



NEW CITY  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**A GATHERED SERVICE  
OF WORSHIP**

FEBRUARY 24, 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

*Song of Preparation: Glorious Christ*

*“If there lurks in most modern minds the notion that to desire our own good and earnestly to hope for the enjoyment of it is a bad thing, I submit that this notion has crept in from Kant and the Stoics and is no part of the Christian faith. Indeed, if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.” **C.S. Lewis***

*“Official Christianity, of late years, has been having what is known as ‘a bad press.’ We are constantly assured that the churches are empty because preachers insist too much upon doctrine - ‘dull doctrine,’ as people call it. The fact is the precise opposite. It is the neglect of doctrine that makes for dullness. The Christian faith is the most exciting drama that ever staggered the imagination of man - and the doctrine is the drama.” **Dorothy Sayers***

*“whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again.” **Jesus***

## **PASTOR'S WELCOME**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

## **HYMN OF ADORATION**

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

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  
Cherubim and seraphim, Falling down before Thee  
Which wert and art, And evermore shalt 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

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

 *Please stand*

# ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE EPISTLES

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-9

“But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith.”

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; grant us grace and open to us a future in which we will grow more and more in your likeness and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

MINISTER Hear the good news!  
Who is in a position to condemn?  
Only Christ, and Christ died for us,  
Christ rose for us,  
Christ reigns in power for us,  
Christ prays for us.  
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.  
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

**ALL Thanks be to God.**

## SONG OF JOY

“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*

*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)*

## 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 4:1-30

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John 2 (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), 3 he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. 4 And he had to pass through Samaria. 5 So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. 7 A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8 (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." 11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." 13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I

will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." 16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." 17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." 25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." 26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." 27 Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" 28 So the woman left her water jar and went away into town

and said to the people, 29 “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” 30 They went out of the town and were coming to him.

“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 flowers fade.”

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:** “I THIRST” *Part 2*

John 4:1-30

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*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

*Philippians 2:6-11*

MINISTER Whom do we worship as our Lord and King?

**ALL** We worship Jesus as our Lord and King, "who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

## 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

“BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

*Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great high Priest whose name is love  
Whoever 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*

# 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.*

# HYMN OF REDEMPTION

“IN CHRIST ALONE” 

*In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease!  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand*

*In Christ alone! - who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This Gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied -  
For every sin on Him was laid:  
Here in the death of Christ I live*

*There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine -  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ*

## BENEDICTION & THE CHILDREN'S GATHERING

*No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till he returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!*

 Please stand

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## NEW CITY NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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 / Sullivan Home

Contact: [ryan@newcitypc.org](mailto:ryan@newcitypc.org)

Every other Sunday / 5pm / Krieg Home

Contact: [krieg3family@msn.com](mailto:krieg3family@msn.com)

Every other Sunday / 5pm / Ammons Home

Contact: [meredithammons@hotmail.com](mailto:meredithammons@hotmail.com) or [kacairo1@msn.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:kids@newcitypc.org)

**Giving** Thank you for generously offering your talents, gifts and resources. These are always the worshipful response of those who have tasted the riches of God's grace found in the gospel. If you are visiting or simply exploring the Christian Faith, please do not feel compelled to give. For more information about a biblical perspective on tithing, to learn more about various ways to give to New City or to find out more about using your talents and resources to advance God's Kingdom, please visit: [www.newcitypc.org/contribute](http://www.newcitypc.org/contribute)

**Envelopes and Information** Envelopes for giving are placed in the back of the sanctuary and can be picked up at anytime for your convenience. You can also place contact information (found on the next page), prayer requests or requests for information about New City in the offering plate or in the dropbox located in the back.

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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 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.

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## VISITOR AND EVENT INFORMATION

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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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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