

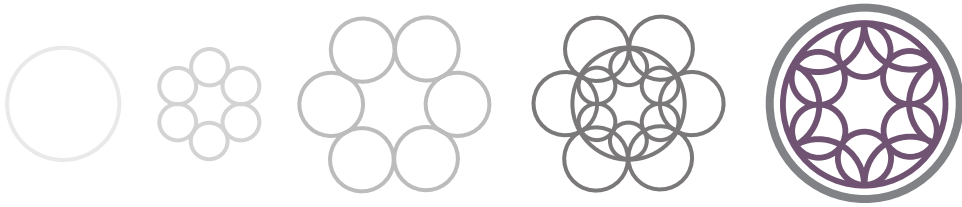


NEW CITY  
presbyterian church

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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.

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.



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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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Psalm 86:10-11

**LEADER**

<sup>10</sup> For you are great and do wondrous things;  
you alone are God.

**CONGREGATION**

<sup>11</sup> Teach [us] your way, O LORD,  
that [we] may walk in your truth;  
unite [our] hearts to fear your name.

## GATHERING HYMN

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How Firm A Foundation

*John Rippon.  
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How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;  
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

## READING FROM THE GOSPELS

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John 17:17-21

<sup>17</sup> "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

<sup>20</sup> "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,

<sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you [...]"

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



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## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

## HYMN OF PRAISE

O great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart  
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel power  
Let no vice or sin remain, that resists Your holy war  
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice  
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys  
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me  
Through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace  
Keep my heart and guard my soul, from the evils that I face  
You are worthy to be praised, with my every thought and deed  
O great God of highest heaven, glorify Your name through me

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O Great God

*Bob Kaufflin.*

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## 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

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

## DOXOLOGY

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!



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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.

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.

Gloria Patri

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Matthew 6:9-13

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.

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## 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.

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## PASTORAL PRAYER & PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Elder Ken Reynolds

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.



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# THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

## Joshua 9 (ESV)

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.

<sup>1</sup> As soon as all the kings who were beyond the Jordan in the hill country and in the lowland all along the coast of the Great Sea toward Lebanon, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, heard of this, <sup>2</sup> they gathered together as one to fight against Joshua and Israel.

<sup>3</sup> But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai, <sup>4</sup> they on their part acted with cunning and went and made ready provisions and took worn-out sacks for their donkeys, and wineskins, worn-out and torn and mended, <sup>5</sup> with worn-out, patched sandals on their feet, and worn-out clothes. And all their provisions were dry and crumbly. <sup>6</sup> And they went to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal and said to him and to the men of Israel, "We have come from a distant country, so now make a covenant with us." <sup>7</sup> But the men of Israel said to the Hivites, "Perhaps you live among us; then how can we make a covenant with you?" <sup>8</sup> They said to Joshua, "We are your servants." And Joshua said to them, "Who are you? And where do you come from?" <sup>9</sup> They said to him, "From a very distant country your servants have come, because of the name of the LORD your God. For we have heard a report of him, and all that he did in Egypt, <sup>10</sup> and all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon the king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth. <sup>11</sup> So our elders and all the inhabitants of our country said to us, 'Take provisions in your hand for the journey and go to meet them and say to them, "We are your servants. Come now, make a covenant with us."' <sup>12</sup> Here is our bread. It

was still warm when we took it from our houses as our food for the journey on the day we set out to come to you, but now, behold, it is dry and crumbly.<sup>13</sup> These wineskins were new when we filled them, and behold, they have burst. And these garments and sandals of ours are worn out from the very long journey.”<sup>14</sup> So the men took some of their provisions, but did not ask counsel from the LORD.<sup>15</sup> And Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant with them, to let them live, and the leaders of the congregation swore to them.

