



Sunday Morning Worship
August 23, 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

"Christian community is not an ideal which we must realize; it is a reality created by God in Christ in which we may participate."

– Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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 Ben Chidester

Call to Worship: Psalm 96:1-9

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

Leader Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

People **Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.**

Leader For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

People **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Leader Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

People **Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!**

Prayer of Invocation

Your Glory Reigns (Psalm 57)

(Words & Music: Luke Bennett, Jenna Miller, Meredith Reed, John Remaniak, Daniel Snoko 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.

Be Unto Your Name

(Words & Music: Gary Sadler and Lynn DeShazo 1998)

We are a moment you are forever
Lord of the ages God before time
We are a vapor you are eternal
Love everlasting reigning on high

*Holy holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Highest praises honor and glory
Be unto your name
Be unto your name*

We are the broken you are the healer
Jesus Redeemer mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before you blessing your name

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

This Is Our God

(Words & Music: Zach Jones, Doug Plank, Neil Degraide, Dave Fournier, & 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

Call to Confession: Hosea 14:1-2

Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity. Take with you words and return to the LORD; say to him, "Take away all iniquity; accept what is good, and we will pay with bulls the vows of our lips."

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we are thankful that you have called us to yourself, to walk in your light and to know you as our heavenly Father. We thank you also that you have called us to walk together with one another as fellow pilgrims in this world. We thank you that we have the friendship and fellowship of other believers.

But as we reflect on the words of Jesus, calling us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves - we know that we fall short. We have sinned against our neighbors with the words we say and the words we have failed to say. We have transgressed our neighbor in thought and in deed. We have failed to bear the burdens of others and desperately need your grace. Renew us and change us. Grant us the blessing of love and unity. May we begin to see the depth of your love as we live in love together. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Hosea 14:4-7

I will heal their apostasy; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them. I will be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom like the lily; he shall take root like the trees of Lebanon; his shoots shall spread out; his beauty shall be like the olive, and his fragrance like Lebanon. They shall return and dwell beneath my shadow; they shall flourish like the grain; they shall blossom like the vine; their fame shall be like the wine of Lebanon.

Missions Moment: Atlantic City Youth Missions Team

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).

Abide

(Words & Music: Aaron Keyes, Aaron Williams, & Jake Fauber)

For my waking breath, for my daily bread
I depend on you, I depend on you
For the sun to rise, for my sleep at night
I depend on you, I depend on you

*You're the Way the Truth and the Life
You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and you are the Vine
Draw me close and teach me to abide*

Where the Spirit leads, as I'm following
I depend on you, I depend on you
For the victories, still in front of me
I depend on you, I depend on you

*You're the Way the Truth and the Life
You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and you are the Vine
Draw me close and teach me to abide*

*Be my strength, my song in the night
Be my all, my treasure, my prize
I am yours, forever you're mine
Draw me close and teach me to abide*

When I pass through death, as I enter rest
I depend on you, I depend on you
For eternal life, to be raised with Christ
I depend on you, I depend on you

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 133

"The Beauty of Unity in God's Community"

- Reverend Nameun Cho

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!

²It is like the precious oil on the head,

running down on the beard,

on the beard of Aaron,

running down on the collar of his robes!

³It is like the dew of Hermon,

which falls on the mountains of Zion!

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Exodus 30:25, 30 / And you shall make of these a sacred anointing oil blended as by the perfumer; it shall be a holy anointing oil... You shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may serve me as priests.

Micah 5:7-8 / Then the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples like dew from the LORD, like showers on the grass, which delay not for a man nor wait for the children of man. And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples, like a lion among the beasts of the forest, like a young lion among the flocks of sheep, which, when it goes through, treads down and tears in pieces, and there is none to deliver.

Proverbs 19:12 / A king's wrath is like the growling of a lion, but his favor is like dew on the grass.

Congregational Response: Heidelberg Catechism

Q55. What do you understand by "the communion of saints"?

A. First, that believers, all and everyone, as members of Christ have communion with Him and share in all His treasures and gifts. Second, that everyone is duty-bound to use his gifts readily and cheerfully for the benefit and well-being of the other members.

