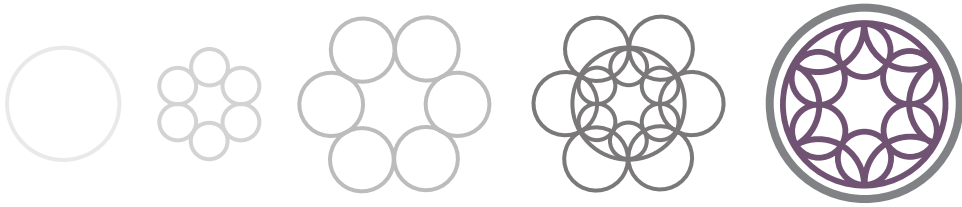




NEW CITY
presbyterian church

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

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

LITURGY FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

As we gather to worship this morning, take a moment to reflect on the significance of our current liturgical season, as a way to prepare for our encounter with the living God.

WORD ON WORSHIP

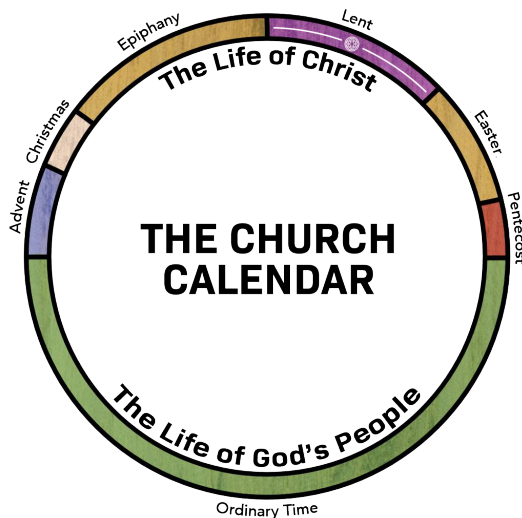
Lent

Lent is a season in the Christian year when followers of Jesus walk with him to his death and burial in order to participate fully with him in his resurrection. Lent is the forty days (not including Sundays) leading up to Easter. It began on Ash Wednesday and will end on Holy Saturday (the day before Easter Sunday). When we engage in this season the way faithful Christians have throughout the centuries, we renounce and re-order our rhythms into Christ.

Lent is about rhythm. We are rhythmic or liturgical creatures. We do things in sequences and steps, marching to the beats of drummers. The problem is, there are many drummers out there pounding away to capture our attention, calling us to follow them and submit to their stories. Lent is the Jesus-drum directing us back to the left-right-left of God's Story. If it is not Jesus' drum guiding our steps, it is someone else's drum. If it is not the the Story of God to which we submit our lives, it is someone else's story.

Lent is a time for the church to renounce all the other stories we have let define us, and to submit singularly to God's Story. We march to the beats of drummers because we

actually love the music they play. We desire the life they present to us, and so we follow them. With every beat and step we are being formed into the image of the drummer we follow. In order to become like Jesus we re-order our life once again into the Story that defines us as his followers. During Lent we identify with the Story of Israel, which finds fulfillment in the Story of Jesus. We, like Israel, have fallen and wander around in the wilderness. And we, like Jesus, must wrestle in the desert of temptation. We enter into his sufferings. We fast. We pray. We simplify our lives. And we do so together as the body of Christ, full of the Holy Spirit, and for the glory of God, our Father.



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.



WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

⁴ And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵ "Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.

⁶ Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

Isaiah 12:4-6

GATHERING HYMN

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space.
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

*Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to the King!
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna to our King!*

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn You above,
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall lisp to Your praise.

O Worship The King
Robert Grant, Javier Contesse.
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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leviticus 23:39-43

³⁹ "On the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the produce of the land, you shall celebrate the feast of the LORD seven days. On the first day shall be a solemn rest, and on the eighth day shall be a solemn rest. ⁴⁰ And you shall take on the first day the fruit of splendid trees, branches of palm trees and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days. ⁴¹ You shall celebrate it as a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year. It is a statute forever throughout your generations; you shall celebrate it in the seventh month. ⁴² You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All native Israelites shall dwell in booths, ⁴³ that your generations may know that I made the people of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God."



HYMN OF PRAISE

O Lord, My Rock And My Redeemer

*Nathan Stiff.
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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

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

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 Charlotte Marie DeBruin, daughter of Jonathan & Abby DeBruin, born October 20, 2023.

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 Charlotte 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

John 1:9-13

⁹The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Mark Krieg

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

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.

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

CHOIR OFFERTORY

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul
What wondrous love is this, O my soul
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing
While millions join the theme, I will sing

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And through eternity, I'll sing on

What Wondrous Love Is This?

*Anonymous.
American Folk Song.*

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 7:1-24 (ESV)

¹After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him. ²Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand. ³So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing." ⁴For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." ⁵For not even his brothers believed in him. ⁶Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. ⁷The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil. ⁸You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come." ⁹After saying this, he remained in Galilee.

¹⁰But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly but in private. ¹¹The Jews were looking for him at the feast, and saying, "Where is he?" ¹²And there was much muttering about him among the people. While some said, "He is a good man," others said, "No, he is leading the people astray." ¹³Yet for fear of the Jews no one spoke openly of him.

