



NEW CITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**A GATHERED SERVICE
OF WORSHIP**

MARCH 3, 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.*



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REFLECTION & SILENT PREPARATION

*"I dreamed a dream in time gone by,
When hope was high and life, worth living.
I dreamed that love would never die,
I dreamed that God would be forgiving . . .
I had a dream my life would be
So different from this hell I'm living,
So different now from what it seemed . . .
Now life has killed the dream I dreamed . . ."*

Fantine, Les Miserables

"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

"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

“ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING”

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Allelujah! Allelujah!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Allelujah!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!

All the redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
O praise Him! Allelujah!
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!

He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him! Allelujah!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!

 *Please stand*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

READING FROM THE LAW

MATTHEW 22:37-40

“And he said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.’”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL Merciful God, We have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Hide your face from our sins and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us a clean heart as we rest in the finished work of Christ, the savior of the world.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

MINISTER God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

ALL For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

SONG OF REDEMPTION

“WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDEROUS CROSS” 

*When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.*

CHORUS *O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name*

*See from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all*

 Please stand

BRINGING GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

"COME THOU FOUNT"

*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.*

*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, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.*

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. ❀*



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

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 4:27-42

[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. [31] Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." [32] But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." [33] So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" [34] Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. [35] Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest." [39] Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's

testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." [40] So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. [41] And many more believed because of his word. [42] They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

ACTS 8:1-8

"And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison. Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the crowds with

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

John 20:31

one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city.”

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: “ROOTED. REAL. RENEWED.”

John 4:27-42, Acts 8:1-8

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

Colossians 1:13–20

MINISTER "He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

ALL For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, making peace by the blood of his cross."

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

“BEHOLD THE LAMB”

*Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us: and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.*

*The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
Torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal,
The death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of Love
Around the table of the King.*

*The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of Grace
Around the table of the King.*

*And so with thankfulness and faith We rise
To respond: and to remember.
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.*

HYMN OF DEVOTION

“ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST” 

*I once was lost in darkest night,
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life,
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own,
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first,
I would refuse You still*

*But as I ran my hellbound race,
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state,
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed,
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me,
Now all I know is grace*

CHORUS *Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life*

BENEDICTION & THE CHILDREN'S GATHERING

*Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone,
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands,
Could never come from me
Oh Father, use my ransomed life,
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be,
My only boast is You*

 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 / Sullivan Home

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 desire to serve the New City Congregation through the use of your musical talents, contact Evan Chisholm, our Director of Music and Worship Arts, to learn more. 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

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

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!

Homelessness Please consider donating to the "Freeze" event at the Westborn Market this Saturday (11 to 7). Needed items for the homeless: Clothing (men, women and children) and health/beauty care. Thank you!

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 don't have a Bible, feel free to grab a bible from the back of the auditorium. We invite you to keep it if you do not own a Bible.

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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