

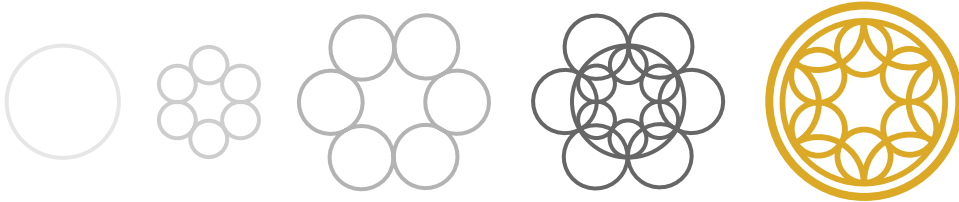


**NEW CITY**  
presbyterian church

**MAY 16, 2021**

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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 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

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# LITURGY FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

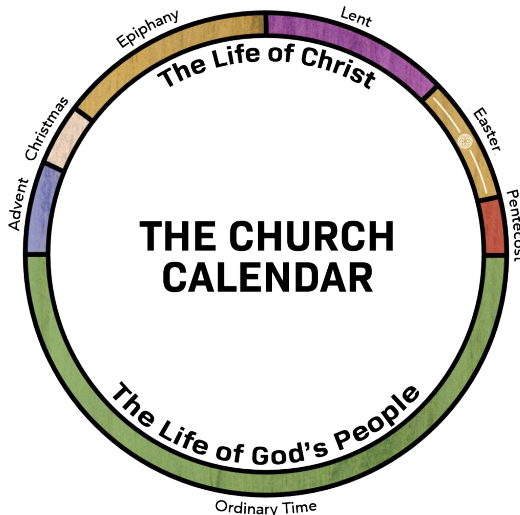
As we gather to worship this morning, take a moment to reflect on this important historical event as a way to prepare for an encounter with the living God.

## WORD ON WORSHIP

Easter tide

Beginning with Easter Sunday, this season lasts seven weeks. It is marked by two main events: first and foremost the resurrection of Christ and then the ascension of Christ. A season of joy and hope, it is a time to celebrate these events and their implications for the Christian life, from being dead in our sin and raised with Jesus to our future hope of resurrected bodies and a new heaven and a new earth. As we remember and rejoice in the Resurrection, our eternal hope in Jesus is made anew.

Easter, a story of hope and victory, runs contrary to the false stories of our world that would make us believe that there is no hope, that there is nothing more than this life. The stories of secularism and cynicism that run rampant in our culture shape us and jade us, robbing us of joy and belief in the miraculous. Easter, though, weaves back into our lives the one true story of the Bible—that Jesus was crucified, dead and buried but, on the third day, rose again. As we enter this story, remembering our future hope in Christ and our miracle-filled, supernatural faith, we are reshaped and reformed to be the hopeful, joyful, spiritual people that God has called us to be as His sons and daughters.



## SILENT REFLECTION

"The Bible is not a script for a funeral service, but it is the record of God always bringing life where we expected to find death. Everywhere it is the story of resurrection."

**Eugene Peterson**

"Now when the New Testament tells us that Jesus Christ is risen, one of the things it means is that the victim of Calvary is now, so to speak, loose and at large!"

**J.I. Packer**

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

## GATHERING HYMN

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin;

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"

## 9AM SERVICE: SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:19-22

<sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Baptism is the washing with water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to signify and seal 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

## 11AM SERVICE: THE SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Today, we are delighted to celebrate the baptism of *Mason David Sanger*, son of Kevin and Sarah Sanger, born February 2nd, 2021.

### BAPTISM VOWS

#### PARENTAL VOWS:

Do you acknowledge your son'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 son, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you have for your own?

Do you now unreservedly commit your son to God, and promise in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of the Christian Faith, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

#### CONGREGATIONAL VOWS:

Will you, as members of New City Church, promise to guide and nurture Mason, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of His Church?

## 11AM SERVICE: BAPTISMAL READING

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## 11AM SERVICE: BAPTISMAL PRAYER PASTORAL PRAYER

The Baptismal prayer is a prayer offered by the minister to bless the covenant child, or confessing adult, as they grow deeper into the reality of their baptism. It's also a call to church members to remember God's faithfulness and find strength in their own baptism.



## COVENANT HYMN

By Faith

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By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the power of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign

By faith the church was called to go  
In the power of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In every corner of the earth

*We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

The Call To Repentance  
is an invitation to  
privately examine and  
prepare our hearts to  
confess our sins.

## CALL TO REPENTANCE

Did you only go to God and look to him this week so he could meet your momentary desires, or did you look to him and go to him because he is God and he is your greatest desire?

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

Merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. Like prodigal children, we have surrendered ourselves to our own selfish desires. We have left undone things which we ought to have done. We have done things which we ought not to have done. We lament our waywardness and repent. Hide your face from our sins and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us a clean heart as we rest in the finished work of Christ, our 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.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

From Ephesians 2:13-16

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace [...] and reconciles us to God in one body through the cross.

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.



The word “doxology” comes from a Greek translation of the Old Testament word for worship. We respond to the gospel of God’s grace with a burst of praise!

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.

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.

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.

## 9AM SERVICE: PASTORAL PRAYER

### DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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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

### CHILDREN’S DISMISSAL

### 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.



### 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](https://newcitypc.churchcenter.com/giving) or by scanning the QR code.



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

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION



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

## Luke 15 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup> "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

<sup>11</sup> And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup> And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup> "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'"





<sup>20</sup> And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup> But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup> but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' <sup>31</sup> And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

**Sermon Series: Stained No More**

Rev. Ryan McVicar

**The Commonsensical Brother & The Uncommon Gospel**

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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 prepackaged cup containing wine and a wafer (gluten-free 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.

