

"For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified."

- 1 Corinthians 2:2

Sunday Evening Worship
November 8, 2026

Evening Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church
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Presider: Reverend Matt Koerber

Call to Worship: Philippians 2:5-11

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

Leader Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

People **But emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.**

Leader And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

People **Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,**

Leader So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

People **And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Prayer of Invocation

Praise to the Lord the Almighty #53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew
What the Almighty will do,
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief
Hath not he brought thee relief,
Spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
Sound from his people again;
Gladly fore'er we adore him.

Come Ye Sinners #472

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity joined with pow'r:
He is able, *(x3)*
He is willing; doubt no more;
He is willing; doubt no more.

Come, ye needy, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh,
Without money, *(x3)*
Come to Jesus Christ and buy;
Ccome to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all:
Not the righteous, *(x3)*
Sinners Jesus came to call;
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requireth
Is to feel your need of him;
This he gives you, *(x3)*
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam;
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! th'incarnate God, ascended,
Pleads the merit of his blood;
Venture on him, venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude:
None but Jesus, *(x3)*
Can do helpless sinners good,
Can do helpless sinners good.

Call to Confession: Romans 6:5-6, 12

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

Prayer of Confession: Adapted from The Valley of Vision

Dear Father, I am all poverty as well as all guilt, having nothing of my own with which to repay you, but I bring Jesus to you in the arms of faith - pleading His righteousness to offset my iniquities, rejoicing that He has satisfied Your justice. Strengthen me to pray until Christ shall reign supreme within me in every thought, word, and deed, that I may have a faith that purifies the heart, overcomes the world, works by love, fastens me to You, and ever clings to the cross.

Great God, in public and private, in sanctuary and home, may my life be steeped in prayer and filled with the spirit of grace. Urged by my need, invited by Your promises, and called by Your Spirit, let me enter Your presence, worshipping You with godly fear, awed by Your majesty, greatness, glory, but encouraged by Your love. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 6:22-23

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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)

How Firm a Foundation #94

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

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

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

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

"E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

Scripture & Homily: Luke 23:44-56

"The Pivotal Moment of all History"

- Elder Dave Snoke

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, [45]while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. [46]Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. [47]Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" [48]And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. [49]And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

[50]Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, [51] who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. [52]This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. [53] Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. [54]It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. [55]The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. [56]Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

Matthew 27:50-56 / And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!" There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

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,

Hebrews 2:14-15 / Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

Hebrews 10:10 / And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Song of Thanksgiving

Amazing Grace #460

Amazing grace!– how sweet the sound–
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

Benediction

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

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 Disciplers! 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. ***Since the JCC is a Kosher facility, there are some food restrictions. Please see the sign up for details***: 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

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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: 11/9. Contact Alex Main: ***amain8511@gmail.com.***
Global Missions Prayer Mondays @ 9 PM	This week we will be praying for the persecuted church. 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 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
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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
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Friendship - Michael Hilton
Greenfield A - Max Winters
Regent Square - Dave Snoke
Thursday:
West Hills - Jon Dodd

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