



Sunday Morning Worship
July 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 or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Reflections

"Thus, when Paul says, "Praise the Lord all you nations, and let all the peoples extol him" (Rom. 15:11), he is saying that there is something about God that is so universally praiseworthy and so profoundly beautiful and so comprehensively worth and so deeply satisfying that God will find passionate admirers in every diverse people group in the world. His true greatness will be manifest in the breadth of the diversity of those who perceive and cherish his beauty. His excellence will be shown to be higher and deeper than the parochial preferences that make us happy most of the time. His appeal will be to the deepest, highest, largest capacities of the human soul. Thus, the diversity of the source of admiration will testify to his incomparable glory."

– John Piper, *Let the Nations Be Glad!: The Supremacy of God in Missions*

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

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Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Craig Kozminski

Call to Worship: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15

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

Leader But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

People **We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair;**

Leader Persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our bodies.

People **For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.**

Leader Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence.

People **For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.**

Prayer of Invocation

O Worship The King (Psalm 104)

(Music: Johann Haydn 1700's; Words: Robert Grant 1833)

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love
Our shield and defender the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

O tell of his might and sing of his grace
Whose robe is the light whose canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite
It breathes in the air it shines in the light
It streams from the hills it descends to the plain
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail
In you do we trust nor find you to fail
Your mercies how tender how firm to the end
Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend

O measureless might ineffable love
While angels delight to worship above
The humbler creation though feeble their way
With true adoration shall all sing your praise

Scripture Reading: Psalm 57:5-11

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

Alpha and Omega

(Words & Music: Erasmus Mutanbira 2005)

You are Alpha and Omega
We worship you our Lord
You are worthy to be praised

*We give you all the glory
We worship you our Lord
You are worthy to be praised*

Call to Confession: Ephesians 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

Prayer of Confession:

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: Ephesians 1:7, 13-14

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses... In him you also... were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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) or sent via mail (3929 Coleman St., 15207).

Wonderful Merciful Savior

(Words & Music: Dawn Rodgers & Eric Wyse 1989)

Wonderful merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men
Oh, you rescue the souls of men

*You are the one that we praise
You are the one we adore
You give the healing and grace our
Hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost their way
Oh we hopelessly lost the way

Almighty, infinite, Father,
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness you find us
Falling before your throne
Oh, we're falling before your throne

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 115B.

Sermon: Psalm 148 "A Symphony of Praise"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

- P**raise the LORD!
Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
- ²Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!
- ³Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!
- ⁴Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!
- ⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD!
For he commanded and they were created.
- ⁶And he established them forever and ever;
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.
- ⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all deeps,
- ⁸fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy wind fulfilling his word!
- ⁹Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
- ¹⁰Beasts and all livestock,
creeping things and flying birds!
- ¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹²Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him.
Praise the LORD!

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Psalms 117:1 / Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

John 4:23 / The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

Notes

Songs of Thanksgiving

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

(Words: Thomas Obediah Chisholm; Music: William Marion Runyan 1923)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Pete Smith will be preaching from Luke 10:25-37, "Go and Do Likewise." A Q&A session will be held after service to discuss his new book, "Remember the Poor."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Summer Nights (MS&HS) Wednesday, July 29th 6:30PM - 8:30PM Winklers' House	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 in town!
Haymaker Pool Saturday, August 8 7PM - 9PM	Do you or your kids enjoy swimming? Please mark your calendar to join East Suburban friends at a Pool Party on Saturday night, August 8 (weather permitting). Haymaker Pool, 7:00 to 9:00 PM in Monroeville. Details to follow, bring snacks to share.
Youth Ministry Fall Kick-Off (MS&HS) Sunday, August 30th 12PM - 2PM Schenley Park Overlook	We will be celebrating the start of another academic year by gathering at the Schenley Park Overlook immediately after Morning Worship for fellowship and yard games. Snacks will be provided, but we are asking that students pack their own lunches and bring a picnic blanket if they have one. See you there!

Regular Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

College Shuttle Sundays	Shuttle will be on pause for the summer.
Agora Forum Biweekly Mondays, 7PM, Allen Hall G-10	Next meeting is July 27th. Allen Hall G-10 (on Pitt's campus.) Contact Alex Main: amain8511@gmail.com
Global Missions Prayer Mondays @ 9 PM	This week we will be praying for John McCombs & his work with EVO. Held on Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/cityreformedglobalprayer
Bean Sprouts 3rd Wednesday, 12 PM	The next Bean Sprouts meeting will be on Wednesday, August 19th. 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 PM	Meets biweekly on the North Side. Contact Lindsay Karr for more info: lindsay.karr@gmail.com .
Summer RUF Wednesdays 6:30 PM	Hosted at various locations. ALL college students, HS grads welcome. Contact Gavin, gavin.breeden@ruf.org
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 - 3 PM	Studying Psalms. Thursdays from 1-3:00PM 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)

College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

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- RUF at Pitt: Gavin Breeden and Callie Miller (gavin.breeden@ruf.org, callie.miller@ruf.org)
- cityreformed.org/university/

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
East Suburban - Joe Stehle

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

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