

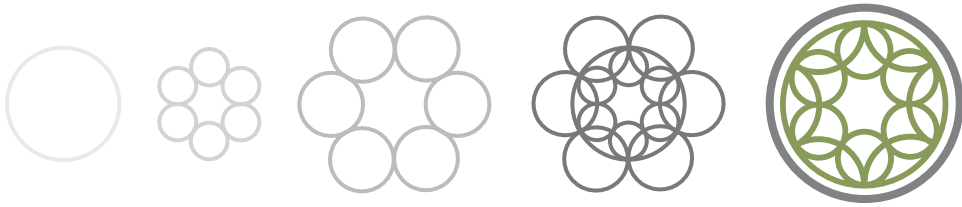


NEW CITY  
presbyterian church

**OCTOBER 15, 2023**



# 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 in that of those around us.

It is our privilege to welcome you and to invite you to be astonished, together with us, by the splendor and grace of God.

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## NEW CITY VISION & VALUES

*To be a church in awe of God,  
made new by the gospel, for the sake of all people.*

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

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

Psalm 50:3-6

<sup>3</sup> Our God comes; he does not keep silence;

before him is a devouring fire,  
around him a mighty tempest.

<sup>4</sup> He calls to the heavens above

and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

<sup>5</sup> "Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

<sup>6</sup> The heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge! Selah



## GATHERING HYMN

Arise My Soul, Arise (O My Soul, Arise)

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Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears

The bleeding sacrifice on my behalf appears

Before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands

My name is written on His hands

He ever lives above for me to intercede

His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead

His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race

And sprinkles now the throne of grace

*O my soul, arise, behold the risen Christ*

*Your Great High Priest, Your spotless sacrifice*

*O my soul, arise, God owns you as His child*

*Shake off your guilty fears, my soul, arise*

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary

They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:

"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry

"Don't let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear

He owns me as His child; I can no longer fear

With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh

And "Father, Abba, Father," cry

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 22:1-8

<sup>1</sup> After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup> He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup> Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup> And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup> And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup> Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.



## HYMN OF GRACE

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

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*Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that is greater than all our sin.*

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,  
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured,  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,  
What can avail to wash it away!  
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;  
Whiter than snow you may be today.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,  
Freely bestowed on all who believe;  
You that are longing to see His face,  
Will you this moment His grace receive?

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### VISITING US?

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 we can follow-up with you.



Baptism is the washing with water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to signify and seal these three spiritual realities:

- 1) Our ingrafting into the body of Christ.
- 2) Our partaking of the covenant of grace.
- 3) Our engagement to be the Lord's

## THE SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Today, we are delighted to celebrate the baptism of Knoxfield Trenton Wideman, son of Thomas & Ryah Wideman, born December 23, 2022.

### PARENTAL VOWS:

Do you acknowledge your son's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on behalf of your son, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you have for your own?

Do you now unreservedly commit your son to God, and promise in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of the Christian Faith, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

### CONGREGATIONAL VOWS:

Will you, as members of New City Church, promise to guide and nurture Knoxfield by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ, and to be a faithful member of His Church?

## BAPTISMAL READING

Proverbs 2:1-2, 5-8

<sup>1</sup> My son, if you receive my words  
and treasure up my commandments with you,  
<sup>2</sup> making your ear attentive to wisdom  
and inclining your heart to understanding; [...]  
<sup>5</sup> then you will understand the fear of the LORD  
and find the knowledge of God.  
<sup>6</sup> For the LORD gives wisdom;  
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;  
<sup>7</sup> he stores up sound wisdom for the upright;  
he is a shield to those who walk in integrity,  
<sup>8</sup> guarding the paths of justice  
and watching over the way of his saints.

## BAPTISMAL PRAYER

The Baptismal prayer is offered to entrust the baptized to God, as they grow deeper into the reality of their baptism. It also serves church members as a reminder of God's covenantal faithfulness in their own baptism.

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

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

### FOR TEXT & ONLINE GIVING

Text dollar amount (e.g.: \$50) to 843-21

Give online through Church Center by scanning the QR code.

