

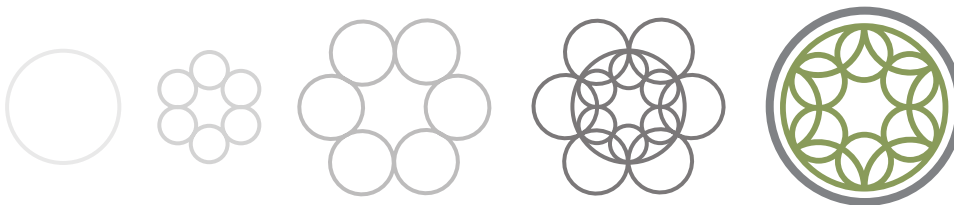


NEW CITY  
presbyterian church

**NOVEMBER 12, 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

Isaiah 45:22-23

<sup>22</sup> "Turn to me and be saved,  
all the ends of the earth!  
For I am God, and there is no other.  
<sup>23</sup> By myself I have sworn;  
from my mouth has gone out in righteousness  
a word that shall not return:  
To me every knee shall bow,  
every tongue shall swear allegiance.'

## GATHERING HYMN

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend.  
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In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This Gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid: Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death; This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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

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



## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 21:4-9

<sup>4</sup> From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup> And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." <sup>6</sup> Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup> And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." <sup>9</sup> So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

## HYMN OF PRAISE

All I Have Is Christ

Jordan Kauflin.

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I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race; indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed; You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ*

*Hallelujah! Jesus is my life*

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me  
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose  
And let my song forever be: My only boast is You

## 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.



## MEMBERSHIP VOWS

We are privileged to receive the newest members of New City Presbyterian Church this morning: Eric & Amy Bowdich, Amy DeLine, Young & Jessica Liu, Abigail Myrick, Anita Satiekwicz, Tami Schroeder, and Tracy Zienert.

### MEMBERSHIP VOWS:

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the follower of Christ?

Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

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.



## NEW CITY KIDS OFFERTORY

Psalm 8

*The Corner Room*  
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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.

## CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

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.

# PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Mark Krieg

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.

# PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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.

# THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

## John 3:1-15 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

**SERMON SERIES**



**THIS WEEK**  
"Born Again"  
John 3:1-15

**NEXT WEEK**  
Whosoever Believes  
the Son - John 3:16-36

**The Gospel of John**

Rev. Tommy Myrick

**"Born Again"**



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!

## DOXOLOGY

Glory be to the Father,  
Glory be to the Son,  
Glory be to the Spirit; Three in One.  
As it was in the beginning  
It will be forever.  
Amen, amen, amen.

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Gloria Patri

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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.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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Heidelberg Catechism, Q.30

**Q.** Do those who seek their salvation or well-being in saints, in themselves, or anywhere else, also believe in the only Savior Jesus?

**A.** No. Though they boast of him in words, they in fact deny the only Savior, Jesus. For one of two things must be true: either Jesus is not a complete Savior, or those who by true faith accept this Savior must find in him all that is necessary for their salvation.

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

ALL

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.

MINISTER

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.

## CALL TO REPENTANCE

### CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we confess that we often walk in shadows of our own making, stumbling over our sin, led astray by the false promises and idols of our hearts. We have sought satisfaction in creation rather than in You, and suffer the consequences. We admit, O God, our reluctance to die to ourselves, to take up our cross, and to follow Christ. Forgive us, we pray; by Your Spirit, work within us true repentance, that we may detest all sin as vile and wretched, and find our highest joy in You alone. Teach us to trust in the sufficiency of Christ, our only Savior, whose blood was shed for the complete remission of all our sins. In His redeeming name we pray, Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Ephesians 2:4-5

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

# 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.**

## MINISTER

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

## MINISTER

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

## 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

### Behold The Lamb

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
Slain for us: and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.

*So we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of (peace; love; grace)  
Around the table of the King.*

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,  
Torn for you: eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,  
Paid the price to make us one.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
Shed for you: drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
To respond: and to remember.  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth.

*As we share in his suffering,  
We proclaim: Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King.*

### MINISTER

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.

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



## SENDING HYMN

I hear the Savior say,  
"Thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness watch and pray  
Find in Me thine all in all"

*Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow*

Lord now indeed I find  
Thy power and Thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone

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### Jesus Paid It All

*Elvina Mabel Hall, John Thomas Grape.  
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And when before the throne  
I stand in Him complete  
Jesus died my soul to save  
My lips shall still repeat

*Oh, praise the One Who paid my debt  
And raised this life up from the dead*

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.

## BENEDICTION



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund Contributions as of 11/07/23	\$ 615,040
General Fund 2023 Revised Annual Budget	\$ 726,593
Mortgage Balance as of 11/07/23	\$ 314,243

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### 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.



### 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!