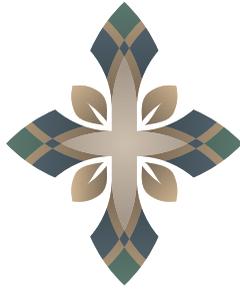


NEW CITY

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

November 12, 2017

SILENT REFLECTION

“If you have seen me, you have seen the Father.” | **Jesus**

“It was the whole Trinity, which at the beginning of creation said, ‘Let us make man!’ It was the whole Trinity again, which at the beginning of the Gospel said, ‘Let us save man!’” | **J.C. Ryle**

The Spirit is not a resource that we use, but the God who claims us for his purposes, sweeping us unexpectedly and disruptively into his new world. The Spirit divides and unites, cutting us out of our covenantal solidarity with Adam and grafting us into Christ. | **Michael Horton**

WELCOME + PREPARATION

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN OF PRAISE

COME HOLY SPIRIT, CREATOR BLEST

Benedict, 2011

ALL Come, Holy Spirit, Creator bless,
And in our hearts take up thy rest
Come with thy grace and heav'nly aid
To fill our hearts which thou hast made,
To fill our hearts which thou has made.

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

Be not afraid,
Where you go there I am with you (2x)

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.

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. (chorus)

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

BEHOLD OUR GOD

Baird and Altrogge, 2011

ALL

Who has held the oceans in His hand?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?
Who can fathom All His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign

You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill)

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

HABAKKUK 3:17-19

MINISTER

Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the field yield no food, though the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. God, the Lord, is my strength.

BRINGING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

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 3:14-21 (ESV)

READER

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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.

SERIES: The Far and the Found: Exploring Ephesians

Rev. Nathan Moretto

TITLE: The Triune Promises

(notes and thoughts)

Sermon Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to be a 'family' of God? How does being in a family of God affect our relationships with one another?
2. How does knowing God's love deeply and intimately enable us to love others?
3. How does God receive glory by us loving Him and loving others? Do we 'add' to His glory?

HYMN OF RESPONSE

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

T. Chisholm, 1923

ALL

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 has 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL

O Lord, we want to enter into your presence, yet there is a coldness in our hearts, a hardness toward you, and a callousness towards our brother and sister. We withhold love from one another, and thus spurn the love with which you have showered upon us through the blood of your Son. Forgive us, O God, for Jesus' sake. Come near, and strengthen us by the power of your Holy Spirit in our hearts. In your precious name we pray, Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

PSALM 103: 8, 10-12

MINISTER

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love towards those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from 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.

APOSTLES' CREED

ALL

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

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

THE BLOOD OF JESUS
Czechowicz and Hendershot, 2013

ALL

What fountain's unrelenting stream Is mighty as a flood?
With force and care it ever cleans 'Tis Jesus' precious blood

What river carries off my sins?
What balm can heal my wounds?
There is no tide or medicine But Jesus' blood alone

All the guilty are forgiven
All the captives are made clean and then set free
Praise the Lord of power and mercy
The blood of Jesus, shed for me

What treasure, Land or salary Could pay the debt I owe?
The only valid currency Is Jesus' blood that flows

Who pleads for me with His own blood And then my soul renews?
He is my advocate and judge And served my sentence, too

What theme shall now my soul employ In song before my God?
A melody of love and joy And thanks for Jesus' blood

COMMUNION HYMN

ACROSS THE LANDS

Getty and Townend, 2002

ALL You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet Has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice.
Let the skies declare Your glory; Let the land and seas rejoice!

You're the Author of creation;
You're the Lord of ev'ry man;
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet You left the gaze of angels,
Came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry; with a word You stilled the sea;
Yet how silently You suffered that the guilty may go free!

THE BENEDICTION & THE CHILDREN'S GATHERING

ALL With a shout You rose victorious,
Wresting vict'ry from the grave,
And ascended into heaven,
Leading captives in Your wake.

Now You stand before the Father,
Interceding for Your own;
From each tribe and tongue and nation,
You are leading sinners home!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Nathan Moretto

WORSHIP MUSICIANS

Evan Chisholm

Kent Kooy

Greta Park

Meredith Sanislo

Joni SayGan

 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.

NEW CITY CHOIR

Calling all singers! Join our New City Christmas Choir! Rehearsals will be held on Tuesday nights beginning November 7th. The choir will participate in the Christmas Eve service and some services during Advent. If you are interested, contact Meredith Ammons at meredithammons@hotmail.com or 313-920-9197.

