NEW CITY

A Gathered Service of Worship

WELCOME TO NEW CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We're delighted that you've joined us this morning for our gathered service of worship. Our community 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 and the central message of the Bible to be 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 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 Presbyterian Church exists to be a community rooted in truth, real in conversation and committed to renewing our lives and our city.

As the Lead Pastor at New City, it is my privilege to extend to you an invitation to come be part of the New City Church community and to be astonished, together with us, by the splendor and grace of God.

RYAN MCVICAR

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
to whoever will come - this church opens wide her doors and offers you welcome
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Order for the Public Worship of God

September 10, 2017

WORD ON WORSHIP

What motivates us to gather for worship on Sundays?

Sundays at New City are for gospel renewal and gospel celebration. All of this takes place in an atmosphere that we describe as having a "joyful gravitas," reflecting the biblical teaching of the kind of worship God desires. Our worship is rooted (Incorporating liturgy from the ancient church), real (Our liturgy is weekly crafted by the pastors and music directors and contextualized to the uniqueness of our cultural context) and renewing (All week long we're bombarded by lies and disappointments that cause us to run spiritually dry. Our gathered service of worship is a time of spiritual renewal as God encounters us through biblical preaching and encourages us through the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.)

Our gathered service of worship is designed to ignite in us a greater love for the one, true, living God. We naturally love our money, our pleasure, and ourselves more than God. Therefore, we gather for worship so that our God might progressively liberate us from our idolatries and therefore reign supreme in our lives . For this purpose, our Lord uses such heart-calibrating practices as:

- Singing to make the greatness of His love more vivid
- Confessing how we have fallen in our efforts to loyally love our Lord
- Hearing His Word proclaimed so that we know more fully His loving heart
- Giving back to the Lord His resources as a tangible evidence of our love for Him
- Heeding His commission to rescue other wandering, weak sheep like ourselves
- Celebrating the work and promises of Jesus Christ in Communion

SILENT REFLECTION

"To add to the finished work of Jesus Christ is to disfigure it, mar it, and destroy it altogether. There is nothing you can contribute to the payment that Jesus made on the cross for sin. There is no penance you can undergo, no good work you can perform, no pilgrimage upon which you can embark, no punishment you can endure to clear your guilt before God. When Jesus said, 'It is finished,' he meant it. He meant that he had completely paid the price to release his people from their bondage to sin. So for you to try to pay for your own sins is to deny that Jesus really did finish paying for sin. For you to try to do something to earn your own salvation is to make Jesus Christ out to be a liar." | **James Montgomery Boice and Philip Graham Ryken**

"The Christian has the assurance which no heir in temporal things can ever have. He knows with absolute certainty that the inheritance will not merely be kept for him, but that he will be kept for it." | **Geerhardus Vos**

WELCOME + PREPARATION

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN OF PRAISE ❧ ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

Saint Francis of Assisi, 1225

ALL All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden ,beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam

O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening find a voice

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Oh Praise Him! Alleluia
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION ❧ (concluded with the Lord's prayer)

ALL **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

❧ Please stand

HYMN OF JOY NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS
Robert Lowry, 1876

ALL

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! Precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing, this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

READING FROM THE CHRONICLES SELECT VERSES FROM 1 CHRONICLES 16

READER

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth. He remembers his covenant forever, the promise he made, for a thousand generations. Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his dwelling place. Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Cry out, "Save us, God our Savior; gather us and deliver us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, and glory in your praise." Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Then all the people said, "Amen" and Praise the Lord."

Please stand

PASTORAL PRAYER

BRINGING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST
Jordan Kauflin, 2008

ALL

I once was lost in darkest night,
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life,
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own,
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first,
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hellbound race,
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state,
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed,
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me,
Now all I know is grace

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone,
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands,
Could never come from me
Oh Father, use my ransomed life,
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be,
My only boast is You

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN

Three year olds through 3rd graders are welcome to attend Kids' Bible Time classes during the sermon. You may help your children find their seats when they return to the service during communion.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

EPHESIANS 1:1-6 (ESV)

READER [1]Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: [2]Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [3]Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, [4]even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love [5]he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, [6]to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

MINISTER All people are like grass, and all their beauty is like the flowers of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades,

ALL **But the Word of our God stands forever.**

Please stand

SERIES: The Far and the Found: Exploring Ephesians Rev. Ryan McVicar

TITLE: Dear Ephesus, This is a Big Deal!

(notes and thoughts)

Sermon Discussion Questions

1. Discuss some of the cultural similarities between our culture and Ephesus in the 1st Century.

2. How does the reality of your being a saint change the way you think about yourself and your relationship with God? Your relationship with others?

3. Do you walk through life in a way that reflects the fact that every spiritual blessing has already been secured for you?