¹⁴About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching. ¹⁵The Jews therefore marveled, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?" ¹⁶So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me. ¹⁷If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. ¹⁸The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood. ¹⁹Has not Moses given you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why do you seek to kill me?" ²⁰The crowd answered, "You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?" ²¹Jesus answered them, "I did one work, and you all marvel at it. ²²Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. ²³If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I made a man's whole body well? ²⁴Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

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.

SERMON SERIES

The Gospel of John

Rev. Tommy Myrick



"Jesus, Who Are You?"

FEB 25 – John 7:1-24
"Jesus, Who Are You?"

MAR 3 – John 7:25-52
"Thirsty at the Feast"

MAR 10 – John 7:53-8:15
"A Woman Set Free"

MAR 17 – John 8:12-30
"I Am the Light of the World"





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.



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q.155

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.

Q. How is the word made effectual to salvation?

A. The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching, of the word, an effectual means of enlightening, convincing, and humbling sinners; of driving them out of themselves, and drawing them unto Christ; of conforming them to his image, and subduing them to his will; of strengthening them against temptations and corruptions; or building them up in grace, and establishing their hearts in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.

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

O God, our Judge and Justifier, we come before You acknowledging our limitations in understanding Your perfect ways. We confess that too often we overlook the unfathomable depth of Your wisdom, and rather choose to trust our own. Forgive us for our arrogance and for assuming we can discern as You do. We have failed to seek Your guidance, and have leaned on our own understanding. We repent. Forgive us for these feeble attempts at establishing our own righteousness, and reveal to us our need of Christ. Teach us, O Lord, to trust wholly in His righteousness alone for Your favor. In Your mercy, correct our course and deepen our reliance on Your Holy Spirit. We make our prayer in our Great Savior's 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 PARDON

Jeremiah 31:34

³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

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

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

HYMN AT THE TABLE**Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery**

*Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Michael Bleecker.
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Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hellbound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could ever restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

*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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Immortal, invisible, God only wise
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

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.

BENEDICTION

NEW CITY NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



HOLY WEEK – SAVE THE DATES

MAR 24: PALM SUNDAY. Join us with loud Hosannas as we gather on this Lord's Day to worship Jesus Christ as the humble King who lays His life down on route to His coronation on the cross.

MAR 28: MAUNDY THURSDAY. We will gather to enjoy a Seder Supper meal at 6pm in the Gathering Place. Join us as we find fulfillment to the Old Testament prophecies of Messiah as the passover lamb in the person and life of Jesus Christ.

MAR 29: GOOD FRIDAY. We will once again host our Metro Detroit sister PCA churches in a joint service focussing on the stations of the cross, in remembrance of the dreadful yet glorious day of Jesus' death. Join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments at 5pm, and the service at 6pm.

MAR 31: EASTER SUNDAY. Join us as we rise from Holy Saturday's silence, to celebrate Jesus' resurrection and, through faith, our rebirth into hope and life eternal. We will come together to sing, share our joy, and praise the risen Son of God!



NEW CITY TOUR

If you have been visiting our regularly attending our worship services at New City, we encourage you to take the New City Tour, a six-week exploration of who we are as a Church Body followed by the opportunity to become a member at New City. When Jesus Christ calls men and women to himself, he also unites us to His Church in order to bring glory to God with other Christians (1Cor. 12; Eph. 4). Because of this, we believe that Church membership is vitally important!

Our first session on March 3rd, will take place following the worship service (11:45 am in the Gathering Place), with a kick-off lunch, followed by a guided tour of the building with our pastor, elders, and church staff walking you through our physical space while explaining why we do what we do as a church from a biblical perspective.

The following sessions will consist of seminars during regular Sunday School hours (9-9:50 am in the Fireplace Room) that explore New City's vision, mission, and values, as well as our identity as believers, Presbyterians, and members of a local church.

Scan QR Code to register now!



KIDS' CITY TOUR

Starting March 10, students up to 8th Grade, who are interested in becoming communing members at New City are invited to attend the Kids' City Tour class. In these sessions, students will explore what it means to be a Christian, a member of the Body of Christ, and a member of their local church. Students will then have the opportunity to pursue membership.



STUDENT MINISTRY – DISCOVERY MEETINGS

New City's Session has arranged for discovery meetings to take place to engage student parents in conversations that will help us chart the season ahead of us. Please contact Ken Reynolds for more information.

High School Parents: *TONIGHT*, February 25 @ 6pm, Gathering Place



NC KIDS – KIDS’ SUMMER NIGHTS VOLUNTEER MEETING

For those of you committing to serve our children during the NC Kids’ Summer Nights, please plan to join us on **March 10**, following our worship service, in the Fireplace Room to assign and go over roles and responsibilities for our Summer Night dates!



FINANCIAL UPDATE

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| General Fund Contributions as of 2/21/24 | \$ 73,131 |
| General Fund 2024 Annual Budget | \$ 822,186 |
| Mortgage Balance as of 2/21/24 | \$ 266,801 |

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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!