MARRIAGE RENAISSANCE

Join us February 2nd-3rd for the annual New City Relationship Renaissance in downtown Detroit. Spend an evening with New City couples and friends for encouragement, conversation and insightful teaching for couples desiring to develop a more intimate friendship. The conference will be held at the Hilton Doubletree in downtown Detroit. Early registration goes until January 10th: \$250 for conference and overnight stay; \$140 for conference only. Significant scholarship automatically applied to New City families (Ask Ryan McVicar for details on the scholarship). Checks made payable to New City Presbyterian Church, with the note "for Marriage Renaissance." To register contact liz.chisholm@newcitypc.org.

MARRIAGE FORUM

New City is offering 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. The next session will be on November 18th 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. The next meeting will be November 29th. 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 (November 14th) 7:30-9:00 p.m. Contact Megan at megan.mcvicar@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, November 17th 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 Nursery, contact our Nursery Directors, Angela Wood at angela.wood@newcitypc.org, or Maris Bakker at maris.bakker@newcitypc.org. To serve in Kids' Bible Time, contact Falon Moretto at volunteer@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).

NEW CITY KIDS

PAGERS

The Google Voice paging system for our nursery and toddler rooms allows 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 phone 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.

KIDS CHOIR

Kids choir is starting again! Kids Choir meets after the service for 25 minutes starting Nov. 5th. The choir will sing during advent and at the Christmas Eve service. For all kids age 7 and up! Contact Meredith Ammons at meredithammons@hotmail.com or 313.920.9197.

NEW GENERATION (YOUTH)

YOUTH NIGHT

The next Youth Night will be held on the 3rd Friday of each month (November 17th and December 15th) at 6:00 pm for students in 5th grade and older! Contact Nate Moretto at nathan.moretto@newcitypc.org if your child is planning on joining for pizza dinner or if you have any questions.

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 liz.chisholm@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).

SUNDAY SEATING

If you are a New City member, please consider moving closer to the front of the auditorium and into the middle sections of our seating. Sitting in this way will make seating more accessible for our visitors and also for those who, for different reasons, require aisle seating. Thank you for having the heart of a servant as we consider the needs of others in this way!

PARKING

Sunday morning volunteers and New City members, please consider parking further away and deeper into the parking lot in order to leave the spots closest to the front doors open for visitors and guests. Our main parking lot is getting closer to being full. Thank you for serving in this way!

WORSHIPPING WITH LITTLE ONES

What a joy and privilege to worship with children! Worship is a communal activity in which we participate together as a church family and is one of the best ways to welcome children into the life of the church. Yet, children are in the process of learning the significance of worship and how to worship. During our nursery and Kids Bible Times, teachers emphasize why we worship and help children learn prayers and songs that are typically part of our services. However, there are ways parents and congregants alike can train our children in the joys of worship.

For Parents: Parents have the responsibility and blessing to lead and train children in worship. Living in a culture where children are constantly entertained can make this responsibility difficult. However, consider the tips below to help the process go a bit more smoothly:

Tips for Sunday Worship:

- Start Saturday night by looking at the worship bulletin and practicing songs that will be sung. Lay out clothes and get together what you will need for worship.
- If you need time to calm a squirmy toddler, feel free to step out.
- Some children can pay attention better if they sit up front.
- Worship with rather than beside children. Help your child who can't read by singing the words of the chorus in their ears so they can sing along.
- Help them follow along in the Bible. Point out words for young or non-readers that are repetitive.
- Allow children to participate in offering by sharing their allowance.
- Whisper instructions or comments such as, "Now is the time when we tell God how great HE is."
- Use a worship notebook where children can draw pictures of what they hear in the scripture passage and sermon or write down thoughts that are meaningful to them.

For the Rest of Us:

- Church is not for adults only. Supporting the children of New City as they grow as worshippers of the Lord is the responsibility of us all.
- Remember the commitment you made as a church when children were baptized, a commitment to encourage them to become disciples of Christ.
- Introduce yourself to the child sitting beside you. Make him or her feel welcomed and important.
- Understand when parents need to take young children and babies out of the service and then return.
- Have patience with the learning process and pray for families.
- Compliment children who are listening attentively during the service.
- Consider providing encouragement and support for single mothers or children with special needs.
- The balcony is reserved for nursing mothers only which provides a comfortable, private space for mothers to worship.
- As we worship, look around. Can we make the experience easier for the families learning how to worship?

Teaching children how to worship the Lord with reverence and awe is something we can all be excited about doing. What a blessing and privilege is this special endeavor!

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, spiritually, socially and culturally - renewal that is rooted in the truth of God's Word.

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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.

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

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- Membership at New City
- New City Groups
- The Bible or becoming a Christian
- Ways to serve at New City or in the community
- I would like to have the weekly newsletter (The New City News) delivered to the following e-mail address:

Visit our website at:
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I WOULD LIKE PRAYER FOR:

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Wayne & Joyce Boor - Every Thursday @ 7:00p; contact Wayne at wdbor82@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.