

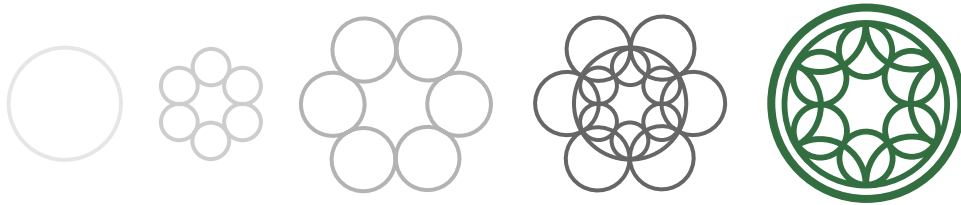


NEW CITY

presbyterian church

NOVEMBER 1, 2020

WELCOME TO NEW CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



New City is a collection of people of all ages and professions, from a wide variety of spiritual and social backgrounds. We embrace Jesus' claims to be true and transformational. We also believe the central message of the Bible is the good news, or "gospel," of a God who created us for Himself and desires us to live fully as we enjoy relationship with Him and with each other.

The Bible's radical message of grace centers on Jesus and creates a new city comprised of renewed individuals living not for themselves but for the God who redeems. For this reason, New City exists to be a community rooted in truth, real in conversation, and hopeful for deep renewal in our lives and our city.

As the Senior Pastor of New City, it is my privilege to welcome you and to invite you to be astonished, together with us, by the splendor and grace of God.

Rev. Ryan McVicar

NEW CITY VISION & VALUES

*To be people in awe of God, made new by the gospel,
for the sake of people throughout our city, the nations,
and the generations to come.*

Our vision leads us to hold closely three values that shape our life and ministry as a church:

ROOTED CONVICTION in the truths of God's Word

REAL CONVERSATION as we engage the gospel, culture, and each other

RENEWAL OF THE CITY as we live and do life in relationship with God

LITURGY FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

As we gather to worship this morning, take a moment to reflect on these quotes as a way to prepare your heart and mind for an encounter with the living God.

SILENT REFLECTION

To you, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!"

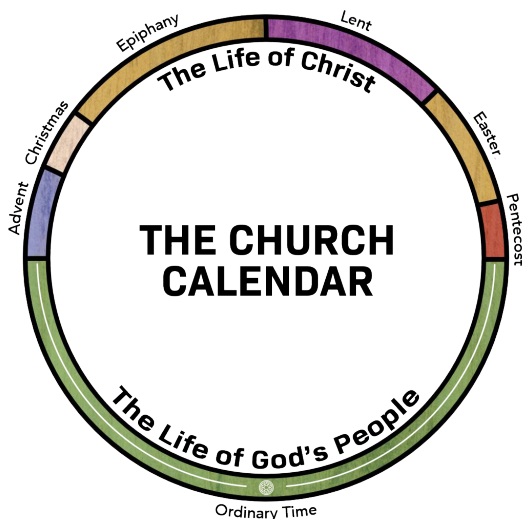
You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever! | **Psalm 30:8-12**

What are the decrees of God?

The decrees of God are his eternal plan, according to the purpose of his will, by which, for his own glory, he has foreordained whatever comes to pass; yet in such a manner as to be in no way the author of sin. | **Westminster Confession of Faith Q.7**

How does God carry out his decrees?

God carries out his decrees in the works of creation and providence. | **WCF Q.8**



Ordinary Time is about the mission of Christ. All the seasons lead up to this point between Pentecost and Advent. During Ordinary Time, the Church is empowered by the Holy Spirit and sent on mission to make disciples. It is the time and space where we seek to be the people of God living out the mission of God in ordinary, everyday life—in our homes, neighborhoods, communities, workplaces and to the ends of the earth.

God always comes to us before we can come to Him'. Biblical worship is a response to God's gracious revelation of Himself, calling us to worship.



CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN

I was an orphan lost at the fall
Running away when I'd hear your call
But Father, you worked your will
I had no righteousness of my own
I had no right to draw near your throne
But Father, you loved me still

And in love before you laid the world's foundation
You predestined to adopt me as your own
You have raised me up so high above my station
I'm a child of God by grace and grace alone

You left your home to seek out the lost
You knew the great and terrible cost
But Jesus, your face was set
I worked my fingers down to the bone
Nothing I did could ever atone
But Jesus, you paid my debt

By your blood I have redemption and salvation
Lord, you died that I might reap what you have sown
And you rose that I might be a new creation
I am born again by grace and grace alone

Grace Alone

Dustin Kensrue.

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I was in darkness all of my life
I never knew the day from the night
But Spirit, you made me see
I swore I knew the way on my own
Head full of rocks, a heart made of stone
But Spirit, you moved in me

At your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone
Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken
Heaven's citizen by grace and grace alone

So I'll stand in faith by grace and grace alone
I will run the race by grace and grace alone
I will slay my sin by grace and grace alone
I will reach the end by grace and grace alone

READER

True worship is biblical worship. Throughout our worship service, we read, pray, and sing the words of Scripture.

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God

Ephesians 2:8

The Prayer of Adoration
is a praiseful pondering
of the attributes and
works of God, intended
to draw our hearts closer
to Him, in awe.



PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus, the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner, condemned, unclean

*How marvelous, how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous, how wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me*

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
'twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me.

My Savior's Love (I Stand Amazed)

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The Call To Repentance is an invitation to privately examine and prepare our hearts to confess our sins.

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Because of the gospel, our relationship with God is a relationship in which honesty about our sin is welcome and safe. Therefore, with one voice, we are able to openly and sincerely confess our sins to Him.

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God's Word assures us of our forgiveness in Christ, and we cannot but continue in praise to the grace, mercy, and peace offered to us.

CALL TO REPENTANCE

God has commanded us to “set apart Christ as Lord” in our hearts. Who or what has consumed or comforted your heart instead of Christ? Who or what has stolen your heart away from Christ?

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious Father, You calm our anxious and fearful hearts by telling us to fear You. Yet, we come as those who are more prone to fear others than You. This has led us into many snares. Forgive us for fearing the world's frown and scorn. Pardon us for our lack of wonder, reverence, and awe in worship. Liberate us from our lukewarm affection and devotion to You so that You reign supreme in our hearts. Grant us to taste anew of Your abundant goodness through the lavish grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. We make our prayer in His name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Ephesians 2:4-5

⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved

The Pastoral Prayer
is a time to express
our gratitude for—and
dependance on—God’s
provision for the life and
ministry of the Church.



The word “doxology”
comes from a Greek
translation of the
Old Testament word
for worship.
We respond to the
gospel of God’s grace
with a burst of praise!

All we have is given to
us by God. Our offerings
express this joyful
dependance, and our
commitment to join God
in His work of renewal.

In anticipation of the
proclamation of God’s
Word, we lift a prayer
to God asking Him to
speak to us through His
living Word.

PASTORAL PRAYER

DOXOLOGY

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, Amen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TITHES & OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
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When we hear the Word
of God proclaimed
and preached, we
are listening to the
voice of God. The
Holy Spirit makes the
inspired texts and
spoken words the chief
means of nourishing
and comforting God's
people, and awakening
others to new faith.

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THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

1 Peter 3:15-22 (ESV)

¹⁵but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For 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, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

The grass withers, the flower fades,

But the Word of our God stands forever.

Sermon Series: The Christian Life in a Confusing Land
Jesus' New Pulpit

Rev. Ryan McVicar

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion—also known as the Lord’s Supper—has always been a common, shared, joyous family meal. This meal is for those who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ; for those Baptized Christians who trust in His once-for-all sacrificial death upon the cross for their salvation. When we celebrate this feast, we commune with the risen Lord Jesus who stands as our host to offer spiritual nourishment, renewal and life. We also commune with one another, participating together in the reconciling grace of God.

We warmly welcome to the table all who trust in Jesus and who have publicly professed their faith as members of a Christian congregation. At New City, we ask our children not to take communion until they have met with the elders to share of their faith in Christ, although all children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing and a word of encouragement. If you are not a Christian, we encourage you to spend this time reflecting on the prayers below in the hopes that a relationship with Jesus and membership in His Church may be considered.

