

NEW CITY  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**A GATHERED SERVICE  
OF WORSHIP**

MAY 12, 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



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## REFLECTION & SILENT PREPARATION

*“That the lost sheep are sought, that the prodigal son can return, that salvation is preached to publicans and sinners, is only true and possible because Jesus is the Christ, and in him the kingdom of God has come... The entire people, even in its least elegant members, is God’s flock and as such the object of Jesus’ mercy and love.”*

**Herman Ridderbos**

*“You don’t realize Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you have.”*

**Timothy Keller**

*“Jesus did not suffer martyrdom. . . . Jesus went to his death knowing that it was his Father’s will that he face death completely alone as the sacrificial, wrath averting Passover Lamb. As his death was unique, so also his anguish; and our best response to it is hushed worship.”*

**D. A. Carson**

*“The Church is something you enter at your own risk. Because you might actually bump into humanity there. You might hit up against something you disagree with. You might have to listen to music you don’t like. You might get asked to share your stuff. You might learn from a tradition far older than you, and realize how small you are standing before such a legacy. You might even be asked to worship something other than yourself.”*

**Lillian Daniel**

## PASTOR'S WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## HYMN OF PRAISE

“GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS”

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be*

**CHORUS** *Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me*

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside*

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

## DECLARATION OF THE LAW

JEREMIAH 9:23-24

This is what the LORD says: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.”

 *Please stand*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL** Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## DECLARATION OF THE GOSPEL

**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 pray 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.

## HYMN OF REDEMPTION

“WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS 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*

**(continued on page 5)**

 Please stand

*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*

## **BRINGING GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**MINISTER** Generous Father, giver of all gifts, who purchased us at the immeasurable cost of the blood of your son, sharing his inheritance of the riches of your kingdom and lavishing your love on us:

**ALL** We joyfully and freely give back to you what is yours with thanksgiving and we profane the power, seduction and human splendor that money has been endowed with. We now return it to its status as any other object, to be used to glorify your Name.


## “AMAZING LOVE”

*I'm forgiven because You were forsaken  
I'm accepted, You were condemned  
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died and rose again*

*Amazing love, how can it be  
That You, my King, should die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true  
It's my joy to honor You  
In all I do, I honor You*

## 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. *

## SCRIPTURE READING

### ACTS 2:37-47

37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” 38 And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and for

your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” 40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” 41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

 *Please stand*



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

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and

belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

MINISTER "All people are like grass, and all their beauty is like the flowers of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades,"

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

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD**

**SERIES:** The Acts of Jesus In and Through His Church

**SERMON:** "THE CHURCH"

Acts 2:37-47

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

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

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## 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.

## **MINISTRY OF PRAYER**

The ministry of prayer is one of the ways we live together as a community of believers and seekers. During Communion, members of our prayer team are available at the front and back of the sanctuary. It would be our privilege to pray with you as we walk together through the joys and struggles of life.

# 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

“NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS”

*What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

**CHORUS** *Oh! Precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

*For my pardon this I see  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
For my cleansing, this my plea  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

*Nothing can for sin atone  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Naught of good that I have done  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

*This is all my hope and peace  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
This is all my righteousness  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

## HYMN OF DEPARTURE

“THE CHURCH IS ONE FOUNDATION” 

*The church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word  
From heaven He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride  
With His own blood He bought her  
And for her life He died*

*Elect from every nation  
Yet one over all the earth  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth  
One holy Name she blesses  
Partakes one holy food  
And to one hope she presses  
With every grace endued*

*The church shall never perish  
Her dear Lord to defend  
To guide, sustain and cherish  
Is with her to the end  
Though there be those that hate her  
And false sons in her pale  
Against a foe or traitor  
She ever shall prevail*

## BENEDICTION & THE CHILDREN'S GATHERING

*Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won  
O happy ones and holy  
Lord, Give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly  
On high may dwell with Thee*

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## NEW CITY NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Happy Mothers Day!** Moms, please pick a flower on your way out this morning and know that New City is thankful for you and will always hold you up in prayer.

**New City Kids Music Camp:** Save the date! July 10 - 14 (Wed - Fri 9am to 12noon, Saturday evening bbq and Sunday morning worship with the kids participating) is our first ever Summer Kids Camp. We hope your kids (ages 4 - 12) will join us for this music-rich, gospel-saturated and fun-filled camp. The camp will be even better if you invite friends and neighbors. We are in need of women volunteers (teen and up) to serve and lead different aspects of the camp. The camp is free! To register or volunteer, please check the box on pg. 14 and note the number of children you are registering, along with their age. Nursery will be provided for our volunteers. For more information, email Mandi at [kids@newcitypc.org](mailto:kids@newcitypc.org).

**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 or email Ryan at [ryan@newcitypc.org](mailto:ryan@newcitypc.org).

**Sunday Picnics** As you know, New City deeply values community and relationships. One avenue for this on a weekly basis throughout the Spring and Summer months (weather permitting) is to enjoy our Sunday Picnics. All are invited to bring a “brown bag” lunch or pick up something to eat after our worship services to gather on the lawn behind the Middle School. Feel free to bring a football, soccerball, frisbee or anything else as all ages enjoy some laid-back time together after worship.

**Sermons** can be found here: [newcitypc.org/sundays/sermons](http://newcitypc.org/sundays/sermons)

**Servant Team** We are organizing a “Servant Team” comprised of people who will invest their time, energy and skills on Sunday mornings to assist in the set-up and take-down needs before and after our gathered service of worship. New City will be blessed to have you prayerfully consider being on one of these rotations serving to beautify our sanctuary, disinfect nursery toys, set up the welcome area, prepare coffee and much more. We’re confident you will enjoy fellowshiping with others as you serve together. Whether you serve weekly, monthly or every other month, you will help to make New City stronger. Thank you for your willingness to serve! To join this team, check the box on pg. 14 and we will contact you with details.

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**Tigers Game** Following the Worship Service on June 9th, we will head downtown to enjoy each other's fellowship at a Tigers game! Tix are limited and can be purchased from Steve Sharp near the welcome table following the service (beginning today). Tickets are \$20. Please make checks to New City Church. Tickets will be given to you upon payment and cannot be reserved or held for you in advance. We hope you will join us! Steve can be reached at *sharpie77@yahoo.com*

**Nursery and Children's Ministry** To learn more about the vision, philosophy, safety standards and curriculum of the New City Kids ministry, visit [www.newcitypc.org/kids/vision](http://www.newcitypc.org/kids/vision). Here are a few of the ways we hope to serve your family:

- *New City Nursery:* We are delighted to work hard to provide the highest level of safety, care and Christian nurture for children ages **0 - 3** in our Sunday nursery. For more information, contact Mandi Krieg (Children's Ministry Director) at *kids@newcitypc.org*
- *New City Kids Bible Time:* Children **K4 - 3rd Grade** are invited to enjoy rich Christian teaching and training in the Kids area during the sermon.
- *Family Balcony:* Families with young children are invited to stay throughout the entire worship service as well. Feel free to sit in the balcony if it will serve you to nurse your infant or sit with younger children needing to move around. Coloring pages and Kids Sermon Notes available in back.

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## VISITOR AND EVENT INFORMATION

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

- Membership at New City? I would like to learn more.
- We plan to attend the New City Kids Music Camp (list ages below)
- Pastor's 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 am interested in serving on the "Servant Team" (details on pg. 13)

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