

NEW CITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**A GATHERED SERVICE
OF WORSHIP**

FEBRUARY 10, 2013

Welcome to New City Presbyterian Church. We're delighted that you've joined us this morning for our gathered service of worship. Our community 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 and the central message of the Bible to be 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 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 Presbyterian Church exists to be a community rooted in truth, real in conversation and committed to renewing our lives and our city.

As the Pastor at New City, it is my privilege to extend to you an invitation to come be part of the New City Church community and to be astonished, together with us, by the splendor and grace of God.

- Ryan McVicar

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
to whoever will come - this church opens wide her doors
and offers you welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*



ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD



REFLECTION & SILENT PREPARATION

“The only way to deal with remaining sin long term is to develop a distaste for it in light of the glorious riches we already possess in Christ. I need my real friends to remind me of this – every day. Please tell me again and again that God doesn’t love me more when I obey or less when I disobey.”

Tullian Tchividjian

“Because we children of Adam want to become great, he became small. Because we will not stoop, he humbled himself. Because we want to rule, he came to serve.”

Oswald Sanders

“Whatever language or terminology we use to talk about the great gift that the one true God has given to his people in and through Jesus Christ... it remains precisely a gift. It is never something we can earn... It is not the case that we begin by being justified by grace through faith and then have to go to work all by ourselves to complete the job.”

Tom Wright

PASTOR'S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN OF ADORATION

“BEHOLD OUR GOD”

*Who has held the oceans in His hand?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice*

CHORUS *Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him!*

*Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?*

*Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign*

*You will reign forever!
Let Your glory fill the earth (Repeat)*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

 *Please stand*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

ALL Almighty God, your mercy is higher than the heavens,
wider than our wanderings, deeper than our sin.
Forgive our shallow attitude toward life,
our callousness toward suffering,
our envy of others, our neglect of your wise law.
Help us to change the way we live
so that we may desire what is good,
love what you love, and do what you command,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF REDEMPTION

“PSALM 130 (FROM THE DEPTHS OF WOE)”

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee
The voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me
And hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark,
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before Thee?
O who shall stand before Thee?

To wash away the crimson stain,
Grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain;
In much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight,
All must alike confess Thy might,
And live alone by mercy
And live alone by mercy

Therefore my trust is in the Lord,
And not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word
Upholds my fainting spirit;

 *Please stand*

His promised mercy is my fort,
My comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience
I wait for it with patience

Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows,
Our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He,
Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow
From all their sin and sorrow

BRINGING GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

“THE GOSPEL SONG”

*Holy God, in love, became
Perfect Man to bear my blame
On the cross He took my sin
By His death I live again*


PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONDING WITH GRATITUDE

“DOXOLOGY”

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen. ❁*

 Please Stand

 K4-3rd grade are welcome to
join the children in the Kids City
room for Children's Worship

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 3:1-16

1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." 3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of

the Spirit." 9 Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? 11 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

"These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, and that by believing you may have life."

John 20:31

MINISTER "The grass withers, the flower fades."

ALL "But the word of our God stands forever."

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SERIES: Who is Jesus and what do we do with him?

SERMON: "NEW BIRTH OR NEW RELIGION?"

John 3:1-16

Notes and Thoughts for New City Group Discussions About the Sunday Sermon

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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 word of encouragement. If you are not a Christian, we encourage you to spend this time reflecting on the prayers printed below in the hopes that a relationship with Jesus and membership in His Church may be considered.

We will be coming forward to participate in Communion. Clear cups (located on the perimeter of the tray) contain grape juice. Red cups (interior of tray) contain wine.

Jesus is truly and spiritually present and stands ready to feed you. Come hungry. Come thirsty. Come ready to be filled.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Westminster Catechism :: Question 21*

MINISTER Who is the Redeemer of God's people?

ALL The only Redeemer of God's people, is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, for ever.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION COMMUNION PRAYERS

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 this 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, therefore, O Lord, the grace to commune now with Christ by faith, that I may evermore live in him and he in me. Amen.

