

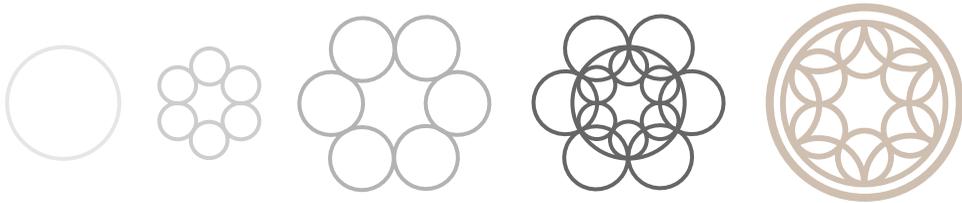


NEW CITY  
presbyterian church

**JANUARY 2, 2022**



# 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>3</sup> [The LORD] put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the LORD.

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Psalm 40:3

## GATHERING HYMN

*Holy is the Lord Almighty  
Holy is the Lord Almighty*

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!

*Reginald Heber.  
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True worship is biblical worship. Throughout our worship service, we read, pray, and sing the words of Scripture.

## READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 34:4-7

**WORSHIP LEADER** <sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.  
<sup>5</sup> Those who look to him are radiant,  
and their faces shall never be ashamed.  
<sup>6</sup> This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him  
and saved him out of all his troubles.  
**ALL** <sup>7</sup> *The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.*



## REVELATION HYMN

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### The Lion And The Lamb

*Leeland Mooring, Brenton Brown, and Brian Johnson.*  
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He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

*Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world, His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him*

So, open up the gates  
Make way before the King of Kings  
The God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord?

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.



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

Heidelberg Catechism Q.52

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.

**Q.** What comfort is it to you that Christ will come to judge the living and the dead?  
**A.** In all our sorrow and persecution, we lift up our head and eagerly await as judge from heaven, the very same person who before has submitted Himself to the judgment of God for our sake, and has removed all the curse from us. He will cast all His and our enemies into everlasting condemnation, but He will take me and all His chosen ones to Himself into heavenly joy and glory.



## 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.



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

## Revelation 7-8:5 (ESV)

**7** <sup>1</sup> After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree. <sup>2</sup> Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, <sup>3</sup> saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." <sup>4</sup> And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: <sup>5</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, <sup>6</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, <sup>7</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, <sup>8</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed. <sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup> And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup> I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup> For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

**8** <sup>1</sup> When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. <sup>2</sup> Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. <sup>3</sup> And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne, <sup>4</sup> and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel. <sup>5</sup> Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.



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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

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Lord, set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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

Psalm 34:8

<sup>8</sup> Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

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

O Come All You Unfaithful

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O come, all you unfaithful; Come, weak and unstable  
Come, know you are not alone

O come, barren and waiting ones, Weary of praying,  
Come See what your God has done.

*Christ is born, Christ is born  
Christ is born for you*

O come, bitter and broken, Come with fears unspoken  
Come, taste of His perfect love

O come, guilty and hiding ones, There is no need to  
run. See what your God has done

He's the Lamb who was given Slain for our pardon  
His promise is peace For those who believe  
He's the Lamb who was given Slain for our pardon  
His promise is peace For those who believe

So come, though you have nothing Come, He is the offering  
Come, see what your God has done

### 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

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.*

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## How Bright These Glorious Spirits Shine

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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!

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

# BUILDING MAP

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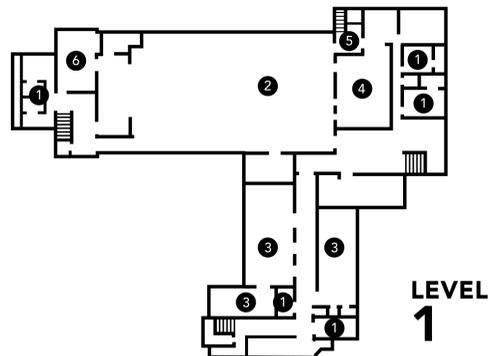
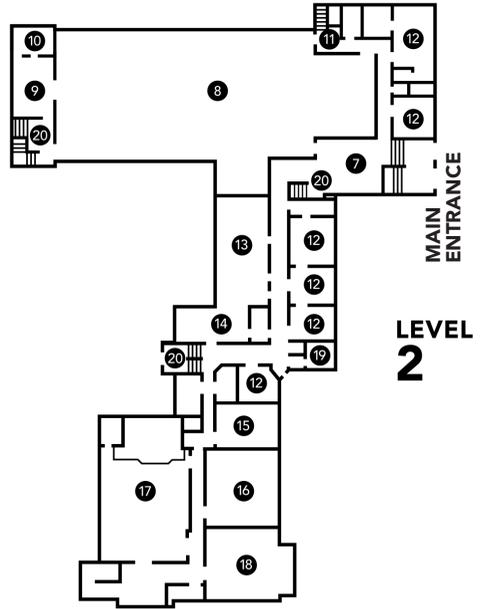
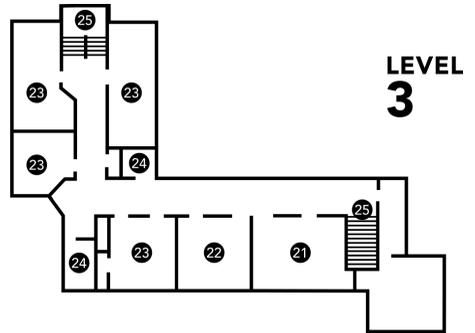
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- 7 WELCOME AREA
- 8 SANCTUARY
- 9 PINECREST LOBBY
- 10 CRYROOM
- ♿ 11 ELEVATOR
- 12 NURSERY
- 13 FIREPLACE ROOM
- 14 GARDEN ROOM
- 15 NC STUDENTS CAFE
- 16 NC STUDENTS REC ROOM
- 17 CHAPEL
- 18 DRAYTON ROOM
- ♿ 19 RESTROOMS
- 20 STAIRS

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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!

