

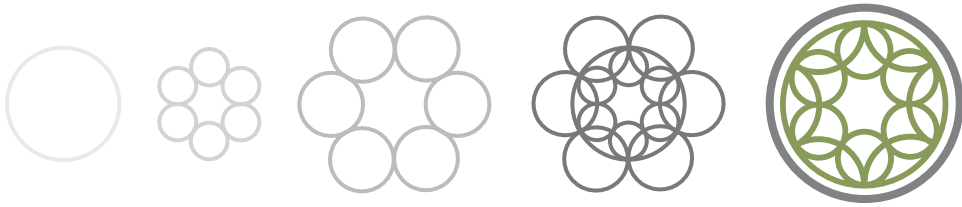


NEW CITY  
presbyterian church

**NOVEMBER 19, 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 36:5-7

<sup>5</sup>Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

<sup>6</sup>Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;  
your judgments are like the great deep;  
man and beast you save, O LORD.

<sup>7</sup>How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

## GATHERING HYMN

Here Is Love

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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,  
And Heav'n's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me all Thy love accepting,  
Love Thee, ever all my days;  
Let me seek Thy kingdom only  
And my life be to Thy praise;  
Thou alone shalt be my glory,  
Nothing in the world I see.  
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me,  
Thou Thyself hast set me free.

In Thy truth Thou dost direct me  
By Thy Spirit through Thy Word;  
And Thy grace my need is meeting,  
As I trust in Thee, my Lord.  
Of Thy fullness Thou art pouring  
Thy great love and pow'r on me,  
Without measure, full and boundless,  
Drawing out my heart to Thee.



## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." <sup>4</sup> And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Sooner Count The Stars

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I could sooner count the stars Than number all Your ways  
Though I only know in part That part exceeds all praise  
As sunlight fills the skies Your goodness fills my life  
For all Your precious gifts Receive my gratefulness

I could sooner drink the seas Than fathom all Your love  
Like a never ceasing stream Are mercies through Your Son  
The death of Christ alone Deserves eternal song  
For such a love as His Receive my gratefulness

*No praise is high enough No thanks is deep enough  
No life is long enough To tell of all You've done  
No shout is loud enough No words are strong enough  
No song is sweet enough To sing Your love*

I could sooner turn back time Than turn Your heart away  
Though the years go fleeting by Your mercies never change  
Before You made the sun Your love was set on us  
For all Your faithfulness Receive my gratefulness

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## CHOIR OFFERTORY

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love  
Too vast and astounding to tell  
Forever existing in worlds above  
Now offered and given to all

Oh, fountain of beauty eternal  
The Father, the Spirit, the Son  
Sufficient and endlessly generous  
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love

Creation is brimming with thankfulness  
The mountains, exultant they stand  
The seasons rejoice in Your faithfulness  
All life is sustained by Your hand

You crown every meadow with color  
You paint every shade in the sky  
Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of  
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love

## 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.

### VISITING US?

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## Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love

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*How great, how sure*

*His love endures forevermore*

*Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love*

What grace that You entered our brokenness  
You came in the fullness of time  
How far we had fallen from righteousness  
But not from the mercies of Christ

Your cross is our door to redemption  
Your death is our fullness of life  
That day, how forgiveness flowed as a flood  
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love

United in Your resurrection  
You lift us to infinite heights  
Could anything sever or take us from  
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love

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 Jeff Ammons

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 3:16-36 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. <sup>20</sup> For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

<sup>22</sup> After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing. <sup>23</sup> John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized <sup>24</sup> (for John had not yet been put in prison).

<sup>25</sup> Now a discussion arose between some of John’s disciples and a Jew over purification. <sup>26</sup> And they came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him.” <sup>27</sup> John answered, “A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. <sup>28</sup> You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.’ <sup>29</sup> The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom’s voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. <sup>30</sup> He must increase, but I must decrease.”

<sup>31</sup> He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all. <sup>32</sup> He bears

witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony. <sup>33</sup>Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true. <sup>34</sup>For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. <sup>35</sup>The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. <sup>36</sup>Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

## SERMON SERIES



### THIS WEEK

"Whosoever Believes  
the Son" - John 3:16-36

### NEXT WEEK

"Living Water"  
- John 4:1-26

## The Gospel of John

Rev. Tommy Myrick

### "Whosoever Believes The Son"





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

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Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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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.



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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From 1 Peter 1:8-9

Though we have not seen Him, we love Him. Though we do not now see Him, we believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls.

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

# CALL TO REPENTANCE

ALL

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we stand in awe of Your great love, shown to us through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Yet, we confess that our hearts are often cold to the marvel of Your grace. We pursue fleeting whims of happiness instead of the deep joy found in Your salvation. We trust in our own efforts rather than resting in the faith You have given us as a gift. We confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us for doubting Your promises and for our failure to live as heirs of Your kingdom. In Your kindness, lead us to repentance and renew our hearts, that we may believe and live out the truth of the gospel. May Your Spirit guide us to trust fully in Your Son, the one whom You sent to save us from our sins. Amen.

MINISTER

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Romans 4:22-25

<sup>22</sup> [Abraham's] faith was "counted to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup> But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, <sup>25</sup> who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

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.

# 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.**

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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

## 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

### How Deep The Father's Love For Us

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How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He would give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross,  
My guilt upon His shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

continued...

I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no powers, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

#### 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

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*

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Jesus, Thank You

Pat Szebel.

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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

Lover of my soul I want to live for You

## 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 11/15/23	\$ 624,331
General Fund 2023 Revised Annual Budget	\$ 726,593
Mortgage Balance as of 11/15/23	\$ 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!