



**Sunday Morning Communion Service**  
**October 4, 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](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

"Forgiveness is often (or perhaps usually) granted before it's felt inside. When you forgive somebody, you're not saying, 'All my anger is gone.' What you're saying when you forgive is 'I'm now going to treat you the way God treated me. I remember your sins no more.'"

– Tim Keller, *Forgive: Why Should I and How Can I?*

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM  
Winchester Thurston Auditorium  
5059 Ellsworth Ave  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

LIVESTREAM: [tinyurl.com/CRPCLive](http://tinyurl.com/CRPCLive)

### Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:30PM  
Greenfield Chapel  
3929 Coleman Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15207

### Welcome Information:



### Church Office

3929 Coleman St.  
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Hours:

- Tuesday - Thursday 9AM - 3PM
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# Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Ben Chidester

## Call to Worship: Ephesians 1:3-10

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

Leader Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing  
in the heavenly places,

People **Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of  
the world, that we should be holy and blameless before  
him.**

Leader In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons  
through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

People **To the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has  
blessed us in the Beloved.**

Leader In him we have redemption through his blood, the  
forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of  
his grace,

People **Which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight**

Leader Making known to us the mystery of his will, according to  
his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the  
fullness of time,

People **To unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things  
on earth in him.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## All Creatures of Our God and King

*(Words: St. Francis of Assisi 1225; Music: Lasst Uns Erfreun 16-1900s)*

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise Him, Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye souls of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God, and on Him cast your care,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him, Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in one,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Joy To Be

(Words & Music: Brian Eichelberger & Zach Bolen 2020)

*O the joy to be joy to know  
It's when I decrease you fill up my soul  
What a joy to see joy to hold  
It's when you increase  
I want nothing more*

Open my hands humble my heart  
All that I have is yours  
Color my prayers widen my eyes  
Wash me in glorious light

Hasten my ears bridle my tongue  
Focus my heart to hear  
Settle my pace purge me of pride  
Again and again you provide

## **Call to Confession: Ephesians 4:31-32**

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

## **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: Ephesians 2:8-10**

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

## **Membership Vows:**

Alexis Bacon, Sam Bacon, Evelyn Leuenberger, James Leuenberger,  
Miles Breeden, Quinn Kozminski

## **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](http://cityreformed.org/give)) or sent via mail (3929 Coleman St., 15207).*

## His Mercy Is More

*(Words & Music: Matt Boswell & Matt Papa 2016)*

*Praise the Lord*

*His mercy is more*

*Stronger than darkness new every morn*

*Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

## 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 2:5-11

### "Forgive the Sinner"

- Reverend Gavin Breedon

**N**ow if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure—not to put it too severely—to all of you. <sup>6</sup>For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough, <sup>7</sup>so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. <sup>8</sup>So I beg you to reaffirm your love for him. <sup>9</sup>For this is why I wrote, that I might test you and know whether you are obedient in everything. <sup>10</sup>Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, <sup>11</sup>so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs."

**Leader** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

## Additional Scripture

Matthew 18:21-22 / Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times."

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## Congregational Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q105. What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

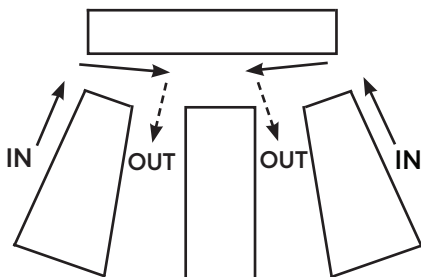
**A. In the fifth petition, which is "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors," we pray that God, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins. We are the especially encouraged to ask for this because we are enabled by his grace to forgive others from the heart.**

## Communion

*City Reformed Church invites all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sins and trust Christ alone for salvation, and who are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. Parents with non-communing children are encouraged to bring their children forward during communion. The elders will lay a hand on their head and briefly pray for them as they serve you.*

*Communion is served with wine and with grape juice. The wine is placed in the two outer circles of the communion tray, and the grape juice is placed in the inner circle. Because Jesus used wine during the first communion service, we believe using real wine is beneficial. However, participants are welcome to choose.*

*There is also gluten-free bread available on each plate.*



*City Reformed Church distributes communion to groups of people who come forward to eat and drink the Lord's Supper together. Please join us in song as we celebrate Christ dwelling with his church in the sacrament of communion. Lines are formed at the front of the room and the entire line will eat and drink at the same time. Not everyone should stand and line up at the same time and it is often better to remain seated until the line progresses. Please notify an usher if you are unable to come forward and need to receive communion in your seat.*

# Songs of Communion

## Jesus I Come

*(Words: William Sleeper 1887; Music: Greg Thompson 2000)*

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light  
Jesus, I come to Thee,  
Out of my sickness into Thy health,  
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,  
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy blessed will to abide,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,  
Out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward forever on wings like a dove,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the joy and light of Thy home,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold,  
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

## Trinity Song

*(Words & Music: Sandra McCracken 2016)*

*Holy Father Son and Spirit*

*Holy Communion Three in One*

Come with Your peace with Your invitation

Bind us together in holy love

## Blest Be the Tie That Binds

*(Words: John Fawcett 1782; Music: Johann Georg Nägeli 1845)*

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

## Speak Peace (Psalm 85)

*(Words & Music: Daniel Snoko and Paul Zach 2019)*

*Speak peace to your people  
Speak peace to your saints  
Speak peace to your people  
Speak peace to all the earth*

Surely his salvation is at hand  
Unfailing love and truth have met  
Righteousness will cover all the earth  
And his glory will fill the land

Lord revive your joy in us again  
And let us hear what you will say  
Will your anger always be on us  
Will you not restore us again

