

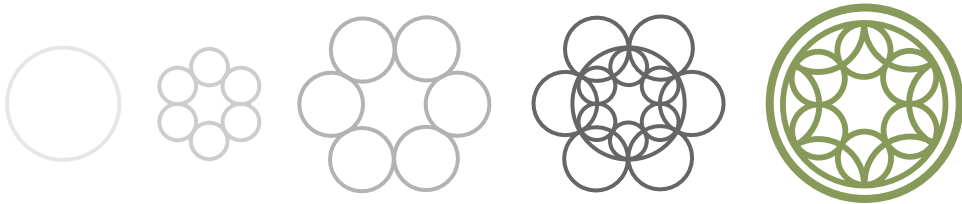


**NEW CITY**  
presbyterian church

**NOVEMBER 7, 2021**



# 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

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

<sup>1</sup> The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!  
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!  
<sup>2</sup> The LORD is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the peoples.  
[...] <sup>5</sup> Exalt the LORD our God;  
worship at his footstool!  
Holy is he!

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Psalm 99:1-5

## GATHERING HYMN

*Holy is the Lord Almighty  
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Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea  
All the kings and rulers falling down before Thee  
Who was and is and evermore shall be

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art Holy; There is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity  
Jesus our Savior, mighty King of kings

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Holy, Holy, Holy!  
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True worship is biblical worship. Throughout our worship service, we read, pray, and sing the words of Scripture.

The Prayer of Adoration is a praiseful pondering of the attributes and works of God, intended to draw our hearts closer to Him, in awe.



## READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Isaiah 6:1-5

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

**EVERYONE** *“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”*

[...] <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### How Bright These Glorious Spirits Shine

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How bright these glorious spirits shine!  
Whence all their white array?  
How came they to the blissful seats  
of everlasting day?  
Lo! these are they from suff'rings great  
who came to realms of light!  
and in the blood of Christ have washed  
those robes which shine so bright.

Now, with triumphal palms, they stand  
before the throne on high,  
and serve the God they love, amidst  
the glories of the sky.  
His presence fills each heart with joy,  
tunes ev'ry mouth to sing:  
by day, by night, the sacred courts  
with glad hosannas ring.

*Receive our praise, from now till evermore  
For You alone are worthy, God of glory  
Jesus, Lord of Lords.*

Hunger and thirst are felt no more,  
nor suns with scorching ray;  
God is our sun, whose cheering beams  
diffuse eternal day.  
The Lamb which dwells amidst the throne  
shall o'er us still preside,  
feed us with nourishment divine,  
and all our footsteps guide.

'Mong pastures green he'll lead his flock  
where living streams appear;  
and God the Lord from ev'ry eye  
shall wipe off ev'ry tear.  
To him who sits upon the throne,  
the God whom we adore,  
and to the Lamb that once was slain,  
be glory evermore!

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.

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## PASTORAL PRAYER

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

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## 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 that we can follow-up with you.



The Ministry Moment is a time to share and celebrate the stories of God’s grace among us.

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## MINISTRY MOMENT

New City Kids Detroit

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.

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## 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](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.





## DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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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!

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.



## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Belgic Confession, Article XXI

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.

We believe that Jesus Christ is a high priest forever, and that he presented himself in our name before his Father, to appease his Father's wrath with full satisfaction by offering himself on the tree of the cross and pouring out his precious blood for the cleansing of our sins, as the prophets had predicted.



## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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.



# THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

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.

## Revelation 4 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." <sup>2</sup>At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. <sup>3</sup>And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. <sup>4</sup>Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. <sup>5</sup>From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, <sup>6</sup>and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: <sup>7</sup>the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. <sup>8</sup>And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

<sup>9</sup>And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, <sup>10</sup>the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

<sup>11</sup>"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

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



**Revelation: A Picture Book For Our Present Conflict**  
**Peaking Into The Center Of The Universe**



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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 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.**

## *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.

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## 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 Him.