You will be directed to make your way to one of the four stations in our sanctuary where you will receive the prepackaged cup containing wine and a wafer (gluten-free and grape juice available). Please take it back to your place so we can partake together.

**Jesus is truly and spiritually present and stands ready to feed you.
Come hungry. Come thirsty. Come ready to be filled.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS FOR PRAYING DURING COMMUNION

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that You promise. Amen.

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive You as my Savior. Amen.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

I do not presume to come to Your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in my own goodness, but only in Your righteousness credited to me. I am not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table. But You are the same Lord whose manner is always to show mercy. Grant me, O Lord, the grace to commune now with Christ by faith, that I may evermore live in Him and He in me. Amen.

MINISTER

*This prayer is offered to
set apart the bread and
the wine as holy, for the
purpose of nourishing
us spiritually through our
communion with Christ*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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*All who can examine
themselves regarding
their faith and
participation in Christ,
are invited to participate
in the Lord's Table.*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE



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HYMN AT THE TABLE

We Hunger & Thirst

*Alex Couch, Dave Fournier, George Romanacce.
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Exalted Son of glory humbly came down
Wounded for the broken, bore the sinners crown
Through the willing death you died
You became our Bread of Life

*Jesus, we hunger and thirst for you, Lord
As we remember your sacrifice
We see the wound from your hands and pierced side
Extravagant love, oh how great the price
Now our lives are yours*

The priceless blood of Jesus, this gracious cup
A life spring overflowing, poured out for us
He has conquered every sin
For the ones who trust in him

The cup we drink, the bread we eat
Reminds us you are all we need
And makes us long for your wedding feast



SENDING HYMN

To God Be The Glory

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To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son.
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Our gathered worship
service concludes with
God's blessing; a joyful
declaration of God's
satisfaction in us through
Jesus Christ, and a vow
to be in fellowship with
us as we scatter.

BENEDICTION

WELCOME HOME!

SOME HOUSEKEEPING NOTES

We are beyond thankful to gather with you to worship our Lord in our new house. To better facilitate our gathering, please observe the following housekeeping note:

GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING:

The three building entrances open on Sundays will be the mains doors off of the Parking Lot, the southside entrance with elevator access, and the Sanctuary doors off of Pinecrest.

The doors leading into the Sanctuary from the Welcome Area will close after the opening song. To enter the Sanctuary after the opening song please make your way downstairs, through the Gathering Place, and up the stairs into the Sanctuary.

The nearest restrooms for use during the worship service are available on the First Level. During the worship service, please exit through the Pinecrest Lobby to use the restrooms.

Drinks are permitted in the Sanctuary during worship in your own personal drinkware with a lid (no disposable cups). Please clean-up any spills immediately following the worship service.

As part of our celebration, New City is giving away non-disposable drinkware for you to enjoy!

Following the worship service, everyone is invited to the Gathering Place to connect, converse, and enjoy hot drinks.

Hands-free water dispensers are available in the hallway outside of the Fireplace Room, and in the Kids' Ministry hallway.

PARENTS:

Nursery is available for children 0-48 months during our 9 am service.

Nursery will also be available in our 11 am service, starting December 2020.

A Cry Room is available in the Pinecrest Lobby.

Please know where your children are at all times, due to the fact that this is a large building with many exits and places to get lost.

Please know that children are not permitted on the chancel due to delicate instruments and equipment.

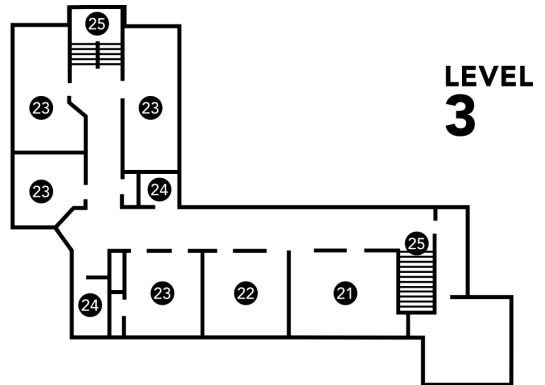


For perspective and practical tips regarding worshipping alongside children, please read our "Worshipping with Little Ones" article in our New City Journal by scanning this QR code.



