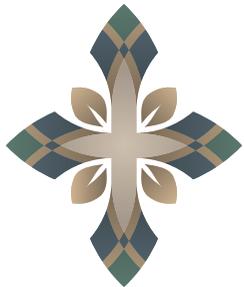


NEW CITY

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

March 25, 2018

WORD ON WORSHIP

What is Palm Sunday?

Palm Sunday is the celebration of Jesus' humble yet triumphant entry into Jerusalem, one week before his glorious resurrection. This Sunday inaugurates the Church's celebration of Holy Week; Jesus' last week of physically carrying out his earthly ministry.

The day began with Jesus and his disciples walking down the Mount of Olives. They approached Jerusalem and Jesus sent his disciples to fetch him a young donkey to ride into the city (fulfilling Zech. 9:9). As they entered the city, a large crowd gathered around them praising Jesus in recognition of his messianic authority and royal status, placing their own cloaks and palm branches on the ground, which served as a modern-day red carpet; reserved for kings and war heroes of the day (2 Kgs. 9:13). The excitement grew with great expectation of what Jesus was there to do.

The general crowd truly believed Jesus was the Messiah, but they were mistakenly assuming that he would immediately and completely establish his kingdom; an earthly kingdom. It's no wonder that the same people who were praising Jesus and shouting "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!" (Mk. 11:9-10), were the same ones that in a few days would be shouting, "let him be crucified!" (Mt. 27:22). Despite this misunderstanding, their proclamation stood true and was glorifying to Christ, because it was time for his ultimate identity to be revealed. When the Pharisees sought to silence these proclamations, Jesus approved them and answered that if everyone were to be silent, the very stones would cry out! (Lk. 19:40)

We celebrate Palm Sunday today, in light of Jesus Christ's glorious resurrection—the ultimate proof of who he is—knowing that his spiritual kingdom has been inaugurated, that he is ruling at the right hand of God (Heb. 1:3-4), and that he will one day come again to gather his own for an eternity of true worship; where our declarations perfectly match our hearts and our Lord's. In recognition of his majesty we will once again get rid of our cloaks to be dressed in purity and we will wave palm branches in the air to acknowledge his eternal reign (Rev. 7:9-10)

WELCOME & PREPARATION

PRELUDE

Children's Processional & New City Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN OF INVOCATION

Come Now, Almighty King
(Maddan, 1757)

ALL

Come now Almighty King
Help us your name to sing
We'll sing your praise;
Father, all glorious
O'er all victorious
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days

Come, now Incarnate Word
Take up your mighty sword
Our pray'r attend;
Come, and your people bless
And give your Word success
Lord of all righteousness, on us descend

Come, Holy Spirit, come
Your perfect will be done
In this glad hour;
Guide us into your truth
So we might bear more fruit
Fill us with more of you, Spirit of power

To the great One in Three
Eternal praises be
Forevermore;
Your sovereign majesty
May we in glory see
And to eternity love and adore

THE SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Robert Mark Wertz; baptism and membership vows. Robert James Wertz, born August 20, 2017, son of Robert Mark and Ana Garcia Wertz; baptism.

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 followers of Christ?

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

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

BAPTISMAL READING

John 15:1, 4-5

READER

¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. [...] ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

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

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

Congregational Vows:

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hallelujah, What a Savior

(Ivey/Carter/Suh/Bliss, 1875)

ALL

Man of sorrows, what a name for the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim, Hallelujah! What Savior

Stand unclean, no one else could; In my place condemned He stood
Now His nearness is my good, Hallelujah! What a Savior

Hallelujah, praise to the one
Whose blood has pardoned me
Oh what a Savior, Redeemer and King
Your love has rescued me

Lifted up was He to die, "It is finished!" was His cry
Now in Heaven lifted high, Hallelujah! What a Savior

When He comes, our Glorious King, all His ransomed home to bring
Then anew this song we'll sing, Hallelujah! What a Savior
Hallelujah! What a Savior

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

Rejoice! The Lord Is King

(Wesley, 1744)

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 6:10-13 (ESV)

READER ¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

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.**

TITLE: The Reality Of Spiritual Warfare

(notes and thoughts)

Sermon Discussion Questions

1. Discuss some of the biblical teaching about Satan and the forces of evil.
2. Why is it important to recognize this reality? Why should we be aware of our enemy?
3. What is his focus? What are some of his schemes?
4. What does it look like for us to “be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might?” (vs. 10)
5. How does the church or the culture err on the extremes of either underestimating or overestimating the power of Satan and the forces of evil?
6. What are other passages in the bible that give some perspective on spiritual warfare. Discuss some of the implications of this for your own life.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

(Neander/Bennet, 1864)

ALL

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration, Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth? Granted in what He ordaineth!

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee, If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly, forever adore Him, Gladly, forever adore Him!

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.

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

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL

King Jesus, we acknowledge our unworthiness to even be your subjects; but you have made us so much more. We have known your Majesty and have enjoyed the glories of your kingdom, as those who praised you entering into Jerusalem acknowledged, but oh how quickly we too move from proclaiming "Hossana" to mocking you by resisting your rule. Forgive us, and teach our hearts to love and serve our King of all glory. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Acts 10:43

MINISTER

⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BREAKING OF 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.