4. How and why is the doctrine of God's sovereign election and predestination a comforting teaching that should lead us to rejoice and feel immeasurably secure? Why is this such a difficult teaching for people to embrace? Read Romans 9 for further discussion.

5. Do you really believe that in Christ you are holy and blameless? In what ways does this truth compel you to live for Christ and to worship him?

HYMN OF RESPONSE — O THE LOVE OF MY REDEEMER

Josh Caterer, 2007

ALL

Highest heights or darkest deep, Be there pain or poverty
There is nothing that can keep, My Redeemer's love from me

All alone though I may feel, All the world my enemy
Still there's no one that can steal, My Redeemer's love from me

O the love of my Redeemer, Never failing, come what may
He has purchased my forgiveness, And has washed my sins away

Although burdened by the weight, Of great trial or tragedy
None of these can separate, My Redeemer's love from me (chorus)

Though the earth's foundations shake, Driving wind or raging sea
Neither death nor life can take, My Redeemer's love from me (chorus)

Through this world's few passing days, And through all eternity
I will never cease to praise, My Redeemer's love for me (chorus)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL

Our heavenly Father, your son Jesus offers us a truly beautiful life when He announces:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit." Yet we have been rich in pride.
"Blessed are those who mourn." Yet we have not grieved over our sin.
"Blessed are the meek." Yet we have insisted upon and asserted our own rights.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness." Yet our lives have been filled with other desires.
"Blessed are the merciful." Yet we have related to others harshly and impatiently.
"Blessed are the pure in heart." Yet our lives have been cluttered with impure thoughts and actions.
"Blessed are the peacemakers." Yet we have been slow to forgive and pursue reconciliation.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness."
Yet our lives have seldom challenged the ways, priorities, and values of the world. Forgive us our sins and cleanse us from our unrighteousness. Have mercy upon us for Jesus' sake, Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS — ROMANS 8:31-34

MINISTER

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Please stand

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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 word of encouragement. If you are not a Christian, we encourage you to spend this time reflecting on the prayers printed on the following page in the hopes that a relationship with Jesus and membership in His Church may be considered.

We will be coming forward to participate in Communion. Clear cups (located on the perimeter of the tray) contain grape juice. Red cups (interior of tray) contain wine. Gluten-free bread is also available at the table if it is your preference.

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

MINISTER The Lord be with you. RUTH 2:4

ALL **And also with you.**

MINISTER Lift up your hearts! LAMENTATIONS 3:41

ALL **We lift them up to the Lord!**

MINISTER Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. PSALM 118:1

ALL **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

MINISTER It is truly right to give you thanks and praise. Let us boldy proclaim the mystery of faith.

ALL **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BREAKING OF THE BREAD
INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS YOU CAN PRAY 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 this 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, therefore, O Lord, the grace to commune now with Christ by faith, that I may evermore live in him and he in me. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN WHAT WONDEROUS LOVE IS THIS?
American Folk Hymn, 1811

ALL 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.

When I was sinking down, Sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, For my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

IN CHRIST ALONE
Getty & Townend, 2001

ALL

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease!
My Comforter my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This Gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied -
For every sin on Him was laid: Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine - Bought with the precious blood of Christ

THE BENEDICTION & THE CHILDREN'S GATHERING

No guilt in life no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Ryan McVicar

Nathan Moretto

READER

Beth Anne Sutton

WORSHIP MUSICIANS

Nick Bulchak

Kelly Cairo

Evan Chisholm

Adina Crawford

Kent Kooy

Vicky Kooy

Tobiah Murphy

Please stand

Connect at New City

AFTER OUR SERVICE

Have a cup of coffee with friends, find a good book at the book table, or get more info about New City at the information center. Thank you for caring for the Middle School by taking all of your belongings out of the auditorium with you after the service.

NEW CITY GROUPS

New City is committed to deep, transformational community life. The backbone of our community life is found in New City Groups. These regional groups (8-12 adults) serve as our primary vehicle for Christian formation, study, prayer, discipleship and mission. If you would like information about participating in a group starting this Fall, please contact our Director of Congregational Life, Nathan Moretto at nathan.moretto@newcitypc.org.

FALL MINISTRIES LUNCHEON

TODAY We will be kicking off our Fall Ministries with an Open House after the service for learning more about each ministry area. A New City Ministries luncheon will be held on Sunday, September 17th to provide an opportunity to celebrate the ministry year ahead and to meet the leaders of various ministries! Please, sign up through the link listed in the New City News to bring a nut-free salad or dessert.

