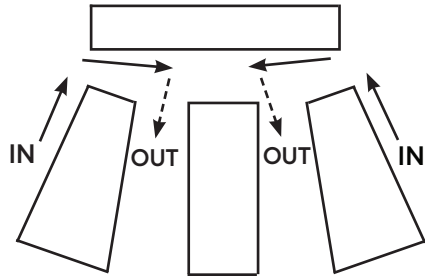
Hebrews 1:7-8 / Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom."

Revelation 21:2-3 / And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God."

Communion

City Reformed Church invites all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sins and trust Christ alone for salvation, and who are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. Parents with non-communicating children are encouraged to bring their children forward during communion. The elders will lay a hand on their head and briefly pray for them as they serve you.

Communion is served with wine and with grape juice. The wine is placed in the two outer circles of the communion tray, and the grape juice is placed in the inner circle. Because Jesus used wine during the first communion service, we believe using real wine is beneficial. However, participants are welcome to choose. There is also gluten-free bread available on each plate.



City Reformed Church distributes communion to groups of people who come forward to eat and drink the Lord's Supper together. Please join us in song as we celebrate Christ dwelling with his church in the sacrament of communion. Lines are formed at the front of the room and the entire line will eat and drink at the same time. Not everyone should stand and line up at the same time and it is often better to remain seated until the line progresses. Please notify an usher if you are unable to come forward and need to receive communion in your seat.

Songs of Communion

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

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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

Sólo Cristo (None But Jesus)

(Words & Music: Brooke Fraser, Antonio Romero, and Tania Braun 2005)

In the quiet in the stillness
I know that you are God
In the secret of your presence
I know there I am restored
When you call I won't refuse
Each new day again I'll choose

*There is no one else for me
None but Jesus
Crucified to set me free
Now I live to bring him praise*

Spanish Chorus

*No hay nadie como Tú
Sólo Cristo
Moriste por mí en la cruz
Viviré para alabar*

In the chaos in confusion
I know you're sovereign still
In the moment of my weakness
You give me grace to do your will
When you call I won't delay
This my song through all my days

All my delight is in you Lord
All of my hope all of my strength
All my delight is in you Lord
Forevermore

Be Thou My Vision

(Words: Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1905; Music: "Slane")

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true Word
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father I thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

Be thou my battle shield sword for my fight
Be thou my dignity be thou my might
Thou my soul's shelter thou my high tow'r
Raise thou me heav'n-ward O pow'r of my pow'r

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and thou only first in my heart
High King of Heaven my treasure thou art

High King of Heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision O ruler of all

Doxology

(Words: Thomas Ken 1674; Music: Louis Bourgeois 1510)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

(repeat)

Amen

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Elder Ben Chidester will be preaching from Joshua 18:1-10, 21:43-45, "Putting Off the Promises of God."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Capital Campaign Updates TODAY</p>	<p>Congregational Meeting with vote <i>after</i> AM service</p>
<p>Medical Missions Opportunity, Ethiopia</p>	<p>CRPC will be sending a medical mission team to Ethiopia 6/27-7/5. Contact Alex Watt alex@alexwatt.com.</p>
<p>Parents' Night Out (HS) 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. Children ages 18 months through 5th grade can be dropped off and picked up anytime between 5pm and 8pm and will participate in the Bible Club Programming that our students will be using on their trip. Pizza will be provided, but you are welcome to send other food for dietary restrictions or preferences. Registration through Church Center will close on Sunday, June 7th!</p>
<p>Women's Nail Day Saturday, June 13th 1PM - 3:30PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>Girls & 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 412-5116-4117 or elizabeth.mcmillan20@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Rodef Shalom Wednesday, June 17 12PM - 1:30PM</p>	<p>An invitation to join Bean Sprouts and visit Rodef Shalom's gardens. Register at https://tinyurl.com/RodefShalom and plan to bring a bagged lunch!</p>
<p>Men's Camping Trip 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 & swimming. Registration https://tinyurl.com/CRPCMensCampingTrip2026 is required. Contact Adam Schwab for questions.</p>
<p>Rainforest Falls VBS July 20-24th 10AM - 12:30PM</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. Still needed: 6 more adults, (2 Bible teachers, 1 Bible Memory Leader, 1 craft leader, & 2 group leaders), 6 youth. Contact Debbie Bacon for info or visit cityreformed.org/vbs</p>

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

Regular Events

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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 6/8. 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 be praying for the Jones' at City Presbyterian. Held on Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/cityreformedglobalprayer
Bean Sprouts 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: 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	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!
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).
Summer Women's Bible Studies 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: https://tinyurl.com/CRPCSummerStudies2026 .
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)
Summer RUF Wednesdays 6:30 PM	Hosted at various locations. ALL college students, HS grads welcome. Contact Gavin, gavin.breeden@ruf.org

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