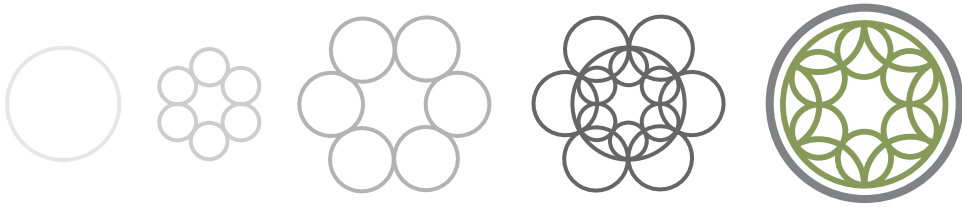




NEW CITY
presbyterian church

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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

Matthew 11:28-29

²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

GATHERING HYMN

Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

*Louisa M. R. Stead, William James Kirkpatrick.
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'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take him at his word
Just to rest upon his promise
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust his cleansing blood
And in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him over and over!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!*

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus
Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace

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

CHRIST HYMN

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

*Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, Rich Thompson.
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What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer, There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken, For by my side, the Savior He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me, Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated, Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me, Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat, Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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

FOR TEXT & ONLINE GIVING

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.

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 PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Elder Scott Cairo



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.

Psalm 33:13-22 (ESV)

¹³ The LORD looks down from heaven;
he sees all the children of man;
¹⁴ from where he sits enthroned he looks out
on all the inhabitants of the earth,
¹⁵ he who fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.
¹⁶ The king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
¹⁷ The war horse is a false hope for salvation,
and by its great might it cannot rescue.
¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
¹⁹ that he may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.
²⁰ Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.
²¹ For our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.
²² Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

PREACHER
ALL

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



Secure in The Lord

1) God's Intimacy

2) Mankind's Problem

3) Trust in the Lord

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

Jesus, You are the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. You are Holy, Almighty, and nothing stands above You. We humbly approach You to confess our sinful desire to usurp Your throne and rule over our own lives. Forgive us, Lord, for rejecting Your sovereignty, for questioning Your authority over us, and for resisting Your perfect rule. King of all glory, have mercy on us and lead us to love and serve You faithfully. 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.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Acts 10:43

⁴³To [Jesus of Nazareth] all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

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

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





HYMN AT THE TABLE

Before The Throne Of God Above

*Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook.
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Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest, whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free,
For God the just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb!
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable "I am"
The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself, I cannot die;
My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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

To God Be The Glory

Fanny Crosby.
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To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son.
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.*

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

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

WORSHIPPING WITH LITTLE ONES

What a joy and privilege to worship with children! Worship is a communal activity in which we participate together as a church family and is one of the best ways to welcome children into the life of the church. Yet, children are in the process of learning the significance of worship and how to worship. During times in which we offer Nursery and Kids Bible Time, teachers emphasize why we worship and help children learn prayers and songs that are typically part of our services. However, during our season of *Worship On The Lawn*, there are ways parents and congregants alike can aid our children in the joys of worship.

FOR PARENTS:

Parents have the responsibility and blessing to lead and train children in worship. Consider the tips below to help you in this process:

- Start Saturday night by looking at the worship bulletin (newcitypc.org/live) and practicing songs that will be sung. Prepare a backpack or one of our New City Kids' totes with a notebook, markers, play-doh, and other tools that can help your child engage the worship service.
- Children—and adults!—can concentrate and hear better if they sit up front. Consider using a pic-nic blanket if they need some space to move around.
- Worship *with* rather than *beside* children. Help your child who can't read by singing the words of the chorus in their ears so they can sing along.
- Help them follow along in the Bible. Point out words for young or non-readers that are repetitive.
- Allow children to participate in offering by sharing their allowance.
- Whisper instructions or comments such as, "Now is the time when we tell God how great He is."

FOR THE REST OF US:

Church is not for adults only. Supporting the children of New City as they grow as worshippers of the Lord is the responsibility of us all.

- Remember the commitment you made as a church when children were baptized, a commitment to encourage them to become disciples of Christ.
- Introduce yourself to the child sitting beside you. Make him or her feel welcomed and important.
- Have patience with the learning process and pray for families.
- Compliment children who are listening attentively during the service.
- Consider providing encouragement and support for single mothers or children with special needs.
- As we worship, look around. Can we make the experience easier for the families learning how to worship?

Teaching children how to worship the Lord with reverence and awe is something we can all be excited about doing. What a blessing and privilege is this special endeavor!

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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

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!