



*"No man is an island,
Entire of itself.
Each is a piece of the continent,
A part of the main."*

- John Donne

**Sunday Evening Worship
August 30, 2026**

Evening Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Elder Joe Stehle

Call to Worship: Psalm 16:1-8

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

Leader Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD,
"You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

People **As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in
whom is all my delight.**

Leader The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their
names on my lips.

People **The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have
a beautiful inheritance.**

Leader I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart
instructs me.

People **I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my
right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 16 | Faces of the Saints

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke & Naaman Wood 2019)

Preserve me God in you I take my refuge
I have no good without your daily presence
You are my hope my portion and my substance
And you are making me a pleasant home

*I see eternity in faces of the saints
And you will not abandon us to hopelessness and death
For we are resurrected with the presence of your breath
Your full delight you'll give to those who wait
Your full delight you give forevermore*

I set the LORD in ev'ry way before me
And in the night my heart proclaims your counsel
When you are near then I will not be shaken
My heart, my mind, and body sing with joy

Those who run to other gods will suffer
I will not follow in their greedy worship
No other name but yours is my devotion
I bless the LORD again I bless the LORD
I bless the LORD again I bless the LORD

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Blest Be the Tie That Binds

(Words: John Fawcett; Music: Johann Hans Georg Nageli)

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers
Our fears our hopes our aims are one
Our comforts and our cares

We share each other's woes
Our mutual burdens bear
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear
When we asunder part
It gives us inward pain
But we shall still be joined in heart
And hope to meet again

This glorious hope revives
Our courage by the way
While each in expectation lives
And longs to see the day

From sorrow toil and pain
And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity

Call to Confession: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, you call us to fellowship with one-another not only because such fellowship is good, but because it is necessary for us. We cannot live the life of faith on our own. We think we can lift ourselves up when we stumble, but sometimes we need another to help us. We think we can overcome discouragement on our own, but sometimes we need the encouraging word of another. How much help we could have received in times of trial and temptation, if we had sought the fellowship, accountability, and support of other believers.

Thank you, Jesus, that even when we desert the fellowship of other believers, you do not desert us. Thank you that you keep walking with us. Thank you that, when we fall, even as a consequence of our pride, you are always there to lift us up.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 2:13-16

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

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God With Us

(Words & Music: Leslie Jordan 2012)

You have come to bring peace
To be love, to be nearer to us
You have come to bring life
To be light, to shine brighter in us.
Oh Emmanuel, "God with us".

*Our Deliverer, You are Savior
In Your presence we find our strength
Over everything, our redemption
God with us, You are God with us.*

You have come to be hope
To this world for Your honor and name.
You have come to take sin
To bear shame and to conquer the grave.
Oh Emmanuel, "God with us".

Scripture & Homily: Philemon 1-7

"The Koinonia of Faith"

- Elder Ben Chidester

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our
sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in
your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers,
⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have
toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, ⁶and I pray that
the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full
knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of
Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your
love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been
refreshed through you.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

Ephesians 1:15-16 / For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in
the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give
thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,

Song of Thanksgiving

Emmanuel

(Words & Music: Austin Alfter, David Gentiles, Melanie Slay, and Tevia Alfter 2025)

In the beginning, you spoke, there was light
Your Word formed creation, your breath gave us life
We walked in the garden, it brought you delight
How you love to be with us, we were fully alive

*You have always been
You will always be Emmanuel*

Our fellowship broken, as we were deceived
The joy of the garden was now out of reach
You chose to pursue us, you longed for us still
You did not forsake us and you never will

A pillar of fire that led through the night
A cloud of your glory, no one could deny
We built you a temple, but you wanted more
You longed for a people that could be called yours

Then in the silence the Word became flesh
Our God dwelt among us, you gave us your best
You offered communion, you gave up your life
You rose up in victory and healed the divide

The day is soon coming, you'll be revealed
Your love of communion, fin'ly fulfilled
We'll see a New Heaven and walk a New Earth
You will be ours, Lord, and we will be yours

In this very moment, God you are here
You're with and within us, you love to be near
Filled with your Spirit, a promise of love
A blessed assurance of what is to come

Benediction