

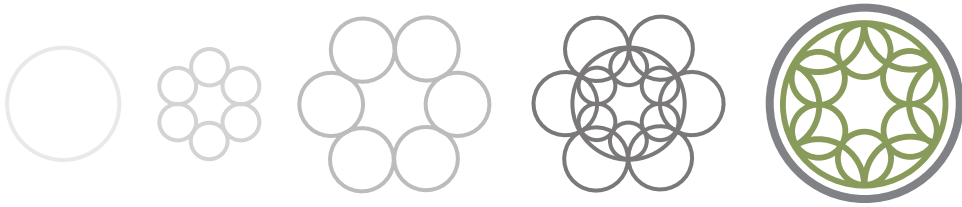


NEW CITY  
presbyterian church

**AUGUST 20, 2023**



# 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.

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

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Hebrews 4:14-16

<sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## GATHERING HYMN

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest  
Sun moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

## READING FROM THE EPISTLES

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Romans 8:35-39

<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

The Prayer of Adoration is a praiseful pondering of the person, attributes and works of God, intended to draw our hearts closer to our Heavenly Father, in awe.



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## PRAYER OF ADORATION

## HYMN OF REMEMBRANCE

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home;

Under the shadow of Your throne  
Your saints have dwelt secure.  
Sufficient is Your arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting You are God,  
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Your sight  
Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Soon bears us all away.  
We fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Still be our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.

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O God Our Help In Ages Past

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## 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 we can follow-up with you.



## TITHES & OFFERINGS

### FOR TEXT & ONLINE GIVING

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Give online through Church Center, at [newcitypc.churchcenter.com/giving](http://newcitypc.churchcenter.com/giving) or by scanning the QR code.



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## OFFERTORY HYMN

### I Want To Know You

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I've tried in vain a thousand ways  
My fears to quell, my hopes to raise  
But what I need, Your word has said  
Is ever, only, Jesus

Though some should curse me for your name  
I have no fear, I have no shame  
You stand with me for all my days  
My ever, only, Jesus

You died, you live, you reign, you plead  
There's love in all your words and deeds  
This weary heart finds all it needs  
In ever, only, Jesus

Like wave after wave on the ocean  
Like all of the sand on the shore  
Your beauty and glory are endless  
O Jesus I must know you more

*I want to know you, Jesus my Lord  
King of the Heavens, King of my soul  
I trade my treasure and all my rewards  
Jesus to know you, then know you more*

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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 of illumination to God asking Him to speak to us through His living and active Word.



# THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

## Psalm 91 (ESV)

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.

- <sup>1</sup> He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
- <sup>2</sup> I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."
- <sup>3</sup> For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.
- <sup>4</sup> He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
- <sup>5</sup> You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.
- <sup>7</sup> A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.
- <sup>8</sup> You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.
- <sup>9</sup> Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—
- <sup>10</sup> no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.
- <sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
- <sup>12</sup> On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.
- <sup>13</sup> You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
- <sup>14</sup> "Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.
- <sup>15</sup> When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.
- <sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."





Sermon Series:

**Psalms for the Summer**

Rev. Matt Luchenbill

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**Shadow of the Almighty**

**MAIN IDEA:** Dwell in the Most High who Delivers and is Devoted

Dwell:

Delivers:

Devoted:



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

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## 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

Merciful Father, Your Word has assured us of Your protection, Your presence, and Your profound love. Yet, often, our hearts waver, and our trust falters. We confess that at times, even amidst Your faithfulness, we question and doubt; We are prone to forget Your deliverance and quick to focus on our fears. In moments of trial, we often drift away from You, led astray by our emotions, our circumstances, or the influences of the world. O Lord, hold fast to us, for we often foolishly let go of You! Forgive us our sin, cleanse our hearts, and help us to live our lives in the safe refuge, and awesome power of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 in Christ.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Lamentations 3:22-23

<sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;  
his mercies never come to an end;  
<sup>23</sup> they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

### MINISTER

All who can examine themselves regarding their faith and participation in Christ, are invited to commune with Him at the Lord's Table.

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## INVITATION & FENCING OF THE TABLE

### MINISTER

This prayer is offered to set apart the bread and the wine as holy, for the purpose of spiritually nourishing us through our communing with Christ

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion—also known as the Lord’s Supper—has always been a common, shared, joyous family meal. This meal is for those who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ; for those Baptized Christians who trust in His once-for-all sacrificial death upon the cross for their salvation. When we celebrate this feast, we commune with the risen Lord Jesus who stands as our host to offer spiritual nourishment, renewal and life. We also commune with one another, participating together in the reconciling grace of God.

We warmly welcome to the table all who trust in Jesus and who have publicly professed their faith as members of a Christian congregation. At New City, we ask our children not to take communion until they have met with the elders to share of their faith in Christ, although all children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing and a word of encouragement. If you are not a Christian, we encourage you to spend this time reflecting on the prayers below in the hopes that a relationship with Jesus and membership in His Church may be considered.

You will be directed to make your way to one of the four stations in our sanctuary where you will receive the bread and the wine (gluten-free cracker and grape juice available). Please take it back to your place so we can partake together.

**Jesus is truly and spiritually present and stands ready to feed you.  
Come hungry. Come thirsty. Come ready to be filled.**

## *INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS FOR PRAYING DURING COMMUNION*

### **PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH**

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that You promise. Amen.

### **PRAYER OF BELIEF**

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive You as my Savior. Amen.

### **PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

I do not presume to come to Your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in my own goodness, but only in Your righteousness credited to me. I am not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table. But You are the same Lord whose manner is always to show mercy. Grant me, O Lord, the grace to commune now with Christ by faith, that I may evermore live in Him and He in me. Amen.

ALL

## HYMN AT THE TABLE

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He Will Hold Me Fast

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When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast; He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast*

Those He saves are His delight; Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast  
Raised with Him to endless life; He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight when He comes at last

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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### God Is For Us

Michael Farren, James Ferguson, Tiarne Kleyn, Jesse Reeves,  
Jonny Robinson, James Tealy, Rich Thompson.  
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We won't fear the battle; we won't fear the night  
We will walk the valley, with You by our side  
You will go before us; You will lead the way  
We have found a refuge, only You can save

*Sing with joy now: our God is for us  
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress  
Raise your voice now, no love is greater  
Who can stand against us if our God is for us*

Even when I stumble, even when I fall  
Even when I turn back, still Your love is sure  
You will not abandon, You will not forsake  
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace

Neither height nor depth can separate us  
Hell and death will not defeat us  
He who gave His Son to free us  
Holds us in His love

## BENEDICTION

Our gathered worship service  
concludes with God's blessing;  
a joyful declaration of God's  
satisfaction in us in Jesus  
Christ, and a vow to be in  
fellowship with us wherever  
we may go.



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

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|---|--------------|
| General Fund Contributions as of 7/31/23                | \$ 425,472   |
| General Fund Budget as of 7/31/23                       | \$ 423,846   |
| Total FGTC Commitments (3 year Campaign)                | \$ 1,078,444 |
| FGTC Contributions from Commitments (2020 thru 7/31/23) | \$ 1,007,126 |
| Mortgage Balance as of 8/7/23                           | \$ 335,178   |

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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](http://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!