BUILDING MAP

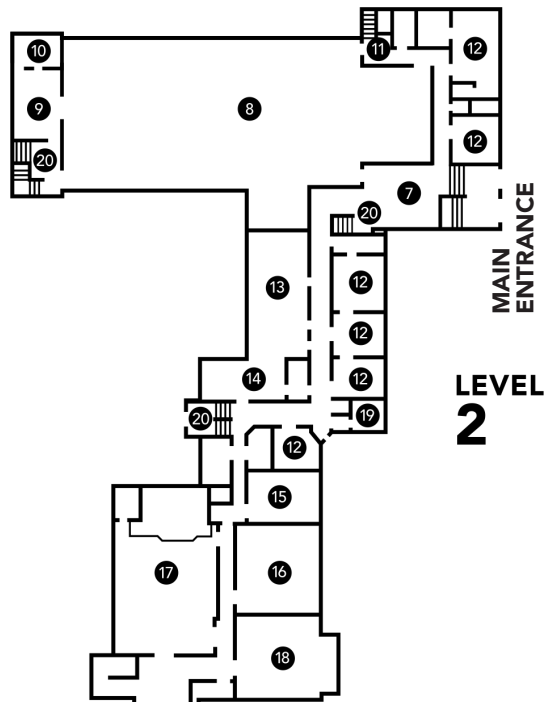
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- 22 GRIFFIN WORKSPACE
- 23 STAFF OFFICES
- 24 RESTROOMS
- 25 STAIRS



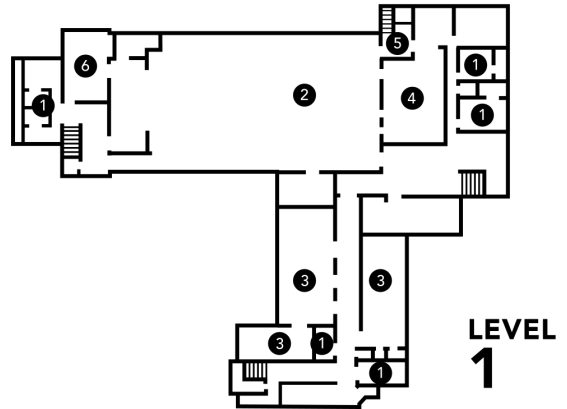
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- 7 WELCOME AREA
- 8 SANCTUARY
- 9 PINECREST LOBBY
- 10 CRYROOM
-  11 ELEVATOR
- 12 NURSERY
- 13 FIREPLACE ROOM
- 14 GARDEN ROOM
- 15 NC STUDENTS CAFE
- 16 NC STUDENTS REC ROOM
- 17 CHAPEL
- 18 DRAYTON ROOM
-  19 RESTROOMS
- 20 STAIRS



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- ① RESTROOMS
- ② GATHERING PLACE
- ③ NC KIDS
- ④ KITCHEN
- ⑤ ELEVATOR
- ⑥ BACKSTAGE ROOM



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Thank you for being part of our service today! We believe gathering for the worship of God is the highest calling for human beings, and we are honored to have had you come alongsidethis transformative hythm of life still be available at **newcitypc.org/live**.



VISITING US?

Thank you for spending some time with us and getting to know us first-hand! We are excited to finally be in our property and in this season of transition into our beautiful new building. We would love to know more about you and how to serve you. Please scan this QR code with your smartphone to let us know you came and so that we can follow-up with you.

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COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Gathering in the midst of an pandemic brings unique challenges that shape the way we gather. We have put together a list of measures and recommendations for reducing the risk of contagion as much as possible. Please review these guidelines to help everyone stay healthy and safe.

New City News is our weekly email newsletter. Subscribe to receive the latest news at **newcitypc.org/subscribe**



SMALL GROUPS

Our new Small Group season has launched with several groups already meeting, and many new groups to explore. Small Groups are New City's main avenue for cultivating relationships in Christ, and experiencing the deepest blessings of what it means to be in community. For more information scan QR code or visit: **newcitypc.org/smallgroups**

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For older iPhone models and most Android phones, download the *Quick Scan* app to scan the codes.