

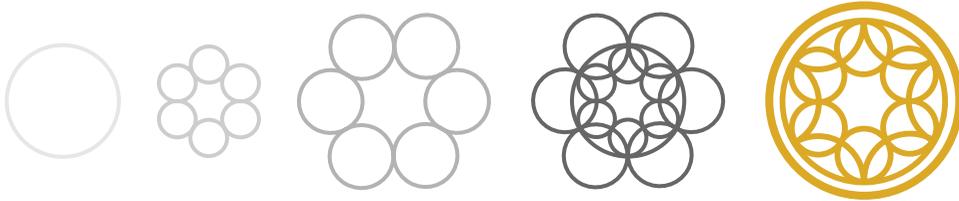


**NEW CITY**  
presbyterian church

**FEBRUARY 14, 2021**

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# 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

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## 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

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# LITURGY FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

As we gather to worship this morning, take a moment to reflect on this important historical event as a way to prepare for an encounter with the living God.

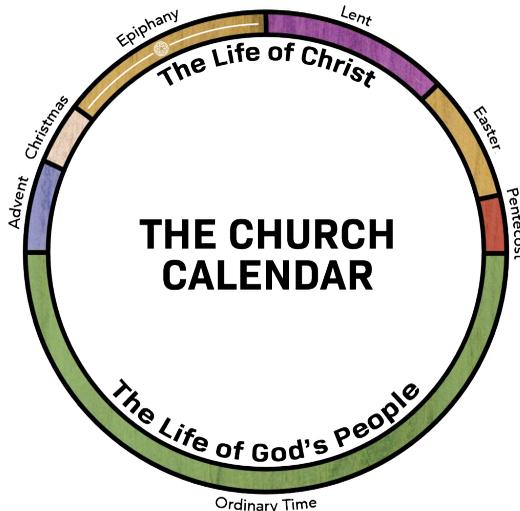
## WORD ON WORSHIP

Epiphany

Epiphany, which literally means “to show” or “make known,” is about Jesus Christ being revealed as both the divine Son of God and as Savior to the whole world. There are three specific stories within the Scriptures that mark the season of Epiphany. First, though typically connected to the Christmas narrative, the journey of the Magi reminds us that Christ came not just for the Jews but also for the Gentiles, showing God’s heart for the nations and the continued fulfillment of His promise to Abraham. The two other events that mark Epiphany are the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist and the miracle at the wedding feast in Cana. Both events, in their own way, reveal the divinity of Jesus Christ.

Focused on the coming of Jesus as the Son of God and the hope of the nations, Epiphany marks a time of celebration, rededication and declaration. It is a season for us to affirm the truth that Jesus Christ is the second person of the Trinity, the Word who became flesh to dwell among us, who was sent from the Father by the Spirit to reconcile people of all tribes, tongues and nations back to the Father by the Spirit. And, as we affirm the manifestation of Jesus Christ, we are called to renew our faith in Him and to proclaim

the good news that Jesus came to save sinners—both Jews and Gentiles. Some even say Epiphany serves as a sort of break between the coming of Christ and the passion of Christ, a season to rest in the promises of God fulfilled.



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

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,  
And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land  
Where my possessions lie

All o'er those wide extended plains  
Shines one eternal day  
There God the Son forever reigns  
And scatters night away

*// I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for the Promised Land //*

## On Jordan's Stormy Banks

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No chilling winds nor poisonous breath  
Can reach that healthful shore  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death  
Are felt and feared no more

When shall I reach that happy place  
And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face  
And in His bosom rest?

## LITANY FROM THE PSALMS

From Psalm 69

**WORSHIP LEADER** Zeal for Your house has totally consumed me.  
Those who reproach You censure and abuse me.  
**CONGREGATION** *When they revile You, they offend and wound me  
by their reproaches*

**WORSHIP LEADER** But, as for me, I make a prayer before You,  
when it is right, Lord God, again implore You.  
**CONGREGATION** *Since Your salvation ever will endure, You  
answer with mercy.*

**WORSHIP LEADER** Answer my prayer, Lord, in abundant goodness.  
Come near to help, with mercy in its fullness.  
**CONGREGATION** *Hide not Your face away, in all my sadness.  
Hasten to answer.*

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

## HYMN OF MERCY

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### Thy Mercy My God

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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.

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.

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.

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## CALL TO REPENTANCE

What is keeping you from experiencing zeal for the Lord, His Word, and worship?

What other things of this world have you been zealously pursuing? Have those become idols in your heart?

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Father, we are gathered today at the foot of the cross, to unburden our hearts and confess our sins. For we are a people who spurn Your love for other loves. We take our identity in You and our relationship to You lightly. We put our trust in power and prestige. We are afraid of the world's frown and displeasure. We are preoccupied with personal peace and affluence, and in their pursuit we inflict wounds on one another. Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive us for the sake of Your Son. For we pray in our Savior's blessed name, Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Isaiah 55:7

<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

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## PASTORAL PRAYER



## DOXOLOGY

## Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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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!

Praise God, from Whom all ble - sings flow;

5 Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;

9 Praise Him, a - bove ye hea - ven-ly host;

13 Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## 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

**FOR TEXT & ONLINE GIVING**  
Text dollar amount (e.g.: \$50) to 843-21  
Give online through Church Center, at [newcitypc.churchcenter.com/giving](http://newcitypc.churchcenter.com/giving) or by scanning the QR code.  
Alternatively, A dropbox is available in the Welcome Area for cash or check offerings.



