

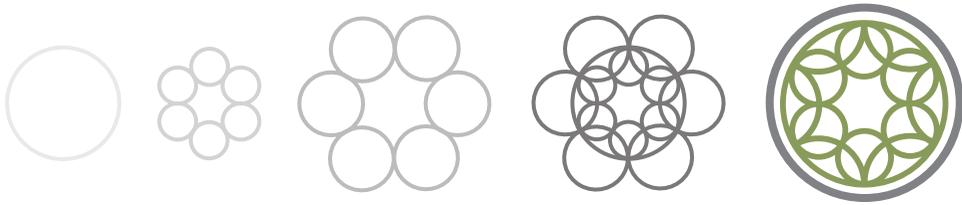


NEW CITY  
presbyterian church

**AUGUST 27, 2023**



# 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

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Ephesians 2:4-7

<sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

## GATHERING HYMN

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His Mercy Is More

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What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord  
His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

## READING FROM THE EPISTLES

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1 Timothy 1:16-17

<sup>16</sup> But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

The Prayer of Adoration is a praiseful pondering of the person, attributes and works of God, intended to draw our hearts closer to our Heavenly Father, in awe.



## PRAYER OF ADORATION

## HYMN OF TRUST

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall  
There is still one King reigning over all  
So I will not fear for this truth remains:  
That my God is the Ancient of Days

*None above Him, none before Him  
All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power, all the glory  
I will trust in His name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days*

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me, I am not alone  
O His love is sure, and He knows my name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see what the future brings  
I will watch and wait for the Savior King  
Then my joy complete standing face to face  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

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### Ancient Of Days

*Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren,  
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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

## OFFERTORY HYMN

Here is love, vast as the ocean,  
Lovingkindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom,  
Shed for us His precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten,  
Throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion,  
Fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy  
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,  
Poured incessant from above,  
And Heav'n's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world in love.

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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.

### VISITING US?

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

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

Here Is Love

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Let me all Thy love accepting,  
Love Thee, ever all my days;  
Let me seek Thy kingdom only  
And my life be to Thy praise;  
Thou alone shalt be my glory,  
Nothing in the world I see.  
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me,  
Thou Thyself hast set me free.

In Thy truth Thou dost direct me  
By Thy Spirit through Thy Word;  
And Thy grace my need is meeting,  
As I trust in Thee, my Lord.  
Of Thy fullness Thou art pouring  
Thy great love and pow'r on me,  
Without measure, full and boundless,  
Drawing out my heart to Thee.



# 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 90 (ESV)

### A PRAYER OF MOSES, THE MAN OF GOD.

- <sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.  
<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.  
<sup>3</sup> You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"  
<sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in your sight  
are but as yesterday when it is past,  
or as a watch in the night.  
<sup>5</sup> You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream,  
like grass that is renewed in the morning:  
<sup>6</sup> in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
in the evening it fades and withers.  
<sup>7</sup> For we are brought to an end by your anger;  
by your wrath we are dismayed.  
<sup>8</sup> You have set our iniquities before you,  
our secret sins in the light of your presence.  
<sup>9</sup> For all our days pass away under your wrath;  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.  
<sup>10</sup> The years of our life are seventy,  
or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble;  
they are soon gone, and we fly away.  
<sup>11</sup> Who considers the power of your anger,  
and your wrath according to the fear of you?  
<sup>12</sup> So teach us to number our days  
that we may get a heart of wisdom.  
<sup>13</sup> Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!  
<sup>14</sup> Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.  
<sup>15</sup> Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,  
and for as many years as we have seen evil.  
<sup>16</sup> Let your work be shown to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.  
<sup>17</sup> Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and establish the work of our hands upon us;  
yes, establish the work of our hands!



Sermon Series:

**Psalms for the Summer**

Rev. Matt Luchenbill

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**From Everlasting to Everlasting**

**MAIN IDEA:** God is everlasting, we are dust, the Lord numbers our days

God is Everlasting:

We are Dust:

Lord, Number Our Days:



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

Eternal God, our Refuge and Strength, we come before You acknowledging our transgressions and ashamed of our sin. Your Word reminds us that our days are fleeting, yet we manage to fill them with pride and self-sufficiency; with toil and angst. Lord, forgive us and teach our hearts to order life in view of eternity, to know ourselves established in the work of Your hands, and to rest in the Sabbath You have eternally secured for us. In the safety of Your presence, continue to shed light on our sinful ways, so that by Your truth we may gain wisdom of heart and live to the praise of Your glory. We rejoice in Your steadfast love, as we make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, 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

From Micah 7:18-20

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? [...]

You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

### 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

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

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Jesus Thank You

Pat Sczebel.

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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

The Lord is King! Lift up your voice,  
O earth, and all ye heavens, rejoice!  
From world to world the joy shall ring,  
"The Lord omnipotent is King!"

*Sing His praise, sing His praise  
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days  
Sing His praise, sing His praise  
All your days, all your days.*

The Lord is King! Who then shall dare  
Resist His will, distrust his care?  
Or murmur at His wise decrees,  
Or doubt His royal promises?

The Lord is King! Bow down you must,  
The Judge of all the earth is just;  
Holy and true are all His ways;  
Let every creature sing His praise.

One Lord, one kingdom, all secures;  
He reigns, and life and death are yours:  
Through Heaven and earth one song shall ring,  
"The Lord omnipotent is King!"

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The Lord Is King  
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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!