Please let an usher know if it is difficult for you to come forward.

We would be happy to serve you at your seat.

COMMUNION SONG

“JESUS, I COME”

*Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.*

*Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.*

*Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.*

*Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.*

*Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.*

*Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.*

*Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.*

*Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.*

*Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.*

COMMUNION SONG

“BEHOLD THE LAMB”

*Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and 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 heav'n He stands.
No tongue can bid me thence depart
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
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
With Christ my Savior and my God*

HYMN OF GRATITUDE

“JESUS, THANK YOU” 

*The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend
The agonies of Calvary
You the perfect holy One crushed Your Son
Drank the bitter cup reserved for me*

CHORUS *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*

BENEDICTION & THE CHILDREN’S GATHERING

*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 (repeat)

 *Please stand*

NEW CITY NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New City Groups New City is committed to deep and transformational community life and the backbone of our community life is found in New City Groups. These regional small groups (8-12 people) serve as our primary vehicle for spiritual formation, study, prayer, discipleship and mission. They are essential for keeping the church small enough for people to connect relationally between Sundays and local enough for people to exercise their gifts and passions for needs in our neighborhoods and networks. Find more information at the Welcome Table.

Current New City Groups:

Every other Wednesday / 7pm / Caribou Coffee in downtown Royal Oak

Contact: ryan@newcitypc.org

Every other Sunday / 5pm / Krieg Home

Contact: krieg3family@msn.com

Every other Sunday / 5pm / Ammons Home

Contact: meredithammons@hotmail.com or kacairo1@msn.com

Worship Arts & Music If you are a musician and desire to serve the New City Congregation through the use of your musical talents, contact Evan Chisholm, who serves as the Director of Music and Worship Arts.

music@newcitypc.org

Nursery and Children's Ministry Our Children's Ministry Director, Mandi Krieg, would love to tell you more about our vision for children's ministry at New City and ways that you might serve. If you are interested to learn more about this ministry, please contact Mandi at kids@newcitypc.org

Kids Valentines Craft Party This Wednesday, 2/14 from 10am - 12:30. Contact Megan for details at mpmcvcicar@gmail.com

New City Kids Trip On Thursday, 2/21 at 10:30am join up with other families for a trip to the Lego exhibit at the Henry Ford Museum. If interested, please contact Megan at mpmcvcicar@gmail.com

Ladies Night The women are gathering for fun and fellowship at the Town Tavern (next to the New City office on 4th Street in Royal Oak) on Monday, February 11 at 8pm. Contact Megan for details (mpmcvcicar@gmail.com)

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Pastor's Dessert Questions about New City? Curious about who we are? All are invited to Pastor McVicar's home on the first Thursday of every month (7PM) to enjoy dessert and to allow time for questions about the vision, values and beliefs of New City Presbyterian Church. If planning to attend, please check the box below and place in the offering plate or dropbox at the back of the Auditorium. We look forward to spending time with you!

Thank You to everyone who has given so generously of their time, energy and resources to help New City launch our public worship services!

Questions Following every worship service, Pastor McVicar will meet with all who are interested to ask questions about the sermon or the church. Gather in the front rows (stage right).

Bibles If you do not have a Bible, please use one of the newly donated Bibles found at the back of the auditorium. If you do not own a Bible, we invite you to keep one to take home and read.

Books and Resources Check out our book table in the welcome area to discover many of our favorite books that will be helpful to those who are exploring the Christian Faith, as well as books that will be helpful to those who are looking to grow deeper in their relationship with God.

VISITOR AND EVENT INFORMATION

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

- Membership at New City? I would like to learn more.
- New City Groups? I would like more info about attending a group
- Pastors Dessert? I would like to come and learn more about New City
- I have questions about the Bible or questions about becoming a Christian and would like to discuss these questions with someone.
- I would like to ask the New City Prayer Team to pray for:

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