



Sunday Morning Service
October 25, 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

"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

– John 8:12

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

**Welcome
Information:**



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- Tuesday - Thursday 9AM - 3PM
- Friday 9AM - 12PM

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Online: Church Center App (Give)
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Mail: Church Office address above "Attn:
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payable to City Reformed Presbyterian
Church)

For mothers in need, there are nursing rooms available in rooms 112B & 226D.

Morning Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Worship – October 25, 2026

Presider: Elder David Bacon

Call to Worship: Ephesians 1:15-23

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

Leader 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,

People **That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,**

Leader Having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

People **And what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe,**

Leader According to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,

People **Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.**

Leader And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,

People **Which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.**

Prayer of Invocation

Immortal Invisible

(Words & Music: John Roberts & Walter Chalmers Smith)

Immortal invisible God only wise
In light inaccessible
Hid from our eyes
Most blessed most glorious
The Ancient of Days
Almighty victorious
Thy great name we praise

Unceasing unhasting
And constant as light
Nor wanting nor wasting
Thou rulest in might
Thy justice like mountains
High soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains
Of goodness and love

To all life thou givest
To both great and small
In all life thou livest
The true life of all
We blossom and flourish
As leaves on the tree
And wither and perish
But naught changeth thee

Great Father of glory
Pure Father of light
Thine angels adore thee
All veiling their sight
All praise we would render
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor
Of light hideth thee

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

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-6 & 9-10

So Shall His Word

(Words & Music: Liz Vice Music LLC, Nathan Tasker, & Sandra McCracken 2017)

So shall his Word that goes out, that goes out,
Shall not return, not return empty.

It shall make a name for the Lord.

It shall make a name for the Lord.

Let the Light make a name for the Lord in the dark.

Come all who thirst, laborers, lay it down.
Come seek the Lord while he may be found.

We shall go out, out with joy led in peace.
Join in the song all creation sings.

We shall make a name for the Lord.

We shall make a name for the Lord.

Let the Light make a name for the Lord in the dark.

Call to Confession: Romans 8:13

For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

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: Ezekiel 11:19-20

I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

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

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).

Solid Rock (My Hope Is Built)

(Words: Edward Mote 1834; Music: William Batchelder Bradbury 1863)

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

When darkness veils his lovely face
I rest on his unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

His oath his covenant his blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

When he shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in him be found
Dressed in his righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

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 4:1-12

"So We Do Not Lose Hope: Resurrection Power"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

1 Peter 3:18 / For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

Colossians 2:11-12 / In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Additional Creedal Statement

WCF 26:1a / All saints are united to Jesus Christ their Head by his Spirit through faith, and have fellowship with him in his grace, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory. Being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces...

Songs of Thanksgiving

Psalm 103:1 | Bless the Lord

(Taizé: Jacques Berthier 1923-1994)

*Bless the Lord, my soul
And bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul
Who leads me into life*

In Christ Alone

(Words & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend 2001)

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground his body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am his and he is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

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No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand
'Til he returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

Hosanna

(Words & Music: Israel Houghton, Sidney Mohede, and M. Sidney 2010)

*Hosanna, in the highest
Let our King be lifted up
Hosanna*

Hosanna, in the highest
Let our King be lifted up, let our King be lifted up
Let our King be lifted up
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Hosanna

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Elder Ben Chidester will be continuing in the series, The Final Hours of Darkness: Luke's Account of Christ's Passion, preaching from Luke 23:13-25, "Not the Messiah We Deserve, But the One We Need."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Sundays at the Knauer's (HS Only) Sunday, October 25th 12:00 PM-2:30 PM	All HS students are invited to the Knauer's home after Morning Worship for fellowship and games. Lunch will be provided! If you plan to join us but did not register, please let Molly know ASAP.
Tie-Dye/Backyard Fire (MS & HS) Sunday, November 1st 12:30 PM-2:30 PM Schartner's House	MS and HS students, join us for food & fellowship around a fire at the Schartner's house after Morning Worship! The Youth Ministry will provide one t-shirt to tie-dye per student, but students can bring additional clothing to dye. RSVP via Church Center by 10/29.
Annual Women's Mentor Soup and Dessert Lunch Sunday, November 8th After service - 1 PM WT Cafeteria	Come join us for yummy homemade soups and desserts while getting to know other women at CRPC. Enjoy hearing stories about the mentor program and how to be involved or come just for the good food and fellowship! The lunch will start in the cafeteria immediately following the morning worship service and will end at 1pm. Contact Sandy for more information: scsnoke@comcast.net
Guys' and Girls' Night Friday, November 13 6:30 PM-9:00 PM Greenfield Chapel or the Breeden's House	All male MS and HS students are invited to the Greenfield Chapel for our annual Mario Kart Tournament hosted by our male YM Disciples! The female MS and HS students are invited to the Breeden's house up the street for games and fun!
CRPC Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, November 15 5:30-7:30 JCC: 5738 Forbes Ave.	Our annual CRPC Thanksgiving Dinner will be November 15th at the JCC (Jewish Community Center) in Squirrel Hill. Two important things: this facility keeps kosher & the date has been changed to a Sunday! Sign-ups here: https://tinyurl.com/CRPC2026Thanks
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!
Capital Campaign Prayer Time 300 Saline Street Saturday, Nov 14, 9AM Tuesday, Dec 8, 7:30PM	Thank you for praying for the Capital Campaign! Over the coming months, church leaders will invite each member to have a conversation about supporting the campaign. Questions? Contact our Campaign Manager, Allison Barker at allison@cityreformed.org . We are hosting a few half-hour times of intentional prayer for the Capital Campaign on these dates; please join us as we seek the Lord together.
Singers Wanted for Two New CRPC Choirs Sundays @ WT	1) MONTHLY POP-UP CHOIR: Once a month, we will sing 1-2 songs during worship. Arrive Sundays at 9:15am to go over vocal parts before worship. 2) SPECIAL MUSIC CHOIR: Anthems and special arrangements for choir based on seasonal needs. Rehearsals after church during fellowship hour. Contact Daniel Snoke for more info dsnoke@ccojubilee.org

Regular Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

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: 10/26. Contact Alex Main: amain8511@gmail.com .
Global Missions Prayer Mondays @ 9 PM	This week we will be praying for John McCombs at Mosaic and EVO. 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, November 18. 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

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 Breedon, Callie Miller, & Nehara Andrews. (***gavin.breedon@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

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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