

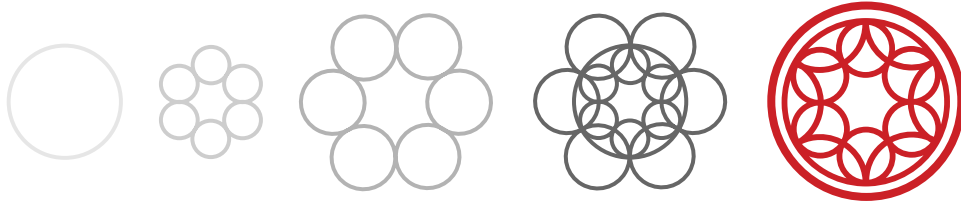


**NEW CITY**  
presbyterian church

**MAY 23, 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

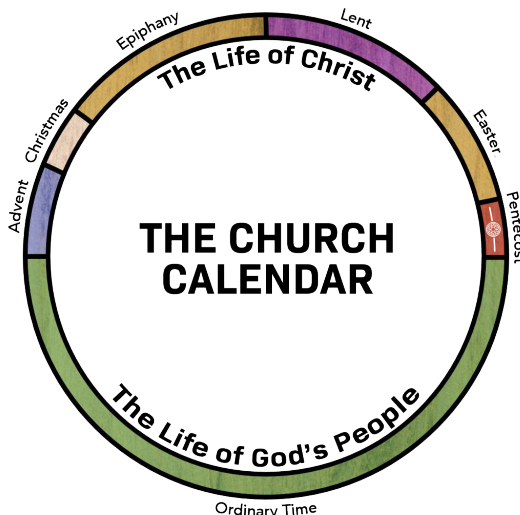
As we gather to worship this morning, take a moment to reflect on this important historical event as a way to prepare for an encounter with the living God.

## WORD ON WORSHIP

Pentecost Sunday

Today, Christians around the world are celebrating Pentecost Sunday. This day recalls Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit (John 14:16), which we see realized in the account in Acts 2. Jesus' promise came at a particularly tense moment, the night before his crucifixion when he was comforting his disciples. They were troubled, confused and even doubting that they knew the way to the Father. To reassure them, Jesus reminded them of who he was, and he promised them the Third Person of the Trinity. God is constantly giving. In Genesis, he breathed life into us and gave us the world to take care of and each other to love. To right a world we stewarded poorly, he gave us his One and Only Son, Jesus Christ. This month we mark his generosity in giving us the Spirit of truth. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople in the 4th century, said, "God has given us the greatest gift possible and in profusion... What is this gift? It is the Holy Spirit!" Romans 8:32 says, "He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?" God has been unceasing and extravagant in his gifts to us. And they're not over yet! At the end of the Bible we see that he gives his chosen people a new garden-city to replace the one from which we were banished.

If the fully restored City of God is our destination, of which we are already citizens (Phil. 3:20), and if God has already given both his Son as an atoning sacrifice and his Spirit to guide us, what more do we need? We are freed up to discern by the Spirit what our neighbors' needs are and meet them proactively. We are strengthened by the Spirit to do so unceasingly, even as our flesh fails us. And we are given the fruit of the Spirit to give out of love rather than out of pride or guilt. From Acts 2:42 on, we see believers loving one another and the community around them as a result of the Holy Spirit's coming. Truly, God always gives more than we can even imagine.



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

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Oh praise Him; alleluia  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam  
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
Oh praise Him; alleluia  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One  
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

## All Creatures Of Our God And King

*St. Francis of Assisi, William Henry Draper.  
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All the redeemed washed by His blood  
Come and rejoice in His great love  
Oh praise Him; alleluia  
Christ has defeated every sin  
Cast all your burdens now on Him  
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

He shall return in power to reign  
Heaven and earth will join to say  
Oh praise Him; alleluia  
Then who shall fall on bended knee  
All creatures of our God and King  
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

## 9AM SERVICE: MEMBERSHIP VOWS

We are privileged to receive the newest members of New City Presbyterian Church this morning: Matt Bracken, Andrew Dodds, Carol Drysdale, Justin & Gretchen Swarbrick, and Hana Truong.

### MEMBERSHIP VOWS:

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the follower of Christ?

Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

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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## 9AM SERVICE: PASTORAL PRAYER

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 *Steven Edward Klaser*, son of Jacob and Megan Klaser, born April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### BAPTISM VOWS

#### PARENTAL VOWS:

Do you acknowledge your child’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 child, 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 child 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 Steven, 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

John 14:27 (NIV)

<sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

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.

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## 11AM SERVICE: BAPTISMAL PRAYER PASTORAL PRAYER



## HYMN OF INVOCATION

Come, Holy Spirit, Creator Blest

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Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest,  
And in our hearts take up Thy rest  
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid  
To fill our hearts which Thou hast made,  
To fill our hearts which Thou hast made.