FINANCIAL PEACE FORUM

New City will offer a financial class, led by Greg Brinks, for 9 Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 in rooms A-105 and A-104 beginning September 10. In nine easy-to-follow lessons, you'll learn how to get out of debt, create a budget, make wise spending decisions, give more, save for the future, and so much more! Contact Angela Wood if you are in need of childcare. Cost is only $49 (per person or married/engaged couple) for all the material. See Greg Brinks for more details on Sunday mornings or sign up here: http://www.fpu.com/1044180

REFORMED FAITH FORUM

New City will offer Distinctives of the Reformed Faith, a 9 week forum, led by Pastor Ryan McVicar, at 9:15am beginning on September 10th in room A115. In this forum, we will explore the history and teachings of the Protestant Reformation. Contact Angela Wood, if you are planning on joining the class and are in need of childcare.

MARRIAGE FORUM

New City will offer a marriage forum, based on the book "What Did You Expect?" by Paul Tripp, led by Scott & Kelly Cairo and Mark & Mandi Krieg. The class is a 10-session DVD recorded conference by Paul Tripp, and will begin on Saturday, September 16th from 7:00-9:00 pm at the Cairo home, located at 2599 E. 13 Mile Rd., Warren. Join us for a monthly, adult only, Saturday evening focused on how to love and serve our spouses in a way that reflects the gospel. Contact Mandi Krieg at (248)761-8231 if you and your spouse are interested in participating.

WOMEN'S STUDIES

Join us for study and fellowship at Megan McVicar's home in Royal Oak. **Morning**: This study will focus on *Missional Motherhood The Bible Study: The Everyday Ministry of Motherhood in the Grand Plan of God* by Gloria Furman and meets every other Wednesday 10:00-11:30 a.m. starting September 20th. Child care is provided. **Evening:** This study will focus on *Transformed: Life-taker to Life-giver* by Karen Hodge and Susan Hunt and meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month 7:30-9:00 p.m. starting September 19th. Contact Megan at megan.mcvicar@newcitypc.org.

NEW CITY TALKS

Invite your friends and join us on Thursday, September 21st 7:00-9:00 p.m. as we resume our monthly New City Talks. This month we will be discussing "Race, Racism, and Racial Reconciliation" from a Christian framework at Craft Bar in the basement of the new Jolly Pumpkin.

NEW CITY TOUR

Are you interested in learning more about the vision and values of New City and the process toward membership? Join us on Friday, September 29th at 6:30 pm at the McVicar Home (1232 Woodsboro Dr., Royal Oak, MI 48067). Dinner and childcare will be provided. The class will continue Sunday, October 1st at 9:15 am. To register, contact Liz at Liz.Chisholm@newcitypc.org.

GREENFIELD UNION

Help provide food, tutoring, or library assistance for children and families of the Greenfield Union school in Detroit. Join us Friday, September 22nd at 6:00 pm to pack bags of food in the ROMS Cafe. Sign up to bring needed food items through the link in the Friday Newsletter or email Nathan.Moretto@newcitypc.org.

NEW CITY KIDS

VOLUNTEER If you would like to learn more about opportunities to serve with our Kids City ministries, contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Falon Moretto at volunteer@newcitypc.org.

ELEMENTARY DIRECTOR New City is seeking a loving, energetic and kid-crazy, part-time, Elementary Director. We are currently accepting applications and inquiries regarding this position. For information, please email Amanda.Wilhelm@newcitypc.org.

NURSERY During our Sunday morning worship services, nursery care is available for infants (0-12 months) and toddlers (walkers through 2 years old).

PAGERS We are implementing a new paging system for our nursery and toddler rooms, Google Voice. This system will allow parents to receive a text if they should need to be paged. Please save the following number as "New City Nursery" in your phone: (248)658-8127 and keep your phones on vibrate during the service. Thank you!

WORSHIP BAGS At New City, we consider it a great joy to have children participate in worship! To assist your children during the service, Worship Bags are available at the back of the auditorium and are filled with notebooks and special activities. Please, return any used bags after the service.

KIDS' BIBLE TIME Kids' Bible Time classes are held during the sermon portion of Sunday services and provide age-appropriate Bible lessons, crafts and snacks. Classes are available for the following age groups as of September 1st: 3-4 year olds, Kindergarten-1st grade, and 2nd-3rd grade. Opportunities to change classes due to age or grade will occur in September and January.

SUNDAY SHORTS Sunday Shorts classes for children will resume this Fall Sundays from 9:15-10:15 AM. Sunday Shorts seeks to engage children with our confessional tradition using the First Catechism booklet. The class will be open to children in 2nd-4th to learn more about the Lord's Supper and foundations of our faith.

NEW GENERATION (YOUTH)

NEW GEN CLASS The New Generation Sunday morning class will begin September 10th from 9:15-10:15 AM for students in 5th grade and older. The "New Gen" class seeks to engange youth on the basics of the Christian faith to help students develop a firm foundation and rooted convictions. Contact Nate Moretto at nathan.moretto@newcitypc.org.

