

Sunday Morning Service
November 8, 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

"For if we be not harder than iron, we cannot refrain from devoting ourselves entirely to Christ, when we consider what great love he exercised towards us, when he endured death in our stead."

– Calvin's Commentaries

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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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

City Reformed Presbyterian Church
Sunday Morning Worship – November 8, 2026
Presider: Elder Andy Leuenberger

Call to Worship: Psalm 103:1-8

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

Leader Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,**

Leader Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

People **Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

Leader Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

People **The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.**

Leader He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

People **The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Prayer of Invocation

O The Deep Deep Love of Jesus

(Words: Samuel T. Francis 1800's; Music: Thomas J. Williams 1890)

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless free.
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love.
Leading onward, leading homeward,
To thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread His praise from shore to shore.
How He loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, never more.

How he watches o'er his loved ones,
Died to call them all his own.
How for them he intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of ev'ry love the best.
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me.
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to thee.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 57:1-2, 7-11

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.

Agnus Dei / Sanctus

(Words & Music: Michael W. Smith 1990)

Alleluia
Alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia
Alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia

Holy holy
Are you Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb

You are holy holy
Are you Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
A-men

Call to Confession: Matthew 18:29-35

"So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious heavenly Father, we have been entrusted with the ministry of reconciliation and you have reconciled us to yourself through Christ and given us this ministry. Yet, when we are hurt, rejected, despised, and mistreated, we are quick to withhold forgiveness and to leave without reconciliation. We confess lingering on hurts, ruminating in our minds, holding on to anger and treating others with contempt. Let us be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to anger. May the sun not set on our anger. Work in our hearts grace; grace to forgive and grace to receive forgiveness, that the world may know you. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 32:1-5

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Baptisms:

Eden Johanna Hayward, daughter of Drew & Sarah Grace;
Ira Henry Schwab, son of Adam & Debbie;
Skylar Lynn Pietryga, daughter of Brad & Christy

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).

Approach My Soul

(Original words: John Newton 1779, Music & Lyrics: Jordan Kauflin & Laura Story 2023)

Approach my soul the mercy seat
Where Jesus answers prayer
There humbly fall before his feet
For none can perish there

Thy promise is my only plea
With this I venture nigh
Thou calls our burdened souls to Thee
And such O Lord am I

Oh wondrous love
Oh boundless grace
Rejoice my soul forever
Christ has made a way

Bowed down beneath a load of sin
By satan sorely pressed
By wars without and fears within
I come to Thee for rest

Be Thou my shield and hiding place
That sheltered near Thy side
I may my fierce accuser face
And tell him Thou hast died

O wondrous love to bleed and die
To bear the cross and shame
That guilty sinners such as I
Might plead Thy gracious name

The tempted soul he tells be still
My promised grace receive
'Tis Jesus speaks I must I will
I can I do believe
'Tis Jesus speaks I must I will
I can I do believe

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 5:11-21

"Be Reconciled"

- Reverend Joseph Bianco

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade
others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it
is known also to your conscience. [12]We are not commending
ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about
us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about
outward appearance and not about what is in the heart.
[13]For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our
right mind, it is for you. [14]For the love of Christ controls us,
because we have concluded this: that one has died for all,
therefore all have died; [15]and he died for all, that those who
live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for
their sake died and was raised.

[16]From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to
the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according
to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. [17]Therefore,
if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has
passed away; behold, the new has come. [18]All this is from
God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave
us the ministry of reconciliation; [19]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. [20]Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ,
God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf
of Christ, be reconciled to God. [21]For our sake he made him
to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become
the righteousness of God.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

Romans 14:7-9 / For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Congregational Response: WCF 15.6

As every man is bound to make private confession of his sins to God, praying for the pardon thereof,a upon which, and the forsaking of them, he shall find mercy;b so he that scandalizeth his brother, or the Church of Christ, ought to be willing, by a private or public confession and sorrow for his sin, to declare his repentance to those that are offended,c who are thereupon to be reconciled to him, and in love to receive him.

Notes

Songs of Thanksgiving

Here Is Love Vast As The Ocean (Everlasting Praise)

(Lyrics: William Rees, William Edwards 1800's & Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, & Matt Boswell 2024; Music: Robert Lowry 1876 "DIM OND JESU")

Here is love vast as the ocean,
Lovingkindness as the flood
When the Prince of Life, our ransom,
Shed for us his precious blood
Who his love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing his praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heav'n's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion,
Fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy,
Flowed a vast and gracious tide
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
Poured incessant from above
Heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love

On the morn of resurrection
Mercy filled the thirsty grave
Where the stone of death burst open,
Springs of life flowed unrestrained
Love no heart could ever measure,
Joy no sorrows will outrun
Rush upon the soul believing
In the risen reigning Son

And oh, this love, vast love of Jesus,
Bids us come and drink and live
To this weary world of longing,
What more could our Savior give?
Now to Christ, who fully loved us
And who freed us from our sin
Be all glory and dominion,
Everlasting praise to him

O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing

(Words & Music: Charles Wesley 1739)

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
The humble poor believe.

To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n;
By saints below and saints above,
The church in earth and heav'n.

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Elder Dave Snoke will be continuing in the series, The Final Hours of Darkness: Luke's Account of Christ's Passion, preaching from Luke 23:44-56, "The Pivotal Moment of all History."

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

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Annual Women's Mentor Soup and Dessert Lunch TODAY, November 8th After service - 1 PM WT Cafeteria	Come join us for soups & desserts while getting to know other women at CRPC & hearing stories about the mentorship program. 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 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 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 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: 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

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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