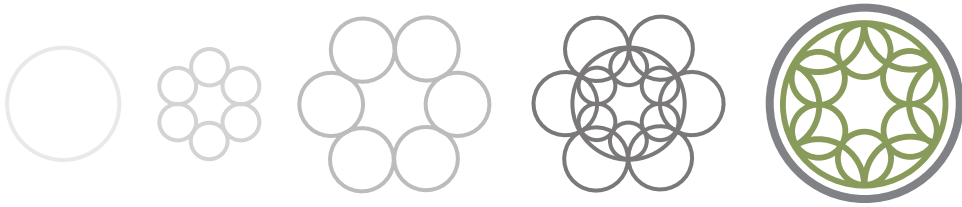




NEW CITY
presbyterian church

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

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 in that of those around us.

It is our privilege to welcome you and to invite you to be astonished, together with us, by the splendor and grace of God.

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NEW CITY VISION & VALUES

*To be a church in awe of God,
made new by the gospel, for the sake of all people.*

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

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

¹ "Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;

and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;

Isaiah 55:1-3

GATHERING HYMN

Are you thirsty, are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Tired and broken, peace unspoken,
Rest beside these living waters.

Christ is calling, find refreshing,
At the cross of living waters.
Lay your life down, all the old gone,
Rise up in these living waters.

*There's a river that flows with mercy and love,
Bringing joy to the city of our God.
There our hope is secure do not fear anymore,
Praise the Lord of living waters.*

Spirit moving, mercy washing,
Healing in these living waters.
Lead your children, to the shore line,
Life is in these living waters.

Are you thirsty, are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless,
Christ, He is our living waters.

Living Waters

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 2:9-13

⁹ "Therefore I still contend with you, declares the LORD,
and with your children's children I will contend.

¹⁰ For cross to the coasts of Cyprus and see, or send to Kedar and examine with care;
see if there has been such a thing.

¹¹ Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have
changed their glory for that which does not profit.

¹² Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the LORD,

¹³ for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living
waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

HYMN OF FAITH

Begone Unbelief

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Begone unbelief, my Savior is near, and for my relief will surely appear:

By faith let me wrestle, with God in the storm

And help me my Savior, the faith to adorn,

And help me my Savior, the faith to adorn.

Though dark be my way, since He is my guide, 'tis mine to obey, and His to provide;

Though cisterns be broken, and creatures all fail,

The Word he has spoken will surely prevail,

The Word he has spoken will surely prevail.

/// Begone unbelief, the Savior is here ///

Though cisterns be broken and creatures all fail,

The Word he has spoken will surely prevail,

The Word he has spoken will surely prevail.

Why should I complain, of want or distress, temptation or pain? He told me no less.

The heirs of salvation, I know from his word,

Through much tribulation must follow their Lord,

Through much tribulation must follow their Lord.

Since all that I meet will work for my good, the bitter is sweet, the medicine food;

Though painful at present, will cease before long,

And then, O how glorious, the Conqueror's song,

And then, O how glorious, the Conqueror's song!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 we can follow-up with you.



Baptism is the washing with water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to signify and seal these 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 Shiloh Grace TeBeest, son of Nathan & Tanasha TeBeest, born December 30, 2022.

PARENTAL VOWS:

Do you acknowledge your daughter'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 daughter, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you have for your own?

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

CONGREGATIONAL VOWS:

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

BAPTISMAL READING

Psalm 103:17-19

¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,

¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

¹⁹ The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

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.

FOR TEXT & ONLINE GIVING

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

Give online through Church Center by scanning the QR code.

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



CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

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.

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Scott Cairo

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

John 4:1-26 (ESV)

¹ 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

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.

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.”

SERMON SERIES

The Gospel of John

Rev. Tommy Myrick



“Living Water”

THIS WEEK
“Living Water”
- John 4:1-26

NEXT WEEK
“The Sun”
- Malachi 4:1-6



The word "doxology" comes from the Greek translation of the Old Testament word for worship. Throughout our service, we respond to the gospel of God's grace with songs of praise!

DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Oh praise Him, Hallelujah!

Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!



As a confessional church, we participate in the rich heritage of biblically faithful summaries which seek to build and strengthen our faith in Christ. Creeds, Confessions, and Catechisms serve us in this regard, along with biblical confessions.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Catechism, Q.31

Q. What is effectual calling?

A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he persuades and enables us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

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

CALL TO REPENTANCE

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 our merciful God.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, in Your presence, we confess our senseless pursuit of many things that fail to quench our thirst; We often forsake the living water You offer, and turn to substitutes that never truly satisfy. As a result, our worship has often been shallow and inventive, rather than spiritual and full of truth. Forgive us, O Lord, for our distracted and divided hearts. Cleanse us from our sin, and lead us back to the wellspring of Your grace. May we find our deepest satisfaction in You alone, the source of Living Water, and may our worship reflect the truth and depth of Your love for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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 in Christ.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Ezekiel 36:25-27

²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, [...] ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes.

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 bread and the wine (gluten-free cracker 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.**

MINISTER

All who can examine themselves regarding their faith and participation in Christ, are invited to commune with Him at the Lord’s Table.

INVITATION & FENCING OF THE TABLE

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

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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.

ALL

HYMN AT THE TABLE

Feed us, Lord
Feed us, Lord
In the broken bread, be revealed again
Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.

Quench us, Lord.
Quench us, Lord
On this thirsty ground, may Your love flow down
Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.

Fill us, Lord
Fill us, Lord
With the bread and wine of the risen Christ,
Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.

Lead us, Lord
Lead us, Lord
Nourished here by Christ; given strength for life
Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

Feed Us, Lord

Greg Scheer.

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Feed us, Lord
Quench us, Lord
With the bread and wine of the risen Christ,
Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

MINISTER

The Words of Institution echo Jesus' words at the Last Supper, which now invite us to partake of the bread and wine in remembrance of Him.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PARTAKING OF THE BREAD & WINE



ALL

SENDING HYMN

Come now Almighty King, rule and reign over us
Help us your praise to sing, Father glorious
Embracing us before all time
You made us heirs with Christ on high
By your Spirit now we cry: Abba Father

*We long for the day Great One in Three
We finally behold your majesty
Face to face we'll worship and adore, forevermore*

Speak now, Incarnate Word, of your relentless love
Bearing our fatal curse with your living blood
When guilt and doubt come rushing in
Help us see your cross again
You're the Rock on which we live; Jesus Savior

Come Holy Comforter, give grace to weary hearts
Bring back the wanderer; drive away the dark
You're the summer of our souls
You're the fountain of our hope
Our assurance here below; Spirit of the Son

BENEDICTION

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

Great One In Three

George Romanacce, Steve and Vicki Cook.
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FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund Contributions as of 11/15/23	\$ 624,331
General Fund 2023 Revised Annual Budget	\$ 726,593
Mortgage Balance as of 11/15/23	\$ 314,243

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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.



CHURCH CENTER

Church Center is our hub for all things New City. From knowing what's happening next, to signing up for an event or small group, to requesting baptism or prayer, to online giving, all your next steps for getting involved at New City are there at **newcitypc.churchcenter.com**



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!