YOUTH NIGHT The first Youth Night will be held September 22nd (4th Friday) at 6:00 pm for students in 5th grade and older! It will continue on the 3rd Friday of each month starting in October (Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15). Contact Nate Moretto at nathan.moretto@newcitypc.org if you have any questions, and/or if your child is planning on joining for a pizza dinner.

COMMUNITY LIFE

PRAYER NEEDS If you would like someone to pray for or with you, please consider the following: 1) Share your request with your New City Group. If you are not currently in a group, we urge you to consider joining one. 2) Talk with one of our pastors following the service for prayer. 3) For healing prayer, led by our church elders, please submit your request on the tear out card on the back of the bulletin.

DIRECTORY New City has an online directory! To learn how to access our online directory, contact the church office at megan.mcvicar@newcitypc.org. To download the app for your mobile device, find the appropriate application for your device at www.instantchurchdirectory.com/app.

NEW CITY NEWS To sign up to receive New City News Friday updates, please go to www.newcitypc.org, click on the email icon at the very top of the page, add your email information and push "subscribe." Contact the church office if you have questions (liz.chisholm@newcitypc.org).

Please visit our website at:
NEWCITYPC.ORG

Thank you for being part of our service today. New City Royal Oak seeks to be a catalyst for a church-planting movement throughout the Detroit region comprised of churches working together to establish worshipping communities who are biblically-faithful, gospel-centric, outward-facing and community-driven.

Our vision is to see renewal take place at every level - personally, spiritualy, socially and culturally - renewal that is rooted in the truth of God's Word.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Isn't it exciting to name something or someone? Names have meaning. Perhaps this is why we instinctively ask, "Do you have names picked out yet" when we first hear the news of a friend or loved one who is expecting a baby. It is also why you had better not dare change the name of a little girl's princess doll or teddy bear! We can only imagine the task entrusted to Adam and Eve to name the animals. Surely they experienced the same struggles that we often face: "Does this name really fit?" "Will it stand the test of time?" "Is it true to the identity of the person or thing being named?" Yes, names are important, but the comforting reality about names, from another perspective, is that they will not determine the ultimate strength, substance, or identity of the object being named.

So, as we conversed over the name of our church it became clear that there could be no other! In the end, we realized that we would not have to choose between a name that reflected either our region or our theology. Rather, our name reflects both our region and our theology.

Regionally, as you know, one of the better known nicknames for our great city and metro-area is the Renaissance City, which means City of Re-birth or Renewal. It's ironic that one of the most pressing questions being asked right now is how our city can ever be renewed.

Theologically, the central claim of the Bible is the good news that Jesus died upon the cross for sinners and secured the salvation of all who place their trust in him alone. The grand biblical vision and hope held out for God's children is their eternal residence in the new city of which we catch a glimpse in the last book of the bible:

"I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God." (Revelation 21)

It will not be jewels or gold that will make this new city so dazzling. Rather, the presence of God and the joy of forever residing in the city where he will be seen face to face is what will make this the greatest city ever known. For this reason, we are pleased to go by the name of New City.

VISITOR INFORMATION

We are glad to have you as our guest today. We invite you to come be part of the New City Church community and to be astonished, together with us, by the splendor and grace of God.

You may deposit this card in the offering plate or in the dropbox at the back of the auditorium.

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☐ The Bible or becoming a Christian
☐ Ways to serve at New City or in the community
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Wayne & Joyce Boor - Every Thursday @ 7:00p; contact Wayne at wdbo82@gmail.com or (561)306-4970.

Dean & Sandra Flower - Every other Friday @ 6:30p; contact Dean at dean.flower@gmail.com or (248)878-0807.

Andrew & Katherine Maxwell and Evan & Liz Chisholm - Every other Thursday @ 6:30p; contact Katherine at mill2030@gmail.com or (989)430-7749.

Nate & Falon Moretto - 1st & 3rd Sunday @ 12:30p; contact Nate at nathan.moretto@newcitypc.org or (270)970-1695.

Nate & Falon Moretto - 2nd & 4th Sunday @ 12:30p; contact Nate at nathan.moretto@newcitypc.org or (270)970-1695.

Steve & Jordan Ng - Every other Wednesday @ 7:30p; contact Steve at ngstevenm@gmail.com or (248)808-0689.

Craig & Jen Schoon, and Brad and Michelle DeLaruelle - 2nd and 4th Sunday @ 1:00 pm; contact Jennifer at steelejen@hotmail.com or (586)354-7839; or contact Michelle at mmdelaruelle@gmail.com or (586)610-8850.

Dicky & Bethany Smith - Every other Thursday @ 6:30p; contact Dicky at smith.dick@gmail.com or (408)858-6124.

Jim & Beth Anne Sutton – 1st Tuesday @ 8:00p (women), 2nd Sunday @ 12:30p (all), 4th Tuesday @ 8:00p (men); contact Beth Anne at beth.anne.sutton@gmail.com or (989)400-9177.