*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.*

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.

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION



# THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S 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.

## John 2:13-22 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup> And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup> So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

<sup>22</sup> When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.



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

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**Destroy Me**

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# 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

**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



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## HYMN AT THE TABLE

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The Blood Of Jesus  
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What fountain's unrelenting stream is mighty as a flood?  
With force and care it ever cleans 'tis Jesus' precious blood

What river carries off my sins? What balm can heal my wounds?  
There is no tide or medicine But Jesus' blood alone

*All the guilty are forgiven  
All the captives are made clean and then set free  
Praise the Lord of power and mercy  
The blood of Jesus, shed for me*

What treasure, land, or salary could pay the debt I owe?  
The only valid currency is Jesus' blood that flows

Who pleads for me with His own blood and then my soul renews?  
He is my advocate and judge, and served my sentence, too

What theme shall now my soul employ in song before my God?  
A melody of love and joy and thanks for Jesus' blood



## SENDING HYMN

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### ○ For A Thousand Tongues

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O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of your name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease,  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood availed for me.

He speaks and listening to His voice  
New life the dead receive  
The mournful broken hearts rejoice  
The humble poor believe

Glory to God, and praise and love  
Be ever, ever given  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heaven.

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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

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# WELCOME HOME!

## SOME HOUSEKEEPING NOTES

We are beyond thankful to gather with you to worship our Lord! 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.

If you do not have non-disposable drinkware, please feel free to grab a New City branded coffee tumbler!

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 in both of our services.

A Cry Room is available in the Pinecrest Lobby.

Pre-school aged children are invited to participate in Kids' Bible Time during our worship services. KBT is a time of teaching from the Bible in an age-appropriate setting.

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.

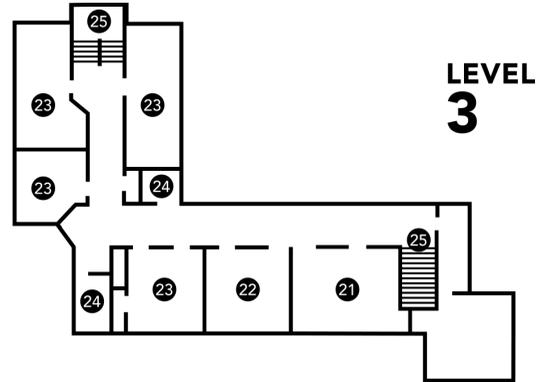


For perspective and practical tips regarding worshipping alongside children, please read our "Worshipping with Little Ones" article in our New City Journal by scanning this QR code.

# BUILDING MAP

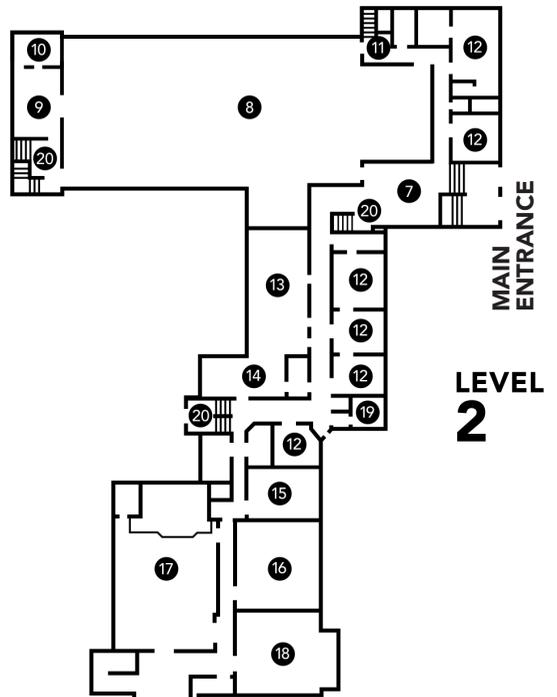
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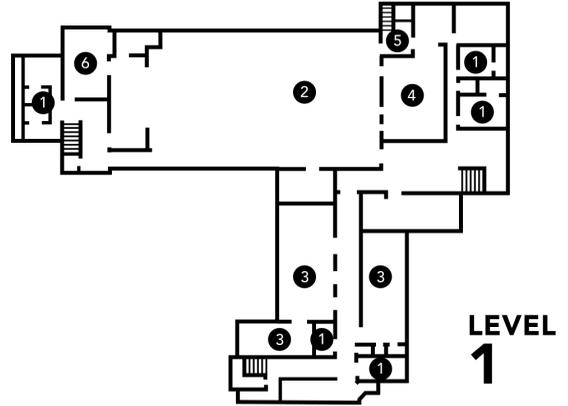
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- 14 GARDEN ROOM
- 15 NC STUDENTS CAFE
- 16 NC STUDENTS REC ROOM
- 17 CHAPEL
- 18 DRAYTON ROOM
- ♿ 19 RESTROOMS
- 20 STAIRS



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



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**NEWCITYPC.ORG**

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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](http://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 a 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](http://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](http://newcitypc.org/smallgroups)

Sign-up to receive our text notifications, by texting **newcitytexts** to 97-000.

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