



Sunday Morning Communion Worship
July 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

"He is good beyond all others; indeed, he alone is good in the highest sense; he is the source of good, the good of all good, the sustainer of good, the perfecter of good, and the rewarder of good... 'For his mercy endureth for ever.' We shall have this repeated in every verse of this song, but not once too often. It is the sweetest stanza that a man can sing. What joy that there is mercy, mercy with Jehovah, enduring mercy, mercy enduring for ever. We are ever needing it, trying it, praying for it, receiving it: therefore let us for ever sing of it. 'When all else is changing within and around, In God and his mercy no change can be found.'"

– Charles H. Spurgeon, *Commentary on Psalm 136*

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: Reverend John McCombs

Call to Worship: 2 Chronicles 7:1-3

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

Leader When Solomon finished his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple.

People **The priests could not enter the temple of the LORD because the glory of the LORD filled it.**

Leader When all the Israelites saw the fire coming down and the glory of the LORD above the temple, they knelt on the pavement with their faces to the ground,

People **And they worshiped and gave thanks to the LORD, saying:**

Leader Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

People **"His steadfast love endures forever."**

Leader Give thanks to the God of gods;

People **"His steadfast love endures forever."**

Prayer of Invocation

Praise My Soul The King Of Heaven

(Words & Music: Henry Francis Lyte & John Goss)

Praise, my soul, the King of hea-ven
To His feet thy tribute bring
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven
Who like thee His praise should sing?
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King

Praise Him for His grace and fa-vour
To our fathers in distress
Praise Him, still the same forever
Slow to chide and swift to bless
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Glorious in His faithfulness

Fatherlike, He tends and spares us
Well our feeble frame He knows
In His hands He gently bears us
Rescues us from all our foes
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Widely as His mercy flows

Angels in the height, adore Him
Ye behold Him face to face
Sun and moon, bow down before Him
Dwellers all in time and space
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace

Goodness Of God

(Words & Music: Ed Cash & Jenn Johnson 2018)

I love you Lord
Oh your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in your hands

From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

*All my life you have been faithful
All my life you have been so, so good
With ev'ry breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God*

I love your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other

I've known you as a Father
I've known you as a Friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give you everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

Call to Confession: Joel 2:12-13

"Yet even now," declares the LORD,
"return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
and rend your hearts and not your garments."
Return to the LORD your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
and he relents over disaster.

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious Heavenly Father, we confess all the ways our repentance has been merely external rather than the softening of a stony heart. We have torn our garments and displayed repentance, but our hearts were far from you. We have not valued you for your character and delighted in your attributes, rather we have used you only for what you provide. We have desired the creation and not the creator. Forgive us O' Lord and restore to us a right and true affection for you. Let our hearts become moldable and cause our actions to follow. Fill us again with the joy of your Spirit and the peace of your house. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 4:9-10

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

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).

Poor Sinner Dejected with Fear

(Words: William Gadsby; Music: Katy Bowser & Matthew Perryman Jones 2001)

Poor sinner, dejected with fear,
Unbosom thy mind to the Lamb;
No wrath on His brow He does wear,
Nor will He poor mourners condemn;
His arm of omnipotent grace
Is able and willing to save;
A sweet and a permanent peace
He'll freely and faithfully give.

Come just as thou art, with thy woe,
Fall down at the feet of the Lamb;
He will not, He cannot say, "Go",
But surely will take out thy stain
A fountain is opened for sin,
And thousands its virtues have proved
He'll take thee, and plunge thee therein,
And wash thee from filth in His blood.

The soul that on Jesus relies,
He'll never, no never deceive;
He freely and faithfully gives
More blessings than we can conceive;
Yea, down to old age He will keep,
Nor will He forsake us at last;
He knows and is known by His sheep;
They're His, and He will hold them fast.

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 136

"Enduring Eternal Steadfast Love"

- Reverend Joseph Bianco

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

²Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

³Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁴to him who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁵to him who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁶to him who spread out the earth above the waters,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁷to him who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁸the sun to rule over the day,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁹the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

¹⁰to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

¹¹and brought Israel out from among them,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

¹²with a strong hand and an outstretched arm,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

¹³to him who divided the Red Sea in two,

for his steadfast love endures forever;
¹⁴and made Israel pass through the midst of it,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
¹⁵but overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
¹⁶to him who led his people through the wilderness,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

¹⁷to him who struck down great kings,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
¹⁸and killed mighty kings,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
¹⁹Sihon, king of the Amorites,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
²⁰and Og, king of Bashan,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
²¹and gave their land as a heritage,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
²²a heritage to Israel his servant,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

²³It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
²⁴and rescued us from our foes,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
²⁵he who gives food to all flesh,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

²⁶Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Luke 1:50 / And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

Luke 1:54-55 / He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.

Ephesians 2:4-7 / But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 1:12-16 / Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

Congregational Response: Westminster Larger Catechism

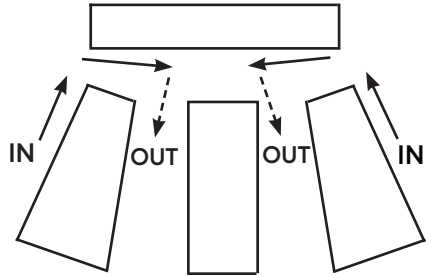
Q7. Christian, what is God?

A. God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

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

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!

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

All Glory Be To Christ

(Words: Dustin Kensrue, Music: "Auld Lang Syne")

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ

*All glory be to Christ our king, all glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ*

His will be done, his kingdom come, on earth as is above
Who is himself our daily bread, praise him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be, all glory be to Christ

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, Guest Preacher, Jacob Neiderhiser will be preaching from 1 Kings 13, "Obey the Word of the Lord."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Medical Missions Opportunity, Ethiopia	Please pray for CRPC's medical missions team as they serve in Ethiopia 6/27-7/5!
Church Picnic Sunday, July 12th After Service	We are looking forward to hosting an all-church picnic at Anderson Playground on July 12th. Hot dogs & drinks will be provided. Last name A-L please bring a side dish & M-Z a dessert to share! There are not a lot of picnic tables at this site, so please consider bringing lawn chairs, blankets, and outdoor games. We are in need of some hotdog grillers, please email chrisse@cityreformed.org if interested!
Rainforest Falls VBS July 20-24th 10AM - 12:30PM 	Register now and invite your friends to Rainforest Falls VBS! Children attendees, ages 4 to rising 5th graders, and youth volunteers still needed. Email Debbie at vbs@cityreformed.org with any questions, and register at cityreformed.org/vbs . To donate supplies, order from our Amazon Wish List at this link: https://a.co/08qOfiai
Haymaker Pool 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.

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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.
Agora Forum Biweekly Mondays, 7PM, Allen Hall G-10	Next meeting is July 6th. 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 Reformed University Fellowship. Held on Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/cityreformedglobalprayer
Bean Sprouts 3rd Wednesday, 12 PM	The next Bean Sprouts meeting will be on Wednesday, July 15th. 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)

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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/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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