



Sunday Morning Communion Worship
August 2, 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

"O Lord, in me there lieth nought
But to thy search revealed lies;
For when I sit
Thou markest it;
No less thou notest when I rise;
Yea, closest closet of my thought
Hath open windows to thine eyes."

– Sir Philip Sidney, 1554-1586

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.
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Hours:

- Tuesday - Thursday 9AM - 3PM
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Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:30PM
Greenfield Chapel
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Welcome Information:



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Church)

Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Andy Leuenberger

Call to Worship: Psalm 118:1-3, 5-7

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

Leader Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

People **For his steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader Let Israel say,

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

Leader Let the house of Aaron say,

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

Leader Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free.

People **The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? The LORD is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.**

Prayer of Invocation

All My Ways

(Words & Music: Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Dustin Smith, & Michael Farren 2016)

In days of peace and days of rest
In times of loss and loneliness
Though rich or poor, your Word is true
That all my ways are known to you

No trial has come beyond your hand
No step I walk beyond your plan
The path is dark outside my view
Still all my ways are known to you

*And O, what peace that I have found
Wherever I may be
For all my ways are known to you
Hallelujah, they are known to you*

I do not fear the final night
For death will be the door to life
You take my hand and lead me through
For all my ways are known to you

Open up my eyes so I may see
That you have made these ways for me
Open up my eyes so I may see
That you, my God, will walk with me

Solid Rock (My Hope Is Built)

(Words: Edward Mote 1834; Music: William Batchelder Bradbury 1863)

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

When darkness veils his lovely face
I rest on his unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

His oath his covenant his blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

When he shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in him be found
Dressed in his righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

Call to Confession: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious heavenly Father, we long to know you and to be known by you, so we confess the many ways we neglect or misuse the bodies you have given to us. We confess desires we indulge, the dissipations we entertain, and the vices to which we cling. We confess our active and passive sins. We confess actions we did not take and service we did not commit. We confess all the ways in which we do not live out the gospel with our bodies. Help us Lord Jesus, that we may use the gift of our bodies as those who have been purchased by the blood of Christ. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Corinthians 12:12

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

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).

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

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 139

"The Intimacy of God"

- Reverend Joseph Bianco

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

O LORD, you have searched me and known me!
²You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
³You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
⁴Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.
⁵You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.
⁷Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?
⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
⁹If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.
¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light about me be night,"
¹²even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is bright as the day,
for darkness is as light with you.

- ¹³For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
- ¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
my soul knows it very well.
- ¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- ¹⁶Your eyes saw my unformed substance;
in your book were written, every one of them,
the days that were formed for me,
when as yet there was none of them.
- ¹⁷How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
- ¹⁸If I would count them, they are more than the sand.
I awake, and I am still with you.
- ¹⁹Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God!
O men of blood, depart from me!
- ²⁰They speak against you with malicious intent;
your enemies take your name in vain.
- ²¹Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD?
And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?
- ²²I hate them with complete hatred;
I count them my enemies.
- ²³Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!
- ²⁴And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

1 Corinthians 8:3 / But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

Congregational Response: Westminster Larger Catechism

Q7. 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, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

Notes

Songs of Communion

Jesus Lover of My Soul

(Words: Charles Wesley 1740; Music: Greg Thompson 2000)

Jesus lover of my soul
Let me to Thy bosom fly
While the nearer waters roll
While the tempest still is high
Hide me O my Savior hide
Till the storm is past
Safe into the haven guide
Receive my soul at last

Other refuge have I none
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee
Leave ah leave me not alone
Still support and comfort me
All my trust on Thee is stayed
Help from Thee I bring
Cover my defenseless head
The shadow of Thy wing

Thou O Christ art all I want
More than all in Thee I find
Raise the fallen cheer the faint
Heal the sick and lead the blind
Just and holy is Thy name
I am all unrighteousness
False and full of sin I am
Thou full of truth and grace

Plenteous grace with Thee is found
Grace to cover all my sin
Let the healing streams abound
Make and keep me pure within
Thou of life the fountain art
Let me take of Thee
Spring Thou up within my heart
To all eternity

Christ Be All Around Me

(Words & Music: Jack Mooring, Leeland Mooring, David Leonard, & Leslie Jordan)

As I rise strength of God go before lift me up
As I wake eyes of God look upon be my sight

As I wait heart of God satisfy and sustain
As I hear voice of God lead me on be my guide
Be my guide

*Above and below me before and behind me
In ev'ry eye that sees me Christ be all around me
Above and below me before and behind me
In ev'ry eye that sees me Christ be all around me*

As I go hand of God my defense by my side
As I rest breath of God fall upon bring me peace
Bring me peace

Your life your death your blood was shed
For ev'ry moment ev'ry moment

My Jesus I Love Thee

(Words: William Featherston 1864; Music: Adoniram Gordon 1876)

My Jesus I love Thee I know Thou art mine
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign
My gracious Redeemer my Savior art Thou
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

I'll love Thee in life I will love Thee in death
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

In mansions of glory and endless delight
I'll ever adore Thee with heaven so bright
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

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 24:29-33 & Hebrews 11:1-2, 13-16, 22, "Joseph's Journey There and Back Again."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

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.
Summer Nights (MS&HS) Wednesday, August 12th 6:30PM - 8:30PM Bacons' 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!
PRISM Garage Giveaway Donation dropoffs: August 11th - 13th, 10AM-8PM Giveaway: Saturday, August 15th	PRISM is having their yearly garage giveaway at Bellefield Presbyterian Church to assist international students in furnishing their apartments. There is need for donations Tuesday-Thursday, & volunteers to help load on Saturday. Consider donating dishes, silverware, pots & pans, apartment sized furnishings, etc. For help transporting larger furniture, contact Branden Kummer brankummer@icloud.com . For all other inquiries, contact a Missions committee member.
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

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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 August 10th. 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 MTW Bulgaria & Sonya Campbell. 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:

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