Notes

Songs of Thanksgiving

Psalm 133 | How Good It Is

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke & Paul Zach 2019)

How good it is when we dwell within your will
When unity for all your people you restore
We live as though we have life forevermore
When we share in the peace you pour from Zion's hill
When we walk in the peace you pour from Zion's hill

*Oh how good it is
Oh how good it is
Oh how good it is
When we dwell within your will*

All Creatures of Our God and King

(Words: St. Francis of Assisi 1225; Music: Lasst Uns Erfreun 16-1900s)

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye souls of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God, and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Guest Preacher Shane Lin will be preaching from Revelation 19:6-10, "A Glorious Wedding"

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

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Greenfield Community Yard Sale Greenfield Chapel Saturday, August 29th 8AM - 3PM	Greenfield is hosting a community yard sale and we are opening our building for you to participate! Anticipate setting up before the start-time of 8AM (or the evening before). This is a great opportunity to participate in the community! Email Chrissie at chrissie@cityreformed.org for more information.
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!
Sunday School Resumes Sundays 9-9:50 AM, starting September 13th	Adult CE: We'll be doing a series on the Christian life, specifically looking at the topics of how we as Christians engage in our vocations, parenting, and politics. MS/HS: All youth students are invited to join us as we begin a year-long series through the book of Romans, reminding ourselves of the character and work of God our Savior while also being challenged by hard topics in this Pauline epistle. Children's Ministry: <i>Pre-K (3-4 year olds):</i> Living in God's Family: What it means to be part of God's family and live as God's child <i>K-1st:</i> Knowing Jesus: Stories from the gospels <i>2nd-3rd:</i> God's Design for Worship: God's regulations and practices for worship—a study in Leviticus <i>4th-5th:</i> New City Catechism
ALL Church Welcome Picnic and Community Group Fair Sunday, September 20th After service WT Gym	Save the date to join us for lunch provided by the church and get to know our community groups at CRPC!
Missions Dinner October 17th, 6-8PM 300 Saline St.	Please join us for our 2nd annual missions dinner! International food, worship, prayer, and updates from around the world - you don't want to miss this. You can sign up to bring food at https://tinyurl.com/1017potluck .
Volunteers Needed All Teams	Volunteers needed for all Sunday ministries! We are looking for added help with setup, tear down, sound, youth, coffee, greeters, & fellowship. Contact Nameun if interested: nameun@cityreformed.org .

Regular Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

College Shuttle Sundays Starting August 23rd	9:30AM - PPU: 201 Wood St; Contact Amy: amy@cityreformed.org 9:40AM - Duquesne University: 1015 Forbes Ave; Contact Nameun: nameun@cityreformed.org 9:55AM - PITT: 4024 O'Hara St; Contact Gavin: gavin.breeden@ruf.org
Agora Forum Biweekly Mondays, 7PM, Allen Hall G-10	Next meeting is August 24th. 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 Dean and Kyria. Held on Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/cityreformedglobalprayer
Bean Sprouts 3rd Wednesday, 12 PM	The next Bean Sprouts meeting will be on Wednesday, September 16th. 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 will resume Youth Group on Sept. 9th. We will be studying the topic of spiritual maturity as it is addressed in the New Testament, seeking to answer questions like, "What does it mean to be mature in the Christian life? How do we grow in maturity?"
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 .
Men's New Hope Bi-Weekly Wednesdays	A ministry for men struggling with various kinds of sexual sin. We practice accountability, scripture reading, & book work. If you are interested, email joseph@cityreformed.org to meet with the group leader.
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).
Mommies Group 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 PM Sandy Snoko's House	Mommies' discipleship group starts again this Thursday, August 27 for a time of connection after summer break. Come enjoy ice cream sundaes and meet with old and new friends. Contact Sandy at scsnoko@comcast.net
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, Callie Miller, & Nehara Andrews. (***gavin.breeden@ruf.org, callie.miller@ruf.org, nehara.andrews@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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