



Sunday Morning Service
September 27, 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

"'You are loved with an everlasting love,' that's what the Bible says, 'and underneath are the everlasting arms.'"

– Elisabeth Elliot

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
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Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Joe Stehle

Call to Worship: Isaiah 26:1-4, 8-9

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

Leader In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:
"We have a strong city; he sets up salvation as walls and bulwarks.

People **Open the gates, that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in.**

Leader You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

People **Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock...**

Leader The path of the righteous is level; you make level the way of the righteous.

People **In the path of your judgments, O LORD, we wait for you;**

Leader Your name and remembrance are the desire of our soul.

People **My soul yearns for you in the night; my spirit within me earnestly seeks you.**

Prayer of Invocation

Your Glory Reigns (Psalm 57)

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

Scripture Reading: Psalm 9:7-10

Apostles' Creed

(Traditional Sacred Heart Melody)

I believe in God the Father,
Maker of all heav'n and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, our Savior,
God's own Son of matchless worth;
By the Spirit was conceived,
Of the virgin Mary born,
He in whom I have believ'd;
God Almighty, Three in One.

Suffered under Pontious Pilate,
Crucified for me he died.
Laid within the grave so silent,
Gates of hell he opened wide;
For the stone sealed tomb was empty;
On the third day He arose;
Into heaven made his entry,
Mighty conquer'r of his foes.

At God's right hand he is seated,
Till his coming, as he said;
Final judgement will be meted
To the living and the dead;
I confess the Holy Spirit,
Who was sent through Christ the Son.
To apply salvation's merit:
God, the Spirit Three in one.

I believe the church of Jesus,
Universal e'er remains;
We are one through all the ages
In communion of the saints.
I believe sins are forgiven,
That our bodies will be raised.
To eternal life in glory,
Ever let his name be praised.

Alpha and Omega

(Words & Music: Erasmus Mutanbira 2005)

You are Alpha and Omega
We worship you our Lord
You are worthy to be praised

*We give you all the glory
We worship you our Lord
You are worthy to be praised*

Call to Confession: Isaiah 30:15-16a

For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." But you were unwilling, and you said, "No! We will flee upon horses";

Prayer of Confession: The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as
we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever,
Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 53:5-6

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. § The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,* the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

§ Christ suffered God's wrath on the cross

* Universal church

Baptism: Renee Ann Yost, daughter of Matt & Moesha

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).

How Firm a Foundation

(Words: R. Keene & George Keith 1787; Music: American Folk)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow,
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply,
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not, desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to break,
I will never, no, never, no, never forsake."

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: 2 Corinthians 1:12-2:4

"A Certain Kind of Certainty for an Uncertain World"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

For our boast is this, the testimony of our conscience, that we behaved in the world with simplicity and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God, and supremely so toward you. ¹³For we are not writing to you anything other than what you read and understand and I hope you will fully understand— ¹⁴just as you did partially understand us—that on the day of our Lord Jesus you will boast of us as we will boast of you.

¹⁵Because I was sure of this, I wanted to come to you first, so that you might have a second experience of grace. ¹⁶I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia, and to come back to you from Macedonia and have you send me on my way to Judea. ¹⁷Was I vacillating when I wanted to do this? Do I make my plans according to the flesh, ready to say “Yes, yes” and “No, no” at the same time? ¹⁸As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been Yes and No. ¹⁹For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes. ²⁰For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. ²¹And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, ²²and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

²³But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming again to Corinth. ²⁴Not that we

lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith.

^{2:1}For I made up my mind not to make another painful visit to you. ²For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? ³And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. ⁴For I wrote to you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Habakkuk 2:4b / but the righteous shall live by his faith.

Mark 13:32 / "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

Acts 24:17 / Now after several years I came to bring alms to my nation and to present offerings.

Romans 8:26-28 / Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

1 Corinthians 13:12 / For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

2 Corinthians 5:7 / for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Hebrews 11:1-2 / Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation.

James 4:13-15 / Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"—yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."

1 John 3:19-20 / By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Ancient Of Days

(Words & Music: Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren, & Jesse Reeves 2018)

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King reigning over all
So, I will not fear for this truth remains
That my God is the Ancient of Days

*None above him, none before him
All of time in his hands
For his throne, it shall remain and ever stand
All the power, all the glory
I will trust in his name
For my God is the Ancient of Days*

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul
He is here with me, I am not alone
O, his love is sure and he knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see what the future brings
I will watch and wait for the Saviour king
Then, my joy complete, standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

To God Be The Glory

(Words: Fanny Crosby 1875 & Music: W. Howard Doane 1875)

To God be the glory great things he has done
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in

*Praise the Lord! (Praise the Lord!)
Let the earth hear his voice
Praise the Lord! (Praise the Lord!)
Let the people rejoice
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory, great things he has done*

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

Great things he has taught us
Great things he has done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Ben Chidester will be continuing in the series, The Final Hours of Darkness: Luke's Account of Christ's Passion, preaching from Luke 22:23-34, "From the Least to the Greatest."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Membership Class October 2nd-3rd 300 Saline St.	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.
Volunteer Fair October 4th WT Cafeteria	Immediately after the AM service, we will have tables representing various Sunday ministries in the cafeteria. If you are interested in helping serve at City, a representative from the following groups will have a tabling space: setup, teardown, coffee, fellowship, sound/stream, greeters, ushers, PM Service, Events support (WHC), Mealtrains, and Children's Ministry. Come grab a bagel and coffee, and ask any questions you'd like to inquire about our volunteer ministries!
Men's Prayer Breakfast Saturday, October 10 9-10:30AM 300 Saline St.	Men and young men of City Reformed, please join us for a nourishing breakfast and a time of fellowship and spiritual reflection. Our guest speaker for this coming event is Pastor Gavin Breeden and registration is now open at the following link: https://tinyurl.com/CRPCFall26PB .
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. Sign up to bring food and arrange a ride 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!

Regular Events

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College Shuttle Sundays	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	Discussion group for philosophy, theology, and the broader culture from a Christian perspective. Next mtg: 9/28. Contact Alex Main: amain8511@gmail.com .
Global Missions Prayer Mondays @ 9 PM	This week we will be praying for Hannah Nation & China Partnership. Held on Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/cityreformedglobalprayer
Women's Bible Study Tuesdays 9:45-11:45AM Saline St.	A 5-7 week study on 1st John. Study taught by Paige Brown. We offer childcare. Contact Luda luda.bates@gmail.com for info on study.
Bean Sprouts 3rd Wednesday, 12 PM	The next Bean Sprouts meeting will be on Wednesday, October 21. 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	Studying spiritual maturity in the New Testament, with 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 James: Walking in Wisdom. Thursdays from 1-3:00PM at Cathy Taylor's House. Contact Cathy Taylor (lawyerdad5@aol.com).
Mommies Group 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 PM Sandy Snoke's House	Mommies' discipleship group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Join us for fellowship, prayer and to explore what God's Word has to teach us about rest. Contact Sandy at scsnoke@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. All skill levels are welcome! Contact Dan Toney danielrtoney@gmail.com

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- ***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

Tuesday (cont.):

Squirrel Hill - Ben Chidester
Greenfield B - Chris Bollinger

Wednesday:

Friendship - Michael Hilton
Greenfield A - Max Winters
Regent Square - Dave Snoko

Thursday:

West Hills - Jon Dodd

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