HYMN AT THE TABLE

We Hunger And Thirst

(Romanacce/Couch, 2011)

ALL

Exalted Son of glory humbly came down
Wounded for the broken, bore the sinners crown
Through the willing death You died
You became our bread of life

Jesus, we hunger and thirst for You, Lord
As we remember Your sacrifice
We see the wounds from Your hands and pierced side
Extravagant love, oh how great the price
Now our lives are Yours

The priceless blood of Jesus, this gracious cup
A life spring overflowing, poured out for us
He has conquered every sin
For the ones who trust in Him

The cup we drink, the bread we eat
Reminds us You are all we need
And makes us long for Your wedding feast

CORONATION HYMN 

Crown Him With Many Crowns

(Bridges/Thring/Elvey, 1868)

ALL Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne
 Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
 Awake, my soul and sing, of Him who died for thee
 And hail Him as thy matchless King
 Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
 And rose victorious to the strife, for those He came to save
 His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high
 Who died eternal life to bring
 And lives that death may die.

THE BENEDICTION & THE CHILDREN'S GATHERING 

ALL Crown Him the Lord of Lords, who over all doth reign
 Who once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain
 Now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing
 Their songs before Him day and night
 Their God, Redeemer, King.

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side
 Those wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified
 All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me
 Thy praise and glory shall not fail
 Throughout eternity.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Ryan McVicar

Rev. Nathan Moretto

Javier Contesse

WORSHIP MUSICIANS

Liz Chisholm

Lauren Assenmacher

Vicky Kooy

Mark Reitenga

READERS

Belle Krieg (Baptism Reading)

Jennifer Schoon

Evan Chisholm

Nicholas Bulchak

Community Life at New City

SEDER SUPPER

Save the Date! New City will be celebrating our annual Seder Supper on Good Friday, March 30th at 6:30 pm at the Royal Oak Farmers' Market! Online registration and payment will be available on the Friday Newsletter. Registration deadline is Monday, March 26th. Cost is \$10/adult and kids are free! We will be needing lots of volunteers to help make this a successful evening! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Liz Chisholm (liz.chisholm@newcitypc.org).

5-YEAR ANNIVERSARY BOOK

We are kicking off the first of our "5 Ways to Celebrate 5 Years" with a 5 Year Anniversary Book. We would like to get contributions from every current New City attendee and compile all submitted photos and memories into a coffee table book for your home! Please see the Friday newsletter for a link to the Google submission form, and enter your photos and memories by Friday, March 30th!

NEW CITY TOUR

Interested in learning more about New City's vision and values, or how to pursue membership? Join us for our next New City Tour! It will run for 3 consecutive Sunday mornings at 9:15 am on April 22nd, April 29th, and May 6th. There will also be an evening Pastor's Dessert at 7:00 pm on Friday, May 4th at the McVicar home. Please contact Liz Chisholm (liz.chisholm@newcitypc.org) with any questions or if you would like to register.

MUSICAL OFFERINGS

One of the ways the Music & Worship team serves the church when it gathers is through musical pieces that allow for preparation and meditation during the service, as well as providing content and context for what we experience in our liturgy. If you have a musical gift you can offer for these special occasions, without necessarily committing to a consistent involvement in the worship team, please contact Javier Contesse (worship@newcitypc.org) for more information.

New City Kids

KIDS' CLUB

Children, ages 5 through 4th Grade, join us for Kids' Club Friday, April 20th and Friday, May 18th from 6:00-8:00 PM in the Gathering Place. We will have pizza dinner, pack food bags for Greenfield Union and engage in a Bible lesson, music and games. To register your children and friends, contact Meredith Sanislo (meredith.sanislo@newcitypc.org).

EASTER EGG HUNT

Children, ages toddler through 4th Grade, are welcome to participate in our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 1st, 15 minutes following the service. Please bring a basket for your child. Each child may collect a maximum of 12 eggs.

SAVE THE DATE! KIDS' CAMP

Children, grades K-5, are invited to New City's Summer Kids' Camp from July 11th-13th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. The Family Picnic is on July 13th at 6:00 pm, and Children's Sunday is on July 15th at 10:30 am. Please see the website for registration and volunteer forms, or contact Megan McVicar (megan.mcvicar@newcitypc.org) with any questions.

NEW CITY NURSERY TRAINING

Our Nursery Directors are hosting volunteer training meetings on April 8th and 22nd after the worship service. Those serving our church's nursery can register online at newcitypc.org/serve-on-sundays.

New City Contacts

To learn more about volunteering opportunities, ways to get plugged into community life, or if you have any questions, please contact the following department heads:

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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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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.

NAME(S) _____

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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:
NEWCITYPC.ORG

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NEW CITY GROUPS

New City is committed to deep, transformational community life. The backbone of this is found in our New City Groups. These groups of 8-12 adults serve as our primary vehicle for Christian formation, study, prayer, discipleship and mission.

Jeff & Meredith Ammons - Grosse Pointe: Every other Sunday @ 5:15p; contact Jeff at jeffammons@gmail.com or (313) 938-4582.

Wayne & Joyce Boor - 1st and 3rd Thursdays @ 7:00p; contact Wayne at wdbo82@gmail.com or (561) 306-4970.

Travis Clapp & Michka Tosan - Clawson: Wednesdays @ 8:00p; Contact Travis at travis.jc623@gmail.com or (812) 243-0556; or contact Michka at michkatosan@gmail.com or (609) 202-7154.

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 - 1st, 2nd, and 4th Thursdays @ 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.

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

Craig & Jen Schoon, and Brad & Michelle DeLaruelle - 2nd and 4th Sunday @ 1:00p; 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.