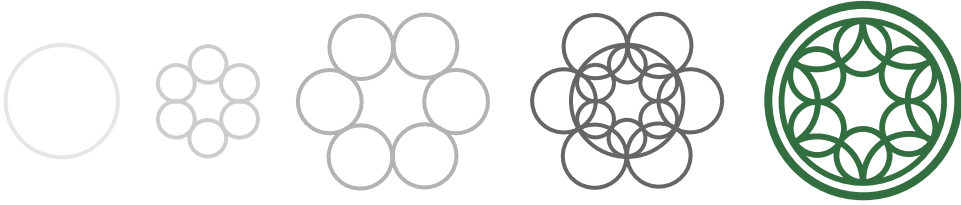




NEW CITY
presbyterian church

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

WELCOME TO NEW CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Welcome to our new house! We're delighted you've joined us this morning for our gathered service of worship on our front lawn.

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

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

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

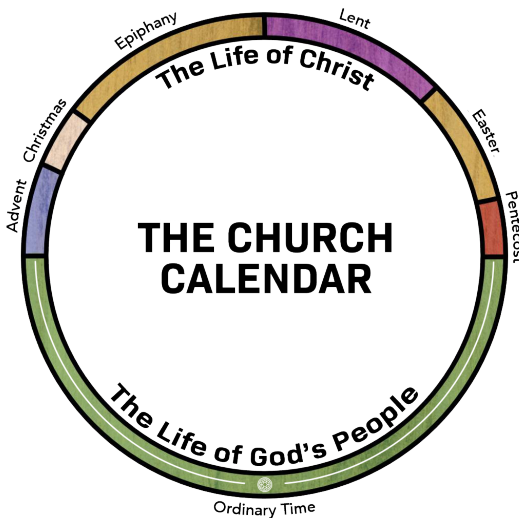
As we gather to worship this morning, reflect on this question from the Heidelberg Catechism. As a confessional church, we participate in the rich heritage of these faithful summaries which seek to build and strengthen our faith in Christ.

SILENT REFLECTION

Westminster Shorter Catechism
Question 87

What is repentance unto life?

Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.



Ordinary Time is about the mission of Christ. All the seasons lead up to this point between Pentecost and Advent. During Ordinary Time, the Church is empowered by the Holy Spirit and sent on mission to make disciples. It is the time and space where we seek to be the people of God living out the mission of God in ordinary, everyday life—in our homes, neighborhoods, communities, workplaces and to the ends of the earth.

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

*Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near, and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

THE SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Levi Samuel George, born February 18th, 2020, son of Tom & Desma George.

BAPTISMAL READING

Luke 5:27-28

²⁷ After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "Follow me." ²⁸ And leaving everything, he rose and followed him.

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 Pastoral Prayer is a time to express our gratitude for—and dependence on—God’s provision for the life and ministry of the Church.



BAPTISM VOWS

PARENTAL VOWS:

Do you acknowledge your son’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 son, 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 son 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 Levi, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of His church?

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

*Robert Robinson, Martin Madan.
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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

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I’m come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood

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 Lord take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

FOR TEXT & ONLINE GIVING
Text dollar amount (e.g.: \$50) to 843-21
Give online through Church Center, at
newcitypc.churchcenter.com/giving
or by scanning the QR code.



In anticipation of the
main focal point in our
worship service, we lift
a prayer to God asking
Him to speak to us
through His living Word.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION



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

1 Peter 1:24-2:3 (ESV)

²⁴ for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,
and the flower falls,

²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

2 ¹ So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—
³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Sermon Series: The Christian Life in a Confusing Land

Rev. Ryan McVicar

“Removing The Old & Putting On The New”

Notes:

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.

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

**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.

CALL TO REPENTANCE

“In what ways have you resisted “putting away all malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander?” (1 Peter 2:1)

What have you craved instead of the “pure spiritual milk” of God’s Word?

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.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our great shepherd, we cry out for mercy, because no day passes without proving us guilty in Your sight. We confess that we have had stubborn hearts this past week. We were often thankless, discontent, anxious, boastful, wayward, lustful and bitter. We have not done what we should have done and persisted to do what we should not have done. We have been slow to trust in your unfailing love and in your matchless power. We plead Your forgiveness. Create in us a clean heart, O God and bury our sins in the ocean of Jesus’ reconciling blood. For we make our prayer in His wonderful name, Amen.

MINISTER

As God’s Word assures us of our forgiveness in Christ, we cannot but respond in praise to the grace, mercy, and peace offered to us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Psalms 103:11-12

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

 ALL

HYMN AT THE TABLE

There Is A Fountain

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There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel’s veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day
And there may I though vile as he wash all my sins away
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away
And there may I though vile as he wash all my sins away

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more
Till all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more

Ever since by faith I saw the stream, Thy flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die

When this poor lisping stammering tongue lies silent in the grave
Then in a nobler sweeter song I'll sing Thy power to save
I'll sing Thy power to save, I'll sing Thy power to save
Then in a nobler sweeter song I'll sing Thy power to save

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 & BREAKING OF THE BREAD

SENDING HYMN

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Then when we've first begun.

Amazing Grace

John Newton.
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BENEDICTION

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.

Visit our website at:
NEWCITYPC.ORG

Thank you for being part of our service today! Our *Worship On The Lawn* season marks the initial move of our congregation into our new home. We will be meeting here every Sunday until we are able to meet inside our new sanctuary. In the event of inclement weather, our livestream will still be available at newcitypc.org/worship.

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VISITING US?

Thank you for spending some time with us and getting to know us first-hand! We are excited to finally be in our property and in this season of transition into our beautiful new building. 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.



COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Gathering in the midst of an pandemic brings unique challenges that shape the way we gather. We have put together a list of measures and recommendations for reducing the risk of contagion as much as possible. The use of face masks is strongly encouraged as well as social distancing (at 6ft apart) at all times. Please review these guidelines to help everyone stay safe.



PRAYER REQUESTS

During this challenging season, our desire is to be a praying church. Please let us know how we can pray for you. You can choose to mark your prayer private for our pastors' and deacons' eyes only, or public so our entire congregation can pray for you.

View our public prayer list at newcitypc.org/prayerlist

HOW TO SCAN QR CODES?

QR Codes allow smartphone users to quickly access a web link without having to type a URL.

For most iPhone users, this technology is integrated into your camera app. Simply hover over the QR code using your camera app and wait for a pop-up notification that will open your web browser for you.

For older iPhone models and most Android phones, download the *Quick Scan* app to scan the codes.