

Sunday Morning Service
November 22, 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

"My rest is a weapon against the oppression
Of man's obsession to control things
Look at the long line of make believe kings
And the lord of the flies wants you to kiss his ring
Follow new rules with invisible strings
And become a puppet in the diabolical scheme
How do good men become part of the regime
They don't believe in resistance"

– Josh Garrels, "Resistance"

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:

Church Office

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Hours:

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

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Donations

Online: Church Center App (Give)
OR ***cityreformed.org/give***
Mail: Church Office address above "Attn: Bookkeeper" (please make checks payable to City Reformed Presbyterian Church)

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

Morning Worship Service

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Sunday Morning Worship – November 22, 2026
Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

Call to Worship: 1 Peter 2:4-7, 9-10

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

Leader As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house,

People **To be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**

Leader For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious,

People **And whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."**

Leader So the honor is for you who believe,

People **But for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone"...**

Leader But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession,

People **That you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.**

Leader Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;

People **Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.**

Prayer of Invocation

Rising Sun

(Words & Music: Leslie Jordan, Kyle Lee, and David Leonard 2012)

Praise him all you sinners
Sing oh sing you weary
Oh praise him all you children of God

We lift high his glory
Shown throughout our stories
We praise him as the children of God

Our great Redeemer glorious Savior
Your name is higher than the rising sun
Light of the morning you shine forever
Your name is higher than the rising sun
Jesus you're greater than the rising sun

Praise his name forever
Speak it loud and clear now
Oh praise him all you children of God

Scripture Reading: Revelation 22:12–21

Isaiah 2 | Come Let Us Walk In The Light

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke 2019)

Come to the mountain of the LORD,
A home for the nations.
Come to the hill above all hills,
Greater than kingdoms.
People from all the earth will flow
Into his presence.

Come let us walk in the light of the LORD.
Come let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Let us go up to meet with God
And follow his pathway.
Let the LORD teach us in the Word
That goes out from Zion.
The Law of the LORD will be the light
That leads us to worship.

Bring your dispute before the LORD,
And look for his justice.
Bring to our God your love for war;
Replace it with mercy.
Nations will lay their weapons down
And take up forgiveness.

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

(Words: Charles Wesley 1747; Music: Lowell Mason 1839)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled chest!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest.
Take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver;
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
Till with heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Call to Confession: 1 Peter 2:11-12

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Prayer of Confession:

O Heavenly Father, all praise and glory be to you who have not left us in our bondage to sin, but have called us to yourself, redeemed us, and made us your children through Christ Jesus. Yet, we come before you recognizing that there is a war in us; that just as a child grieves its father, so we grieve the Spirit through our sin. We echo Paul in that we do not do the things we ought, and do the things that we ought not to do. And in the midst of this struggle, in our dark battle with sin, we cry out, "Who can deliver us from this body of death?" Yet all praise is to Jesus! For through him we have been rescued and freed. So we come asking that you, our Abba Father, would indeed pardon our sin this day; forgive us on account of Jesus, and lead us from darkness into your glorious light. Cause us, O Lord, by your Spirit, to love you as we ought and to love others as we ought, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 1:18-21

[Know] that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

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).

Abide with Me

(Words: Henry Francis Lyte 1847; Music: Justin Smith 2007)

Abide with me fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless abide with me

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile
And, though rebellious and perverse meanwhile
Thou hast not left me though I oft left Thee
On to the close Lord abide with me

I need Thy presence every passing hour
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power
Who, like Thyself my guide and stay can be
Through cloud and sunshine abide with me

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death where grave thy victory
I triumph still abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee
In life in death Lord abide with me

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 6:14-7:4

"Separation: the Other Side of Reconciliation"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what
partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what
fellowship has light with darkness? 15What accord has Christ
with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an
unbeliever? 16What agreement has the temple of God with
idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,

> "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among
> them,
> and I will be their God,
> and they shall be my people.
> 17Therefore go out from their midst,
> and be separate from them, says the Lord,
> and touch no unclean thing;
> then I will welcome you,
> 18and I will be a father to you,
> and you shall be sons and daughters to me,
> says the Lord Almighty."

7:1Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse
ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing
holiness to completion in the fear of God.

2Make room in your hearts for us. We have wronged no one,
we have corrupted no one, we have taken advantage of no
one. 3I do not say this to condemn you, for I said before that
you are in our hearts, to die together and to live together. 4I
am acting with great boldness toward you; I have great pride

in you; I am filled with comfort. In all our affliction, I am overflowing with joy.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 / All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

1 Corinthians 10:14-22 / Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

Leviticus 26:11-12 / I will make my dwelling among you, and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people.

Congregational Response: Ephesians 2:19-22

L: So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

P: Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Notes

Songs of Thanksgiving

Holy Spirit

(Words & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend 2006)

Holy Spirit living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole
Cause your Word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit come abide within
May your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show your power once again on earth
Cause your church to hunger for your ways
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see

Holy Holy Holy

(Words: Reginald Heber 1826; Music: John Bacchus Dykes 1823-76)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,
In earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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 24:1-12, "Remembering the Words He Spoke to You."

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

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Thanksgiving Day Pairings	If you're in town for the holiday and: a) need a place to go; or, b) have an extra seat at your dinner table register @ **https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/4007122**. We'll pair folks by the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.
RUF at Pitt Christmas Party Food Request December 4 4729 Ellsworth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213 5-5:45pm	Help us to celebrate the Christmas season and the (almost) end of the semester! Food can be dropped off at the Church of the Ascension (4729 Ellsworth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213) 5-5:45pm, Friday Dec 4, or coordinated at other times/places if needed. Sign up here: ***https://tinyurl.com/rufchristmas2026*** Contact Gavin Breeden (gavin.breeden@ruf.org) with questions!
RUF @ Pitt O'Hara Student Center Thursdays, 9PM	RUF at Pitt Large Group Worship and Bible Study, Thursdays, 9pm, O'Hara Student Center on Pitt's campus. All college students are welcome!
Capital Campaign Prayer Time Tuesday, December 8, 7:30PM 300 Saline Street	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.
Wreath Making Saturday, December 5 10AM-12PM 300 Saline Street, 15207	Our annual Wreath Making event for women of all ages is right around the corner! Show off your creativity or get inspired by your crafty sisters in Christ as you decorate a fresh wreath with provided ribbon and decorations to deck your halls. Enjoy drinks provided by the church and bring a treat to share! Register & order your wreath at ***https://tinyurl.com/CRPCWreath2026*** by November 23rd.
Greenfield WinterFest Saturday, December 5 5:30-8:30PM Greenfield Chapel	We will be opening the doors of our Coleman Street building on the evening of December 5 to participate in the Greenfield WinterFest. Join us in welcoming our neighbors in for caroling, crafting, and cocoa! For more information on the WinterFest, visit www.greenfieldwinterfest.com.
Youth Ministry Christmas Party (MS & HS) Wednesday, December 16 6:30-8:30PM Greenfield Chapel	We invite all MS and HS students to join us in celebrating the season with Christmas-themed games followed by a white elephant gift exchange! There is a $10 limit on gifts, but we highly encourage saving the $10 by creatively regifting a present. Be sure to wrap your gift before arriving!

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: 11/23. Contact Alex Main: ***amain8511@gmail.com.***
Global Missions Prayer Mondays @ 9 PM	This week we will be praying for PRISM. 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, December 16. 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)
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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 Snoke

Thursday:
West Hills - Jon Dodd

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