<sup>16</sup> At the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, they heard that they were their neighbors and that they lived among them.<sup>17</sup> And the people of Israel set out and reached their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kiriath-jearim.<sup>18</sup> But the people of Israel did not attack them, because the leaders of the congregation had sworn to them by the LORD, the God of Israel. Then all the congregation murmured against the leaders.<sup>19</sup> But all the leaders said to all the congregation, “We have sworn to them by the LORD, the God of Israel, and now we may not touch them.<sup>20</sup> This we will do to them: let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath that we swore to them.”<sup>21</sup> And the leaders said to them, “Let them live.” So they became cutters of wood and drawers of water for all the congregation, just as the leaders had said of them.

<sup>22</sup> Joshua summoned them, and he said to them, “Why did you deceive us, saying, We are very far from you,’ when you dwell among us?”<sup>23</sup> Now therefore you are cursed, and some of you shall never be anything but servants, cutters of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God.”<sup>24</sup> They answered Joshua, “Because it was told to your servants for a certainty that the LORD your God had commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you—so we feared greatly for our lives because of you and did this thing.<sup>25</sup> And now, behold, we are in your hand. Whatever seems good and right in your sight to do to us, do it.”<sup>26</sup> So he did this to them and delivered them out of the hand of the people of Israel, and they did not kill them.<sup>27</sup> But Joshua made them that day cutters of wood and drawers of water for the congregation and for the altar of the LORD, to this day, in the place that he should choose.





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**Here We Go Again**

**MAIN IDEA:** There is ongoing consequence to sin, neglect compiles sin, but God's grace turns us from sin.

Consequence to Sin

Neglect Compiles Sin

Turn from our Sin

What is our response?  
Turn from our sin!

Seek the Lord's Wisdom...ALWAYS!

Parents wanting to have their children alongside them during communion and for the remainder of the service, may now pick them up from their Kids' Bible Time classes.



## CHILDREN'S PICK-UP (NOT REQUIRED)

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

Now why this fear and unbelief  
Has not the Father put to grief  
His spotless Son for us  
And will the righteous Judge of men  
Condemn me for that debt of sin  
Now canceled at the cross

*Jesus all my trust is in Your blood  
Jesus You've rescued us  
Through Your great love*

Complete atonement You have made  
And by Your death have fully paid  
The debt Your people owed  
No wrath remains for us to face  
We're sheltered by Your saving grace  
And sprinkled with Your blood

*How sweet the sound of saving grace  
How sweet the sound of saving grace  
Christ died for me*

Be still my soul and know this peace  
The merits of your great High Priest  
Have bought your liberty  
Rely then on His precious blood  
Don't fear your banishment from God  
Since Jesus sets you free

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### Now Why This Fear

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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 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.

*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.

*MINISTER*

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

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## CALL TO REPENTANCE

### CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, we humble ourselves before You, confessing our self-reliance and our unwillingness to seek Your will in all things. We often make decisions that harm ourselves, others, and dishonor You. Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of discernment and for our failure to heed Your words of wisdom. May Your Spirit quicken us to acknowledge our sin, to turn from our selfish ways, and to pursue a life that brings You glory. We ask all these things in the powerful name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Proverbs 3:7-8

<sup>7</sup> Be not wise in your own eyes;  
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.  
<sup>8</sup> It will be healing to your flesh  
and refreshment to your bones.

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### INVITATION & FENCING OF THE TABLE

### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

**HYMN AT THE TABLE**

The Blood Of Jesus

*Czechowicz, Hendershot.*

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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

**MINISTER****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

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O The Love Of My Redeemer

*Josh Caterer.  
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Highest heights or darkest deep, be there pain or poverty  
There is nothing that can keep my Redeemer's love from me

All alone though I may feel; all the world my enemy  
Still there's no one that can steal my Redeemer's love from me

O the love of my Redeemer; never failing, come what may  
He has purchased my forgiveness, and has washed my sins away

Although burdened by the weight of great trial or tragedy  
None of these can separate my Redeemer's love from me

Though the earth's foundations shake, driving wind, or raging sea  
Neither death nor life can take my Redeemer's love from me

Through this world's few passing days, and through all eternity,  
I will never cease to praise my Redeemer's love for me

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## 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.



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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!

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