



Sunday Morning Worship
August 9, 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

"Our Lord said, "If you love Me keep My commandments" (John 14:15), but we cannot show that love for Him unless we know what the commandments are. A knowledge of the law of God gives to us the pattern of loving obedience. If we love the Lord, we must also love His law. To love God and despise His law is a contradiction that must never be the profile of the Christian."

– R.C. Sproul

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: Reverend Joseph Bianco

Call to Worship: Isaiah 9:2-6

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

Leader The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

People You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

Leader For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

People For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

Leader For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;

People And the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Prayer of Invocation

Glory! Glory! (Psalm 19)

(Words & Music: Jenna Bennett, Luke Bennett, Sarah Herrmann, Sam Hogue 2024)

Your Word authors glory
The seas tell your story
All the earth joins in crying out

*Glory glory calls out creation
Worthy worthy, voiceless they're singing
Holy holy holy we cry out*

Your world, woven splendor
Bestowed to sons and daughters
Day to day, night to night proclaim

Rocks cry out, seas will roar
The voice of God in the thunder's roll
Rocks cry out, seas will roar
The voice of God in the thunder's roll
We join now with creation's song
The bridegroom comes to bring us home

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy we cry out

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

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:19-34

This Is My Father's World

(Words: Maltbie D. Babcock; Music: English Folk Melody)

This is my Father's world
And to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings,
And round him rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world!
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees,
Of skies and seas.
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world;
The birds their carols raise
The morning light,
The lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world!
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass
I hear him pass
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world.
O let me ne'er forget,
That though the wrong
Seems oft so strong
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world;
The battle has been won.
Jesus who died
Shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one.

Call to Confession: Psalm 19:7-11

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 51:1-2, 19:12-14

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 103:8-12

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

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).

Laden with Guilt

(Music: Sandra McCracken 2001; Words: Isaac Watts 1766)

Laden with guilt and full of fears,
I fly to thee my Lord.
And not a glimpse of hope appears,
But in thy written word
The volumes of my Father's grace,
Does all my griefs assuage.
Here I behold my Savior's face,
In every page.

This is the field where hidden lies
The pearl of price unknown.
That merchant is divinely wise,
Who makes the pearl his own.
Here consecrated water flows,
To quench my thirst of sin;
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows,
No danger dwells within.

This is the judge that ends the strife,
Where wit and reason fail.
My guide to everlasting life,
Through all this gloomy vale.
Oh may thy counsels, mighty God,
My roving feet command,
Nor I forsake the happy road
That leads to thy right hand.

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Nor I forsake the happy road
That leads to thy right hand.

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 119:9-24

"Can we love God's law?"

- Elder Dave Snoke

- H**ow can a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.
- ¹⁰With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not wander from your commandments!
- ¹¹I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.
- ¹²Blessed are you, O LORD;
teach me your statutes!
- ¹³With my lips I declare
all the rules of your mouth.
- ¹⁴In the way of your testimonies I delight
as much as in all riches.
- ¹⁵I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.
- ¹⁶I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.
- ¹⁷Deal bountifully with your servant,
that I may live and keep your word.
- ¹⁸Open my eyes, that I may behold
wondrous things out of your law.
- ¹⁹I am a sojourner on the earth;
hide not your commandments from me!
- ²⁰My soul is consumed with longing
for your rules at all times.
- ²¹You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones,

who wander from your commandments.

²²Take away from me scorn and contempt,
for I have kept your testimonies.

²³Even though princes sit plotting against me,
your servant will meditate on your statutes.

²⁴Your testimonies are my delight;
they are my counselors.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

Galatians 3:23-26 / Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

Hebrews 7:12-17 / For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

James 1:22-24 / But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.

Congregational Response: Westminster Larger Catechism

Q97. What particular use is there of the moral law to regenerate people?

A. Although those who are regenerate and believe in Christ are delivered from the moral law as a covenant of works, so that they are neither justified nor condemned by it, yet besides the general uses of the law common to them with all people, it is of special use to show them how much they are bound to Christ for his fulfilling it and his enduring the curse of it in their place and for their good. By this they are provoked to more thankfulness and to express it in their greater care to conform themselves to the moral law as the rule of their obedience.

Notes

Songs of Thanksgiving

Psalm 119 | The Law Of The Lord

(Words & Music: Joanne Roberts Graham 1969)

The law of the Lord is perfect
Converting the soul
The testimony of the Lord is sure
Making wise the simple

*More to be desired
Are they than gold
Yea than much fine gold
Sweeter also than the honey
And the honeycomb*

The statutes of the Lord are right
Rejoicing the heart
The commandments of the Lord are pure
Enlight'ning the eyes

The fear of the Lord is clean
Enduring forever
The judgements of the Lord are true
And righteous altogether

Be Thou My Vision

(Words: Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1905; Music: "Slane")

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true Word
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father I thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

Be thou my battle shield sword for my fight
Be thou my dignity be thou my might
Thou my soul's shelter thou my high tow'r
Raise thou me heav'n-ward O pow'r of my pow'r

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and thou only first in my heart
High King of Heaven my treasure thou art

High King of Heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision O ruler of all

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Guest Speaker Reverend Phil Amaismeier will be preaching from James 5:13-20, "Prayer That Matters."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Summer Nights (MS&HS) Wednesday, August 12th 6:30PM - 8:30PM Bacon's House	This will be our last Summer Night until Youth Group resumes on September 9th. We will provide ingredients for walking tacos, so come hungry!
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

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 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 Ethiopia ACT. 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 .
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, 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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