Alternatively, A dropbox is available in the Welcome Area for cash or check offerings.



## OFFERTORY HYMN

Jesus, Thank You

*Pat Sczebel.*

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The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend  
The agonies of Calvary  
You the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son  
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

*Your blood has washed away my sin*  
*Jesus, thank You*  
*The Father's wrath completely satisfied*  
*Jesus, thank You*  
*Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table*  
*Jesus, thank You*

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near  
Your enemy You've made Your friend  
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace  
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

## CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

During the remainder of our worship service, preschool-aged children are welcome to stay with their parents in the Sanctuary, or will now be dismissed to attend Kids' Bible Time.

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Oliver Jeromin

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

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



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.

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

# THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

### John 1:29-36 (ESV)

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God." <sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"



**SERMON SERIES**



**THIS WEEK**

"Behold The Lamb"  
John 1:29-36

**NEXT WEEK**

"Come And See"  
John 1:35-51

**The Gospel of John**

Rev. Tommy Myrick

**"Behold The Lamb"**



The word "doxology" comes from the Greek translation of the Old Testament word for worship. Throughout our service, we respond to the gospel of God's grace with songs of praise!



As a confessional church, we participate in the rich heritage of biblically faithful summaries which seek to build and strengthen our faith in Christ. Creeds, Confessions, and Catechisms serve us in this regard, along with biblical confessions.

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 our merciful God.

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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 in Christ.

## DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow  
*Thomas Ken.  
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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.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 53

**Q.** What do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?

**A.** First, He is, together with the Father and the Son, true and eternal God. Second, He is also given to me, to make me by true faith share in Christ and all His benefits, to comfort me, and to remain with me forever.

## CALL TO REPENTANCE

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, Provider of our perfect atoning sacrifice, we confess that we often forget the magnitude of Your love displayed on the cross. We look to our own efforts to earn Your favor, neglecting the Lamb who took away the sin of the world, and the sin in our hearts. We stray from Your paths, blinded by our selfish desires, crippled by our fear of rejection, and at times foolishly emboldened by our false sense of self-righteousness. Forgive our unbelief and our forgetfulness of the Gospel's true message. Remind us of The Lamb, Your Son, who bore our sins and brought us redemption. In His gracious name, we pray. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hebrews 9:13-14

<sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup> how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

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All who can examine themselves regarding their faith and participation in Christ, are invited to commune with Him at the Lord's Table.

## INVITATION & FENCING OF THE TABLE

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

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

# 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 bread and the wine (gluten-free cracker 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.

ALL

## HYMN AT THE TABLE

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Behold The Lamb Of God

*Andrew Peterson, Laura Story.*

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Behold the Lamb of God who takes away our sin  
Behold the Lamb of God, the life and light of men  
Behold the Lamb of God, who died and rose again  
Behold the Lamb of God who comes to take away our sin

*Broken hearts; behold our broken hearts*

*Fallen far; we need you*

*Behold the sin of man*

*Son of God, Emmanuel*

*Son of man, we praise you*

*Behold the Lamb; the hope of man*

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PARTAKING OF THE BREAD & WINE

The Words of Institution  
echo Jesus' words at the Last  
Supper, which now invite us  
to partake of the bread and  
wine in remembrance of Him.



## SENDING HYMN

### Thy Mercy My God

John Stocker, Sandra McCracken.  
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Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,  
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,  
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

*Hallelujah, hallelujah.*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah.*

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;  
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

## BENEDICTION

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



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund Contributions as of 9/30/23	\$ 537,419
General Fund 2023 Revised Annual Budget	\$ 726,593
Mortgage Balance as of 10/4/23	\$ 324,340

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### VISITING US?

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### CHURCH CENTER

Church Center is our hub for all things New City. From knowing what's happening next, to signing up for an event or small group, to requesting baptism or prayer, to online giving, all your next steps for getting involved at New City are there at **[newcitypc.churchcenter.com](http://newcitypc.churchcenter.com)**



### NEED PRAYER?

Our Prayer ministry team seeks to undergird and strengthen New City's congregation, mission, and ministries through prayer. Please let us know how we can pray for you!