Come Holy Spirit, through Thee alone,  
Know we the Father and the Son;  
Be this our firm unchanging creed,  
That Thou dost from them both proceed,  
That Thou dost from them both proceed.

O Comforter, to Thee we cry,  
Thou heavenly gift of God most high;  
Thou fount of life, and fire of love,  
And sweet anointing from above,  
And sweet anointing from above.

Praise we the Lord, Father and Son,  
And Holy Spirit with them one;  
And may the Son on us bestow  
All gifts that from the Spirit flow,  
All gifts that from the Spirit flow.

*Be not afraid,  
Where you go there I am with you*

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

## CALL TO REPENTANCE

Did you fall prey this past week to the lie of circumstances that loom large and a God who looks small? The promises of this world more compelling than the promises of God?

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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 and gracious God, our hearts cry out for You to make us whole again. Even as we celebrate that You have come to dwell within us by sending us Your Spirit, we have sinned against You. Forgive us, for we have not heeded Your Word, we have not confidently shared Your gospel; and we have not lived faithfully as Your people. In Your mercy, transform our timid and faithless lives by Your powerful Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Ezekiel 37:14

14 [...] I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD



## DOXOLOGY

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!

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

## Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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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

## 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.

## 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.

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.

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION



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# THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S 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.

## Matthew 13:31-32 (ESV)

<sup>31</sup> He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. <sup>32</sup> It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."



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The grass withers, the flower fades,  
But the Word of our God stands forever.



**Sermon Series: Stained No More**

Rev. Ryan McVicar

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**We Have A Major Confidence Problem**

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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**

O great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart  
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel power  
Let no vice or sin remain, that resists Your holy war  
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice  
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys  
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me  
Through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace  
Keep my heart and guard my soul, from the evils that I face  
You are worthy to be praised, with my every thought and deed  
O great God of highest heaven, glorify Your name through me

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O Great God

*Bob Kaufflin,*

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## SENDING HYMN

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The Church's One Foundation

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The Church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation, by water and the Word;  
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one over all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

The Church shall never perish! Her dear Lord, to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;  
Though there be those that hate her and false sons in her pale,  
Against the foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

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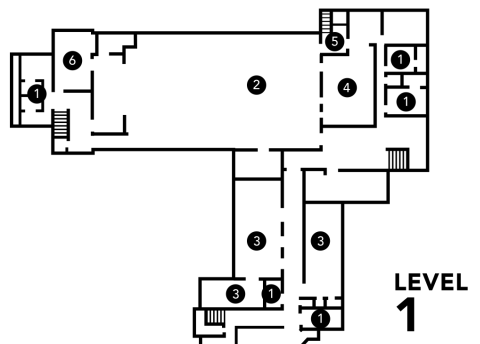
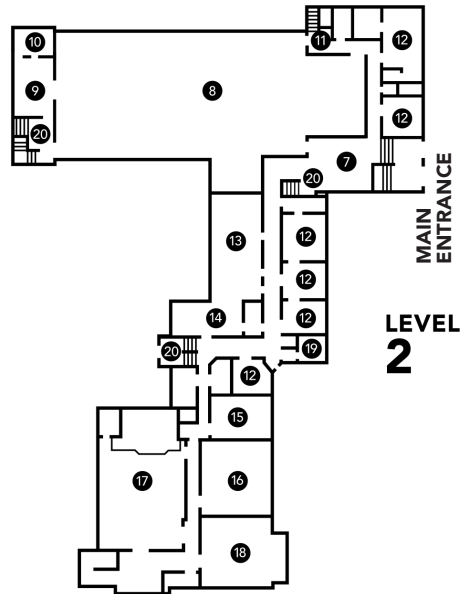
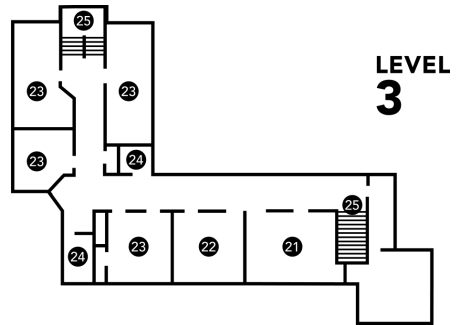
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- 14 GARDEN ROOM
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- 1 RESTROOMS
- 2 GATHERING PLACE
- 3 NC KIDS
- 4 KITCHEN
- 5 ELEVATOR
- 6 BACKSTAGE ROOM



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## **NEED PRAYER?**

Submit a prayer request to  
our Prayer Ministry Team

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Visit our website at:  
**NEWCITYPC.ORG**

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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?

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