You have covered all our sin  
We have been restored again  
Show us your unfailing love  
Grant us salvation

## Doxology

*(Words: Thomas Ken 1674; Music: Louis Bourgeois 1510)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
(repeat)

Amen

## Benediction

***At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Nameun Cho will be continuing in the series, The Final Hours of Darkness: Luke's Account of Christ's Passion, preaching from Luke 22:35-53, "A Prayer for the Ages."***

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*All scripture verses are the English Standard Version (ESV), unless otherwise noted.*

# Announcements

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| <b>Volunteer Fair</b><br><b>TODAY</b><br>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! |
| <b>Men's Prayer Breakfast</b><br>Saturday, October 10<br>9-10:30AM<br>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: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/CRPCFall26PB">https://tinyurl.com/CRPCFall26PB</a> .                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Missions Dinner</b><br>Saturday, October 17th<br>6PM-8PM<br>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 <a href="https://tinyurl.com/1017potluck">https://tinyurl.com/1017potluck</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>3rd Annual Clothing Drive for Shepherd's Heart Fellowship</b><br>Sunday, October 18th                                             | A representative will be present before and after worship to accept donations of new or gently used "comfortable, casual, and in-season" clothing and footwear for men, women, and children. Undergarments, socks, and belts are always in demand. Presently, items for men are our greatest need. All donations will be distributed through our new Free Store (opened in the spring). Feel free to contact the deacons with any questions.                                               |
| <b>Volunteers Needed</b><br>All Teams                                                                                                | Volunteers needed for all Sunday ministries: setup, tear down, sound, youth, coffee, greeters, & fellowship. If interested email: <a href="mailto:nameun@cityreformed.org">nameun@cityreformed.org</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>RUF @ Pitt</b><br>DL Hall, Room 104<br>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!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Capital Campaign Prayer Time</b><br>300 Saline Street<br>Friday, Oct 9, 7:45AM<br>Saturday, Nov 14, 9AM<br>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 <a href="mailto:allison@cityreformed.org">allison@cityreformed.org</a> . 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.                                  |

# Regular Events

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| <b>College Shuttle</b><br>Sundays                                           | <b>9:30AM - PPU:</b> 201 Wood St; Contact Amy: amy@cityreformed.org<br><b>9:40AM - Duquesne University:</b> 1015 Forbes Ave; Contact Nameun: nameun@cityreformed.org<br><b>9:55AM - PITT:</b> 4024 O'Hara St; Contact Gavin: gavin.breeden@ruf.org           |
| <b>Agora Forum</b><br>Biweekly Mondays,<br>7PM, Allen Hall G-10             | Discussion group for philosophy, theology, and the broader culture from a Christian perspective. Next mtg: 10/12. Contact Alex Main: <a href="mailto:amain8511@gmail.com">amain8511@gmail.com</a> .                                                          |
| <b>Global Missions Prayer</b><br>Mondays @ 9 PM                             | This week we will be praying for RUF. Held on Zoom: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/cityreformedglobalprayer">https://tinyurl.com/cityreformedglobalprayer</a>                                                                                                  |
| <b>Women's Bible Study</b><br>Tuesdays 9:45-11:45AM<br>Saline St.           | A 5-7 week study on 1st John. Study taught by Paige Brown. We offer childcare. Contact Luda <a href="mailto:luda.bates@gmail.com">luda.bates@gmail.com</a> for info on study.                                                                                |
| <b>Bean Sprouts</b><br>3rd Wednesday, 12 PM                                 | The next Bean Sprouts meeting will be on Wednesday, October 21. Contact Joe Stehle <a href="mailto:joestehle@gmail.com">joestehle@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                              |
| <b>Wednesday Prayer Meetings</b><br>8:30 - 9:30 AM                          | Please join us for Scripture reading, adoration, thanksgiving, and sharing prayer requests. Held on Zoom at: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer</a> .                                                 |
| <b>Youth Group</b><br>Biweekly Wednesdays,<br>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?"                                                                                                   |
| <b>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group</b><br>Wednesdays, 7 PM           | Meets biweekly on the North Side. Contact Lindsay Karr for more info: <a href="mailto:lindsay.karr@gmail.com">lindsay.karr@gmail.com</a> .                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Men's New Hope</b><br>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 <a href="mailto:joseph@cityreformed.org">joseph@cityreformed.org</a> to meet with the group leader. |
| <b>Thursday Women's Bible Study</b><br>1 - 3 PM                             | Studying James: Walking in Wisdom. Thursdays from 1-3:00PM at Cathy Taylor's House. Contact Cathy Taylor ( <a href="mailto:lawyerdad5@aol.com">lawyerdad5@aol.com</a> ).                                                                                     |
| <b>Mommies Group</b><br>2nd & 4th Thursdays,<br>7 PM<br>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 <a href="mailto:scsnoke@comcast.net">scsnoke@comcast.net</a>             |
| <b>Young Adults Fellowship</b>                                              | Young Adults Fellowship is a monthly time of fellowship, food, and connection for young adults at City. Contact Michele Kloes, <a href="mailto:michele.kloes@gmail.com">michele.kloes@gmail.com</a> , for more info.                                         |
| <b>Ultimate Frisbee</b><br>Thursdays                                        | Ultimate frisbee group. All skill levels are welcome! Contact Dan Toney <a href="mailto:danielrtoney@gmail.com">danielrtoney@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                                   |

**College Students** please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

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- 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

**Tuesday (cont.):**

Squirrel Hill - Ben Chidester

Greenfield B - Chris Bollinger

**Wednesday:**

Friendship - Michael Hilton

Greenfield A - Max Winters

Regent Square - Dave Snoke

**Thursday:**

West Hills - Jon Dodd

## Leadership

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