

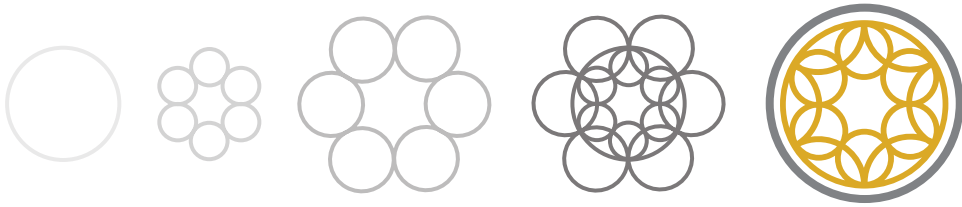


NEW CITY  
presbyterian church

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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

Psalm 9:1-2

<sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;  
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.  
<sup>2</sup> I will be glad and exult in you;  
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

## GATHERING HYMN

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

*Joachim Neander, Tr. Catherine Winkworth.  
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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,  
Praise Him in glad adoration; Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who over all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how all your longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth? Granted in what He ordaineth.

*Praise Him, Praise Him;  
O my soul praise Him. (Praise Christ our King!)*

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriend thee; If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him; Gladly forever adore Him.



## OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 17:17-24

<sup>17</sup> After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. <sup>18</sup> And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!" <sup>19</sup> And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. <sup>20</sup> And he cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?" <sup>21</sup> Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." <sup>22</sup> And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. <sup>23</sup> And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives." <sup>24</sup> And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Thy Mercy, My God

*John Stocker, Sandra McCracken. 1776,  
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Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,  
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

*Hallelujah, hallelujah.*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah.*

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,  
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;  
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

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

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

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

## OFFERTORY HYMN

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure of my longing soul  
My God, like You there is no other  
True delight is found in You alone  
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom  
Your love exceeds the heavens’ reach  
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom  
My highest good and my unending need

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Strong defender of my weary heart  
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver  
And my shield against his hateful darts  
My song when enemies surround me  
My hope when tides of sorrow rise  
My joy when trials are abounding  
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

## 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.

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O Lord, My Rock, And My Redeemer

*Nathan Stiff.*

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O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Gracious Savior of my ruined life  
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders  
In my place You suffered bled and died  
You rose, the grave and death are conquered  
You broke my bonds of sin and shame  
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

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 4:43-54 (ESV)

<sup>43</sup>After the two days he departed for Galilee. <sup>44</sup>(For Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in his own hometown.) <sup>45</sup>So when he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, having seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the feast. For they too had gone to the feast.

<sup>46</sup>So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. <sup>47</sup>When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. <sup>48</sup>So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." <sup>49</sup>The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." <sup>50</sup>Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. <sup>51</sup>As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. <sup>52</sup>So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." <sup>53</sup>The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household. <sup>54</sup>This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

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.



**"Your Son Lives"**

JAN <sup>14</sup> – John 4:43-54  
"Your Son Lives"

JAN <sup>21</sup> – John 5:1-15  
"Jesus and the Lame Man"

JAN <sup>28</sup> – John 5:16-47  
"Calling God His Father"





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

Glory be to the Father,  
Glory be to the Son,  
Glory be to the Spirit; Three in One.  
As it was in the beginning  
It will be forever.  
Amen, amen, amen.

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Gloria Patri  
*Anonymous.*  
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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

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Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q.86

**Q.** What is faith in Jesus Christ?

**A.** Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is 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

Heavenly Father, in Your presence, we confess our need for You to help our unbelief; we confess our inclination to seek 'signs and wonders,' thinking they would strengthen our faith, yet, we recognize that it is our own rebellious hearts that hinder us from pursuing You. We acknowledge our unchecked doubt, our wavering trust, and the many ways we fail to proclaim Christ with our lives. Instill in us the greatest sign and wonder of all, that Jesus Christ became incarnate, lived in perfect obedience, yet was crucified, put to death, and resurrected for the forgiveness of our sin. May Your Holy Spirit work in our hearts greater faith, resolved trust in Your living word, and wholehearted devotion to You, our Lord and Savior. 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

Ephesians 1:7

<sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace

### 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.

**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 lipping 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****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

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## My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

*Edward Mote.  
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My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust my sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the 'whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found,  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.

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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.





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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.



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## 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!