

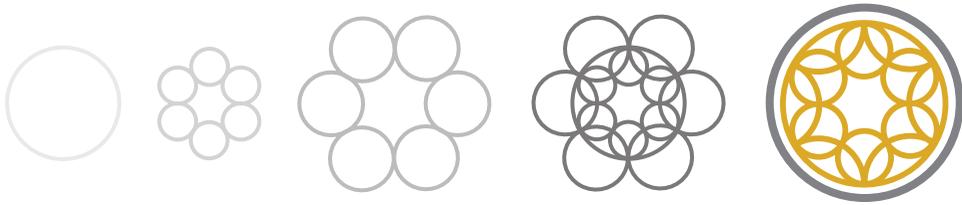


NEW CITY  
presbyterian church

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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.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Micah 6:6-8 & Ezekiel 36:26-27

### LEADER

With what shall we come before the LORD,  
and bow ourselves before God on high?  
Shall we come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall we give our firstborn for our transgression,  
the fruit of our bodies for the sin of our souls?"

### CONGREGATION

The Lord has told us what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of us  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with our God?

### ALL

Thus says the Lord GOD:  
I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you.  
And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give  
you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause  
you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.



## GATHERING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

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Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above



## READING FROM THE EPISTLES

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

<sup>13</sup> [...] we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup>To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Holy, Holy, Holy

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*Holy is the Lord Almighty*

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Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea  
All the kings and rulers falling down before Thee  
Who was and is and evermore shall be

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art Holy; There is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Jesus our Savior, mighty King of kings

## 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.



## TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

## OFFERTORY HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down,  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art.  
Visit us with Thy salvation; enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast.  
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be.  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all Thy life receive.  
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; true and spotless let us be.  
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee.  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

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.



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**

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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 & PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

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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.



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# THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

## Colossians 2:16-23 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup> Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. <sup>17</sup> These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup> Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, <sup>19</sup> and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

<sup>20</sup> If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— <sup>21</sup> "Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch" <sup>22</sup> (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? <sup>23</sup> These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

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.

Sermon Series:



**Colossians: Christ Preeminent & Sufficient**

**Resting in the Sufficiency of Christ**

Elder Ken Reynolds

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)

## 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!

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.



## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

From 1 Corinthians 2:12-16

We have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given to us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual; We have the mind of Christ.

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

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## 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 our merciful God.

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we come before You with humble hearts, to repent of our sin.

We confess that too often we lose sight of Your Truth and Your Spirit, in our worship as well as in our daily lives. We daily overlook Your Holy Spirit's beautiful invitations to wonder and worship, and exchange them for empty, human rituals and short-sighted pleasures. Forgive us, Lord.

Kindle in us, Holy Spirit, a deep longing for Your Word, a transformative relationship with Christ, and an invigorating hope in glory, that we may live lives that rise as a pleasing aroma to You. We pray all this in the powerful name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### 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.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Romans 8:1-2

<sup>1</sup> There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

### MINISTER

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

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## 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

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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.

ALL

## HYMN AT THE TABLE

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet  
My Savior on that cursed tree.

His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone.

*O praise the name of the Lord our God  
O praise His name forever more  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.*

Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of Heaven rose again  
O trampled death, where is your sting?  
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

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○ Praise the Name (Anástasis)

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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 Great God

*Bob Kaufflin.*

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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

## 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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