**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*

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

**MINISTER**

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

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE



## HYMN AT THE TABLE

Let us love and sing and wonder,  
Let us praise the Savior's name!  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame;  
He has washed us with his blood,  
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us,  
Pitied us when enemies,  
Called us by his grace, and taught us,  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes:  
He has washed us with his blood,  
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation  
Threaten hard to bear us down!  
For the Lord, our strong salvation,  
Holds in view the conqueror's crown;  
He who washed us with his blood,  
Soon will bring us home to God.

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### Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

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Let us wonder; grace and justice  
Join, and point to mercy's store;  
When through grace in Christ our trust is,  
Justice smiles, and asks no more:  
He who washed us with his blood,  
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high;  
Here they trusted him before us,  
Now their praises fill the sky:  
"You have washed us with your blood;  
You are worthy, Lamb of God!"



## SENDING HYMN

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### Amazing Grace

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Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Then when we've first begun.

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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# WELCOME HOME!

## SOME HOUSEKEEPING NOTES

We are beyond thankful to gather with you to worship our Lord! To better facilitate our gathering, please observe the following housekeeping note:

### **GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING:**

The three building entrances open on Sundays will be the mains doors off of the Parking Lot, the southside entrance with elevator access, and the Sanctuary doors off of Pinecrest.

The nearest restrooms for use during the worship service are available on the First Level. During the worship service, please exit through the Pinecrest Lobby to use the restrooms.

Drinks are permitted in the Sanctuary during worship in your own personal drinkware with a lid (no disposable cups). Please clean-up any spills immediately following the worship service.

If you are visiting us and do not have non-disposable drinkware, please use and keep one of our New City branded coffee mugs!

Following the worship service, everyone is invited to the Gathering Place to connect, converse, and enjoy hot drinks.

Hands-free water dispensers are available in the hallways outside of the Fireplace Room, and in the Kids' Ministry area.

Any items left behind from previous weeks may be found in our Lost & Found Basket, located in the Vestry. Please ask an usher if you do not know where the Vestry is.

### **PARENTS:**

Nursery is available for children 0-36 months in both of our services.

A Cry Room is available in the Pinecrest Lobby.

Pre-school aged children are invited to participate in Kids' Bible Time during our worship services. KBT is a time of teaching from the Bible in an age-appropriate setting.

Please know where your children are at all times, due to the fact that this is a large building with many exits and places to get lost.

Please know that children are not permitted on the chancel due to delicate instruments and equipment.

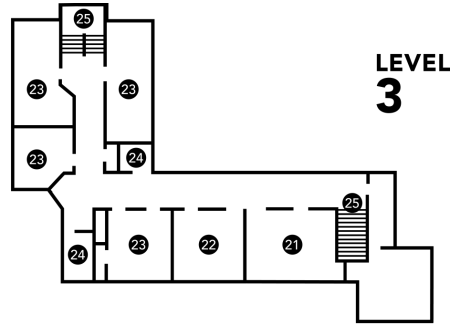


For perspective and practical tips regarding worshipping alongside children, please read our "Worshipping with Little Ones" article in our New City Journal by scanning this QR code.

# BUILDING MAP

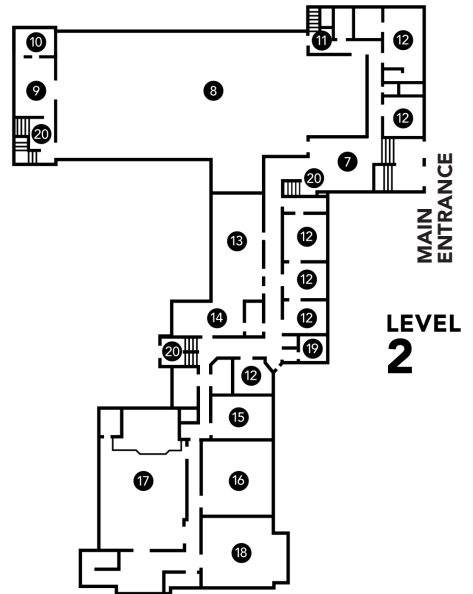
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- 25 STAIRS



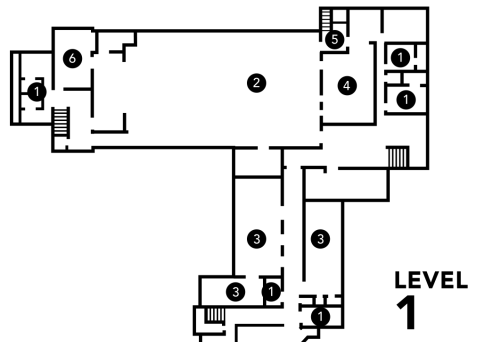
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- 14 GARDEN ROOM
- 15 NC STUDENTS CAFE
- 16 NC STUDENTS REC ROOM
- 17 CHAPEL
- 18 DRAYTON ROOM
- ♿ 19 RESTROOMS
- 20 STAIRS



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



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## **NEED PRAYER?**

Submit a prayer request to  
our Prayer Ministry Team

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Visit our website at:  
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Thank you for being part of our service today! We believe gathering for the worship of God is the highest calling for human beings, and we are honored to have had you come alongside us in this transformative rhythm of life.

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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.



## COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Gathering in the midst of a pandemic brings unique challenges that shape the way we gather. We have put together a list of measures and recommendations for reducing the risk of contagion as much as possible. Please review these guidelines to help everyone stay healthy and safe.



## 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)**

## HOW TO SCAN QR CODES?

QR Codes allow smartphone users to quickly access a web link without having to type a URL.

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