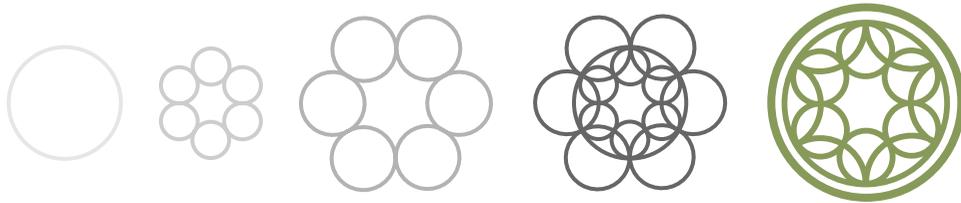


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# WELCOME TO NEW CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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.

As the Senior Pastor of New City, it is my privilege to welcome you and to invite you to be astonished, together with us, by the splendor and grace of God.

Rev. Ryan McVicar

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## NEW CITY VISION & VALUES

*To be people in awe of God, made new by the gospel,  
for the sake of people throughout our city, the nations,  
and the generations to come.*

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

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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

## GATHERING HYMN

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Oh praise Him; alleluia  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam  
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
Oh praise Him; alleluia  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One  
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

## All Creatures Of Our God And King

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All the redeemed washed by His blood  
Come and rejoice in His great love  
Oh praise Him; alleluia  
Christ has defeated every sin  
Cast all your burdens now on Him  
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

He shall return in power to reign  
Heaven and earth will join to say  
Oh praise Him; alleluia  
Then who shall fall on bended knee  
All creatures of our God and King  
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Baptism is the washing with water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to signify and seal three spiritual realities:

- 1) Our ingrafting into the body of Christ.
- 2) Our partaking of the covenant of grace.
- 3) Our engagement to be the Lord's

## THE SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Today, we are delighted to celebrate the baptism of *Wade Harrison Garrick*, son of Taylor and Emma Garrick, born December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

## BAPTISM VOWS

### PARENTAL VOWS:

Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on behalf of your child, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you have for your own?

Do you now unreservedly commit your child to God, and promise in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of the Christian Faith, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

### CONGREGATIONAL VOWS:

Will you, as members of New City Church, promise to guide and nurture Wade, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of His Church?

## BAPTISMAL READING

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

<sup>13</sup> Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. <sup>14</sup> Do everything in love.

## BAPTISMAL PRAYER PASTORAL PRAYER

The Baptismal prayer is a prayer offered by the minister to bless the covenant child, or confessing adult, as they grow deeper into the reality of their baptism. It's also a call to church members to remember God's faithfulness and find strength in their own baptism.



## HYMN OF PRAISE

### 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

During the remainder of our worship service, preschool-aged children are welcome to stay with their parents in the Sanctuary, or will now be dismissed to attend Kids' Bible Time.

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## CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### VISITING US?

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.



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

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

Give online through Church Center, at [newcitypc.churchcenter.com/giving](http://newcitypc.churchcenter.com/giving) or by scanning the QR code.

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



In anticipation of the proclamation of God's Word, we lift a prayer to God asking Him to speak to us through His living Word.

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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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.

# THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

## Ecclesiastes 8 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>Who is like the wise?

And who knows the interpretation of a thing?

A man's wisdom makes his face shine,  
and the hardness of his face is changed.

<sup>2</sup>I say: Keep the king's command, because of God's oath to him. <sup>3</sup>Be not hasty to go from his presence. Do not take your stand in an evil cause, for he does whatever he pleases. <sup>4</sup>For the word of the king is supreme, and who may say to him, "What are you doing?" <sup>5</sup>Whoever keeps a command will know no evil thing, and the wise heart will know the proper time and the just way. <sup>6</sup>For there is a time and a way for everything, although man's trouble lies heavy on him. <sup>7</sup>For he does not know what is to be, for who can tell him how it will be? <sup>8</sup>No man has power to retain the spirit, or power over the day of death. There is no discharge from war, nor will wickedness deliver those who are given to it. <sup>9</sup>All this I observed while applying my heart to all that is done under the sun, when man had power over man to his hurt.

<sup>10</sup>Then I saw the wicked buried. They used to go in and out of the holy place and were praised in the city where they had done such things. This also is vanity.

<sup>11</sup>Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the heart of the children of man is fully set to do evil. <sup>12</sup>Though a sinner does evil a hundred times and prolongs his life, yet I know that it will be well with those who fear God, because they fear before him. <sup>13</sup>But it will not be well with the wicked, neither will he prolong his days like a shadow, because he does not fear before God.

