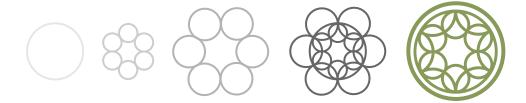




# **WELCOME TO NEW CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



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

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

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.



## **GATHERING HYMN**

Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, The God of truth and love; When He had purged our stains, He took his seat above.

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n; The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus giv'n. Rejoice, The Lord Is King Charles Wesley. 1744, Public Domain

He sits at God's right hand 'Til all His foes submit, And bow to His command, And fall beneath His feet.

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, And take His servants up To their eternal home.

The Prayer of Invocation is a humble yet earnest calling upon God to reveal Himself and bless us as we gather to worship.

# PRAYER OF INVOCATION





# **HYMN OF PRAISE**

#### Lion And The Lamb

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He's coming on the clouds, kings and kingdoms will bow down And every chain will break, as broken hearts declare His praise For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world, His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

So, open up the gates, make way before the King of Kings The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Who can stop the Lord Almighty Who can stop the Lord Almighty Who can stop the Lord Almighty Who can stop the Lord?

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

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

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**

# 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 that we can follow-up with you.



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**

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

Give online through Church Center, at newcitypc.churchcenter.com/giving or by scanning the QR code.



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



# **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
Thomas Ken.

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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!

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Oh praise Him, Hallelujah!

Praise Him, above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Oh praise Him, oh praise Him, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!



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.

# THE LORD'S PRAYER PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts,
As we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen.



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

## Revelation 6 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Now I watched when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice like thunder, "Come!" <sup>2</sup> And I looked, and behold, a white horse! And its rider had a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering, and to conquer.

<sup>3</sup> When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!" <sup>4</sup> And out came another horse, bright red. Its rider was permitted to take peace from the earth, so that people should slay one another, and he was given a great sword. <sup>5</sup> When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" And I looked, and behold, a black horse! And its rider had a pair of scales in his hand. <sup>6</sup> And I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius, and do not harm the oil and wine!"

<sup>7</sup> When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" <sup>8</sup> And I looked, and behold, a pale horse! And its rider's name was Death, and Hades followed him. And they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by wild beasts of the earth. <sup>9</sup> When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. <sup>10</sup> They cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" <sup>11</sup> Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.

<sup>12</sup>When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, <sup>13</sup> and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. <sup>14</sup>The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. <sup>15</sup>Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, <sup>16</sup> calling to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, <sup>17</sup> for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

**PREACHER** 

ALL

The grass withers, the flower fades, But the Word of our God stands forever.

# Sermon Series

# **Revelation: A Picture Book For Our Present Conflict**

Rev. Ryan McVicar

**Horses Of Many Colors** 



# 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.

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

#### **CALL TO REPENTANCE**

#### 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 Him.

### **CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty King, we bow our heads before you confessing that we often forget that we are yours; We pursue our own glory and rule, we see others as subjects not neighbors, and we mistakenly consider our word to be more relevant than yours. We ask for your forgiveness and grace to illuminate our minds and redirect our hearts to the good news of Jesus Christ securing our salvation, reigning on high, and granting us the joy and peace of your Kingdom. Amen.

#### **MINISTER**

# **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Romans 4:7-8

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. <sup>7</sup> "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; <sup>8</sup> blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

#### MINISTER

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

#### MINISTER

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION** 

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



# HYMN AT THE TABLE

Jesus Thank You

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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

Lover of my soul
I want to live for You

#### **MINISTER**

The Words of Institution echo Jesus' words at the Last Supper, now inviting us to partake of the Bread and Wine in remembrance of Him.

# WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PARTAKING OF THE BREAD & WINE



# **SENDING HYMN**

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

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My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust my sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the 'whelming flood; When all around my soul gives way He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found, Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.

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**

# **BUILDING MAP**

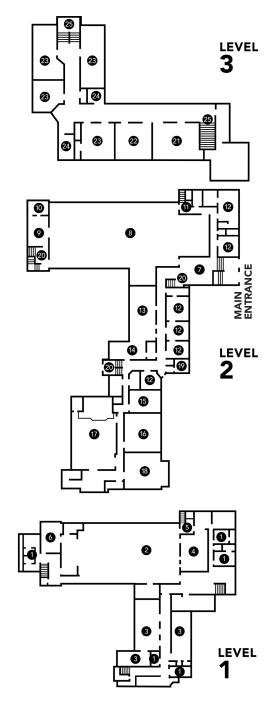
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  - **@** GARDEN ROOM
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  - **3** STAIRS

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- RESTROOMS
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- 6 ELEVATOR
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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.



#### **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



#### **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!