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, when we come to worship you we encounter your beautiful holiness, and in sharp contrast, we feel and acknowledge the sin in our hearts. You are light and truth, yet we live among shadows and lies. We are people in need of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. We are people in need of your Spirit to illumine our hearts and guide our ways. Forgive us our sin and magnify your presence in our lives to glorify you and to love those around us. In the beautiful and saving name of Jesus we pray, 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.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

2 Corinthians 5:20-21

<sup>20</sup> [...] be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

MINISTER

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

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## INVITATION TO THE 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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## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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## HYMN AT THE TABLE

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The Blood Of Jesus

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What fountain's unrelenting stream is mighty as a flood?  
With force and care it ever cleans 'tis Jesus' precious blood

What river carries off my sins? What balm can heal my wounds?  
There is no tide or medicine But Jesus' blood alone

*All the guilty are forgiven  
All the captives are made clean and then set free  
Praise the Lord of power and mercy  
The blood of Jesus, shed for me*

What treasure, land, or salary could pay the debt I owe?  
The only valid currency is Jesus' blood that flows

Who pleads for me with His own blood and then my soul renews?  
He is my advocate and judge, and served my sentence, too

What theme shall now my soul employ in song before my God?  
A melody of love and joy and thanks for Jesus' blood

### 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

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### Crown Him With Many Crowns

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Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne  
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee  
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save  
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high  
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of Lords, who over all doth reign  
Who once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain  
Now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing  
Their songs before Him day and night; their God, Redeemer, King

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side  
Those wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity

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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# BUILDING MAP

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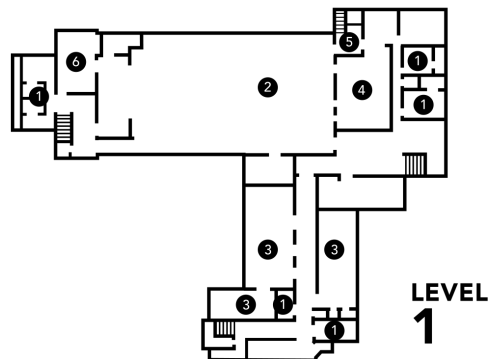
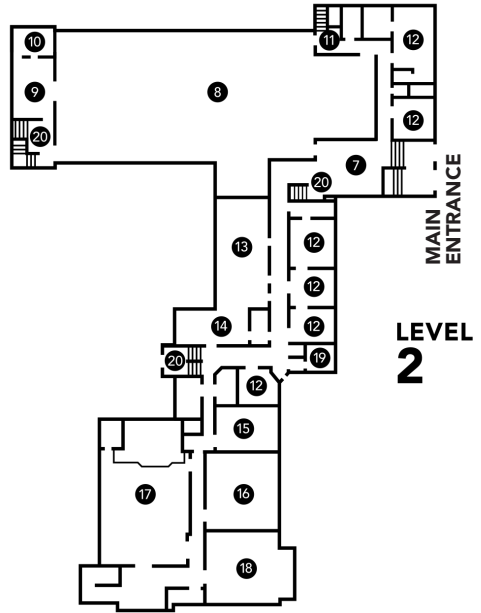
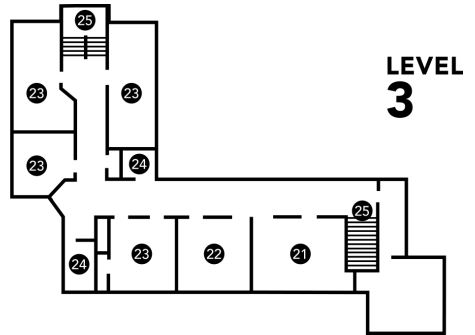
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- 8 SANCTUARY
- 9 PINECREST LOBBY
- 10 CRYROOM
- ♿ 11 ELEVATOR
- 12 NURSERY
- 13 FIREPLACE ROOM
- 14 GARDEN ROOM
- 15 NC STUDENTS CAFE
- 16 NC STUDENTS REC ROOM
- 17 CHAPEL
- 18 DRAYTON ROOM
- ♿ 19 RESTROOMS
- 20 STAIRS

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- 1 RESTROOMS
- 2 GATHERING PLACE
- 3 NC KIDS
- 4 KITCHEN
- 5 ELEVATOR
- 6 BACKSTAGE ROOM



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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.



### 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!