<sup>14</sup>There is a vanity that takes place on earth, that there are righteous people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the wicked, and there are wicked people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the righteous. I said that this also is vanity. <sup>15</sup>And I commend joy, for man has nothing better under the sun but to eat and drink and be joyful, for this will go with him in his toil through the days of his life that God has given him under the sun.

<sup>16</sup>When I applied my heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done on earth, how neither day nor night do one's eyes see sleep, <sup>17</sup>then I saw all the work of God, that man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun. However much man may toil in seeking, he will not find it out. Even though a wise man claims to know, he cannot find it out.

PREACHER  
ALL

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
But the Word of our God stands forever.



**Sermon Series: Life Under The Sun**

Rev. Ryan McVicar

**Your Way Of Escape From Harsh Politicians And Hurtful People**

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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 prepackaged cup containing wine and a wafer (gluten-free 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.

The Call To Repentance is an invitation to privately examine and prepare our hearts to confess our sins.

**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 Him.

**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.

**MINISTER**

All who can examine themselves regarding their faith and participation in Christ, are invited to participate in the Lord's Table.

**MINISTER**

This prayer is offered to set apart the bread and the wine as holy, for the purpose of nourishing us spiritually through our communion with Christ

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## CALL TO REPENTANCE

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, You are the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. You are Holy, Almighty, and nothing stands above You. We humbly approach You to confess our sinful desire to usurp Your throne and rule over our own lives. Forgive us, Lord, for rejecting Your sovereignty, for questioning Your authority over us, and for resisting Your perfect rule. King of all glory, have mercy on us and lead us to love and serve You faithfully. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Acts 10:43

<sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION



## HYMN AT THE TABLE

O Fount Of Love  
Matt Boswell, Matt Papa.  
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O Fount of love divine that flows from my Savior's bleeding side  
Where sinners trade their filthy rags for His righteousness applied  
Mercy cleansing every stain now rushing over us like a flood  
There the wretch and vilest ones stand adopted through His blood

O mount of grace, to Thee we cling, from the law hath set us free  
Once and for all on Calvary's hill, love and justice shall agree  
Praise the Lord! The price is paid, the curse defeated by the Lamb  
We who once were slaves by birth, sons and daughters now we stand

O well of joy is mine to drink, for my Lord hath conquered death  
Victorious forevermore, the ancient foe is laid to rest  
Hallelujah, Christ is King! Alive and reigning on the throne!  
Our tongues employed with hymns praise, "glory be to God alone!"

### MINISTER

The Words of Institution  
echo Jesus' words at  
the Last Supper, now  
inviting us to partake of  
the Bread and Wine in  
remembrance of Him.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PARTAKING OF THE BREAD & WINE



## SENDING HYMN

Jesus shall reign wherever the sun  
Does its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till sun shall rise and set no more.

Blessings abound wherever He reigns:  
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all the sons of want are blest.

*He shall reign in glory, crowned with grace and might.  
Bless His name and praise the sovereign King.  
He shall reign forever with His chosen bride;  
All the earth shall sing that Jesus is the King!*

Where He displays His healing power  
Death and the curse are known no more;  
In Him the tribes of Adam boast  
More blessings than their father lost.

Let every creature rise and bring  
Blessing and honor to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud Amen!

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## Jesus Shall Reign

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Our gathered worship service concludes with God's blessing; a joyful declaration of God's satisfaction in us through Jesus Christ, and a vow to be in fellowship with us as we scatter.

## BENEDICTION

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## WORSHIP ON THE LAWN

Last year, due to the COVID-19 outbreak, our inability to meet at our previous place of worship, and the renovations taking place in our recently acquired building, we hosted our worship services on our property's front lawn. We loved gathering in the shade of our trees, in a fresh and worshipful environment, where God was magnified and we were nurtured. This Summer, *Worship On The Lawn* is back.

Our *Worship On The Lawn* season will run June 6th through September 5th, with one worship service starting at 10am. Bring your own lawn chair, picnic blankets, and everything you need to stay comfortable. In case of inclement weather forecast, we will worship in our Sanctuary. Our main avenues for communicating changes are **New City Texts**, and **New City News**. You can sign-up for both of these at [newcitypc.org/subscribe](http://newcitypc.org/subscribe).

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Thank you for being part of our service today! We would love to get to know you and invite you into deeper community with us. Please scan this QR code and fill out a simple form so that we can follow-up with you.



## SMALL GROUPS

Our new Small Group season has launched with several groups already meeting, and many new groups to explore. Small Groups are New City's main avenue for cultivating relationships in Christ, and experiencing the deepest blessings of what it means to be in community. For more information scan QR code or visit: [newcitypc.org/smallgroups](http://newcitypc.org/smallgroups)



## 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!

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