



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

April 1, 2018

WORD ON WORSHIP

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship on Easter Sunday!

Easter Sunday means everything to a follower of Jesus since “the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the crowning proof of Christianity . If the resurrection did not take place, then Christianity is a false religion . If it did take place, then Christ is God and the Christian faith is absolute truth .” – Henry Morris. Let us prepare our hearts for worship by reflecting on the following prayer of preparation:

O God of my Exodus, great was the joy of Israel’s sons when Egypt died upon the shore, far greater the joy when my Redeemer’s foe lay crushed in the dust . Jesus strides forth as the Victor, Conqueror of death, hell, and all opposing might . You burst the bands of death, trampled the powers of darkness down, and live forever . You, my gracious Redeemer, apprehended for payment of my debt, came forth from the prison house of the grave, free and triumphant over sin, Satan and death . In You I died, in You I rose, in Your life I live, in Your victory I triumph, in Your ascension I shall be glorified for Your Name’s sake. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION:

“Now when the New Testament tells us that Jesus Christ is risen, one of the things it means is that the victim of Calvary is now, so to speak, loose and at large!” | **J.I. Packer**

“If God really does intend to redeem rather than reject his created world...we are faced with the question: what might it look like to celebrate that redemption, that healing and transformation, in the present, and thereby appropriately to anticipate God’s final intention?” | **Tom Wright**

“They went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them.” | **Mark 16:8**

“Creation, Incarnation, Crucifixion, Resurrection, Consummation. What do they have in common? God has his hands in the dirt!” | **William Temple**

WELCOME & PREPARATION

PRELUDE

Resurrection Hymn
(Getty/Townend, 2003)

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN

Come People Of The Risen King
(Getty/Townend, 2007)

ALL

Come people of the risen King who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing, to the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in

Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice. O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days, with the certain hope of peace

Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith
Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age, "Our God is all in all"!

READER

¹ Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. ⁷ Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION ●

GOSPEL 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

ALL

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

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!

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

Easter Song
(Herring, 1974)

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; 13-17 (ESV)

READER

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. [...] ¹³Therefore 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. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

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: Easter Armor

(notes and thoughts)

Sermon Discussion Questions

1. Why is it essential to have realistic expectations about the Christian life. In what ways can we have unrealistic expectations?
2. Discuss the schemes of the enemy. What are his tactics to steal, kill or destroy you? Discuss different verses of scripture that teach us more about Satan or his schemes.
3. Walk through the various pieces of armor (Ephesians 6:13-17) and talk about the practical implications of each one.
4. Spend some time talking about the significance of Easter and the sobering reality that apart from Christ's resurrection nothing in the bible can be true or trusted.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

It Is Well With My Soul

(Spafford, 1873)

ALL

When peace like a river attendeth my way;
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say:
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

Though Satan would buffet, tho’ trials should come,
Let this blessed assurance control:
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

It is well (It is well), with my soul (With my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight;
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll.
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul.

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, from where 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

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we live as though we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We waste your gifts, wander from your ways, and forget your love. We overlook our neighbor and are often fixated on ourselves. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

MINISTER

⁵⁴Death is swallowed up in victory."

⁵⁵"O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?"

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Jesus I Come

(Sleeper, 1887)

ALL

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.

Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

HYMN OF GLORY

All Glory Be To Christ

(Kensrue, 2012)

ALL

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ!

All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!

His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ!

THE BENEDICTION & THE CHILDREN'S GATHERING

ALL

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new.
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be, all glory be to Christ!

All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!

WORSHIP LEADERS

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Community Life at New City

EASTER LILIES

Visitors, please take home an Easter Lily from the stage as our welcome gift to you!

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

EASTER EGG HUNT

All toddlers-4th graders are welcome to join us 10 minutes after today's Easter service for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn (weather permitting), or cafeteria (if weather isn't suitable to be outside). Each child may collect a maximum of 12 eggs.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS TRAINING

New City will be hosting a brief nursery training immediately following the Sunday service on April 8th and 22nd. Contact Maris Bakker (maris.bakker@newcitypc.org), or Angela Wood (angela.wood@newcitypc.org) with any questions, and thank you for your dedication to New City's families!

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 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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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
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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.

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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.

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