



"The more genuine and the deeper our community becomes, the more will everything else between us recede, and the more clearly and purely will Jesus Christ and his work become the one and only thing that is vital between us."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Life Together

Sunday Evening Worship
September 13, 2026

Evening Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Reverend Nameun Cho

Call to Worship: Romans 5:1-2, 6-11

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

Leader Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God...

People For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Leader For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

People Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

Leader For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

People More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Prayer of Invocation

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name #296

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown him Lord of all;

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And crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,

Who from his altar call;

Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod,

And crown him Lord of all;

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And crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,

Ye ransomed of the fall,

Hail him who saves you by his grace,

And crown him Lord of all;

Hail him who saves you by his grace,

And crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget

The wormwood and the gall,

Go, spread your trophies at his feet,

And crown him Lord of all;

Go, spread your trophies at his feet,

And crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,

On this terrestrial ball,

To him all majesty ascribe,

And crown him Lord of all;

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And crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng

We at his feet may fall;

We'll join the everlasting song,

And crown him Lord of all;

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And crown him Lord of all.

O Sacred Head Now Wounded #247

O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve thy place;
Look on me with thy favor,
Vouchsafe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow
To thank thee, dearest Friend,
For this, thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever;
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love to thee.

Call to Confession: 1 Peter 5:5b-7

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we confess that we do not love well. We don't love our brothers and sisters – even though we see them clearly. We are preoccupied with ourselves. We use people instead of seeking their good. We manipulate instead of loving others. And by nature we run from your glory and hide in the dark.

But you have loved us. When we were dead in our sins you made us alive with Christ. You have shown us what true love is by sending your son to die for your enemies. Your love is eternal, unchanging and free.

Cause your Spirit to work in us to move us past our own fear and prejudice. We pray that you would soften our hearts and change us. Empower us to love each other in a way that demonstrates the gospel to the world. Be glorified by working in us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 5:4, 10-11

And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory... And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Please direct giving online or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207)

Not What My Hands Have Done #461

Not what my hands have done
Can save my guilty soul;
Not what my toiling flesh has borne
Can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do
Can give me peace with God;
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears
Can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ,
Can ease this weight of sin;
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God,
Can give me peace within.
Thy love to me, O God,
Not mine, O Lord to thee,
Can rid me of this dark unrest,
And set my spirit free.

Thy grace alone, O God,
To me can pardon speak;
Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God,
Can this sore bondage break.
No other work, save thine,
No other blood will do;
No strength, save that which is divine,
Can bear me safely through.

I bless the Christ of God;
I rest on love divine;
And with unfalt'ring lip and heart,
I call this Savior mine.
This cross dispels each doubt;
I bury in his tomb
Each thought of unbelief and fear,
Each ling'ring shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace;
I trust his truth and might;
He calls me his, I call him mine,
My God, my joy, my light.
'Tis he who saveth me,
And freely pardon gives;
I love because he loveth me,
I live because he lives.

Scripture & Homily: Philemon 8-25

"Put It On My Tab: Paul's Appeal to Philemon"

- Reverend Nameun Cho

Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. ²²At the same time, prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping that through your prayers I will be graciously given to you.

²³Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, ²⁴and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and

Luke, my fellow workers.

²⁵The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

1 Thessalonians 2:5-8 / For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

Notes

Song of Thanksgiving

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art #168

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
My only trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
Reigning omnipotent in ev'ry place:
So come, O King, and our whole being sway;
Shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the Life, by which alone we live,
And all our substance and our strength receive;
O comfort us in death's approaching hour,
Strong-hearted then to face it by thy pow'r.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,
No harshness hast thou and no bitterness:
Make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee
And ever stay in thy sweet unity.

Our hope is in no other save in thee;
Our faith is built upon thy promise free;
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure
That we can boldly conquer and endure.

Benediction



9/9	Youth Group begins
9/13	Sunday School begins Sundays @ the Knauers' (HS)
9/19	Women's Ministry Brunch
9/20	Welcome Picnic & CG Fair
9/26	Daniel Snoke Concert
10/2-3	Membership Class
10/10	Men's Prayer Breakfast
10/17	Missions Dinner
11/8	Women's Mentor Lunch
11/14	Thanksgiving Dinner

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Women's Brunch Saturday, September 19th 10AM-12PM 300 Saline Street	Women of all ages are invited to a brunch hosted by the Women's Council at the Saline St. building on Saturday, September 19. Come hear testimonies of God reminding sisters of the joy of their salvation. Enjoy yummy food while greeting old and new friends. We are especially eager to include college women! Register: https://tinyurl.com/2026CRPCWomensBrunch so we can prepare.
ALL Church Welcome Picnic and Community Group Fair Sunday, September 20th After service, WT Gym	We are hosting a CG Fair and Welcome Picnic September 20th immediately following morning worship. Connect with new folks at CRPC while enjoying a feast-filled lunch of chicken, sides and desserts provided by our new Welcome & Hospitality Committee.
Daniel Snoke & True Fable Concert Saturday, September 26th 6PM-8PM Greenfield Chapel 3929 Coleman Street	Live in concert! Daniel Snoke and special guest True Fable will be showcasing their gifts Saturday night at our Greenfield Chapel. Join us for an evening of songs and refreshments after. If you would be willing to bring some baked goods or appetizers, contact Chrissie at chrissie@cityreformed.org
Membership Class Save the Date: October 2nd-3rd	If you are interested in learning more about City Reformed and/or joining the church, you're invited to attend our next Membership Class! Contact Pastor Joseph Bianco (joseph@cityreformed.org) for info.
Men's Prayer Breakfast Saturday, October 10 9-10:30AM	Mark your calendars! Men and young men of City Reformed are invited to the Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, October 10th, at 9:00 AM. Join us for food, fellowship, prayer, and a morning of connection. More details regarding our topic and our special guest speaker to follow soon.
Missions Dinner Saturday, October 17th 6PM-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: setup, tear down, sound, youth, coffee, greeters, & fellowship. If interested email: nameun@cityreformed.org .
RUF @ Pitt DL Hall, Room 104 Thursdays, 9PM	RUF at Pitt Large Group Worship and Bible Study, Thursdays, 9pm, David Lawrence Hall, room 104 on Pitt's campus. All college students are welcome!