

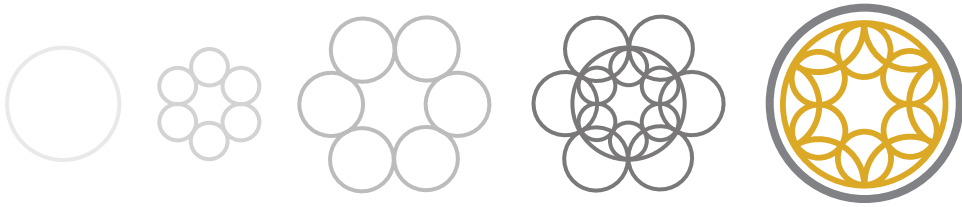


NEW CITY  
presbyterian church

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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 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

Isaiah 55:1-3

<sup>1</sup> "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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live;  
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.



## GATHERING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

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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

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



## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 9:13-15

<sup>13</sup> "Behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD,  
"when the plowman shall overtake the reaper  
and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed;  
the mountains shall drip sweet wine,  
and all the hills shall flow with it.

<sup>14</sup> I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel,  
and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine,  
and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.

<sup>15</sup> I will plant them on their land,  
and they shall never again be uprooted  
out of the land that I have given them,"  
says the LORD your God.

## HYMN OF JOY

Living Waters

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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.

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.

## WELCOME & PASTORAL PRAYER

### 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.



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 by scanning the QR code.

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



The Offertory accompanies the giving of Tithes & Offerings with the purpose of guiding our minds and hearts as we continue in worship.

## OFFERTORY HYMN

### A Christian’s Daily Prayer

*Dave Fournier, Jordan Kauflin, Matthew Merker.*

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As morning dawns and day awakes, to You I bring my need  
O gracious God, my source of strength, in You I live and breathe  
Each hour is Yours by wisdom planned, each deed empowered by sovereign hands  
Renew my spirit, help me stand; be glorified today

As day unfolds, I seek Your will in all of life’s demands  
And though the tempter tries me still, I cling to Your commands  
Let every effort of my life display the matchless worth of Christ  
Make me a living sacrifice; be glorified today

As sun gives way to darkest night Your Spirit still is here  
And though my strength fades like the light new mercies will appear  
I rest in You; abide with me until our trials and suffering  
Give way to final victory be glorified, today;  
Be glorified, I pray

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.

## CHILDREN’S DISMISSAL

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 4:27-42 (ESV)

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" <sup>28</sup> So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" <sup>30</sup> They went out of the town and were coming to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. <sup>36</sup> Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

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.



**"New Year, White Harvest"**

JAN 7 – John 4:27-42  
"New Year, White Harvest"

JAN 14 – John 4:43-54  
"Your Son Lives"

JAN 21 – John 5:1-15  
"Jesus and the Lame Man"

JAN 28 – John 5:16-47  
"Calling God His Father"



On this first Lord's Day of the year, we take a special moment to pray these words together, reaffirming our commitment to the Lord and to each other, as members of the Body of Christ, and our covenant community.

## COVENANT RENEWAL PRAYER

Richard Alleine (1611-1681)

I am no longer my own, but Yours.  
Put me to what You will,  
Place me with whom You will.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering;  
Let me be employed for You or laid aside for You,  
Exalted for You or brought low for You.  
Let me be full, let me be empty;  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things  
To Your pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:  
You are mine and I am Yours. May it be so!  
And may the covenant which I have made here on earth  
Be confirmed in heaven.  
Amen



## 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;  
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!

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

Heavenly Father, having come before a Holy God, learned once again of Your saving and sustaining grace, and reaffirmed our belonging to You and to Your Holy Church, we cannot but acknowledge our sins and repent; We confess our pursuit of satisfaction in the fleeting pleasures and comforts of this world, and our neglect of the deeper joy and peace found in You. We have overlooked opportunities to serve and love as You have called us to, and we admit our reluctance to share the Good News of a saving God with those around us. In this time of renewal, we seek Your forgiveness and ask for the strength to live lives following Your perfect will and reflecting Your love. Help us to be bold in our faith, steadfast in our commitment to You, and quick to serve those in need. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, 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 in Christ.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

<sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

### 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

### MINISTER

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

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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.

ALL

## HYMN AT THE TABLE

Take My Life And Let It Be

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Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.  
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.  
Take my voice and let me sing, always, only for my King.  
Always, only for my King.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

MINISTER

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

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.

## SENDING HYMN

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Savior He will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

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## Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

*Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, Rich Thompson.*  
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No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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## 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.



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund Contributions as of 12/31/23	\$ 841,893
General Fund 2023 Revised Annual Budget	\$ 726,593
Mortgage Balance as of 1/3/24	\$ 272,903

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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](https://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!