

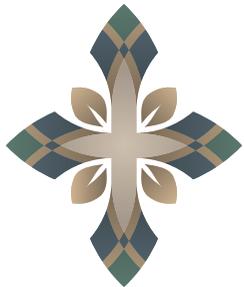
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# NEW CITY

A Gathered Service of Worship

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# 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**

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*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.*

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# Order for the Public Worship of God

April 8, 2018

## WORD ON WORSHIP

### *Meditation on God's Word*

As we come to the close of “The Far & The Found”—our sermon series on Ephesians—what a loss it would be to have heard such encouraging and challenging messages exposing the Truth with very insightful applications, and not retain this which has so abundantly fed our souls and blessed us. Our memory is fragile, and that’s why God preserved His Word for us in a format we could come back to frequently; He desires for us to have a regular intake of Scripture, and to store it in our hearts. Some of the ways we can do this is by hearing the Word read to us, reading it ourselves, studying passages it in depth, memorizing verses, and meditating on it.

Meditation on Scripture is a spiritual discipline that allows us to spend a significant time on a short text in such a way that we can think and feel deeply about it. Unless you have an extraordinary mind, it’s very likely that you don’t remember each sermon preached and the insights found in the texts we studied, but what if you took time for the next couple of weeks to prayerfully meditate on each section of Ephesians, lingering on each passage, spending quality time with each phrase, letting them evoke thoughts and feelings in your mind, praise in your heart, maybe convicting you of sin and leading you towards repentance. Let’s make this spiritual discipline a priority in our lives, and may the Holy Spirit use it for the transformation of our minds and for reorienting our affections toward our Savior, Jesus Christ.

## SILENT REFLECTION:

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. | **Psalm 1:1-2**

The tree of your spiritual life thrives best with meditation because it helps you absorb the water of God’s Word. Merely hearing or reading the Bible, for example, can be like a short rainfall on hard ground. Regardless of the amount or intensity of the rain, most runs off and little sinks in. Conversely, meditation opens the soil of the soul and lets the water of God’s Word percolate deeply. The result is an extraordinary fruitfulness and spiritual prosperity. | **Donald Whitney**

## WELCOME & PREPARATION

### PRELUDE

Take My Life  
(Havergal/Malan, 1827)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### HYMN OF EXALTATION

Come Praise And Glorify  
(Chester/Kauflin, 2011)

**ALL**

Come praise and glorify our God, the Father of our Lord  
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms, His blessings on us poured  
For pure and blameless in His sight, He destined us to be  
And now we've been adopted through His Son eternally

To the praise of Your glory  
To the praise of Your mercy and grace  
To the praise of Your glory  
You are the God who saves

Come praise and glorify our God, who gives His grace in Christ  
In Him our sins are washed away, redeemed through sacrifice  
In Him God has made known to us, the myst'ry of His will  
That Christ should be the head of all, His purpose to fulfill

Come praise and glorify our God, for we've believed the Word  
And through our faith we have a seal, the Spirit of the Lord  
The Spirit guarantees our hope, until redemption's done  
Until we join in endless praise, to God, the Three in One

READER

<sup>3</sup> 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, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION ●

GOSPEL HYMN ●

All I Have Is Christ  
(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

## 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

Generous King

(Sczebel, 2011)

You spoke and our hearts began to beat  
You gave us breath and air to breathe  
It's all from You, Lord, it's all from You  
You give the morning sun its light  
All that we need Your hand provides  
It's all from You, Lord, it's all from You  
With humble hearts we thank You,  
With grateful hearts we sing out

Generous King, You give  
Out of Your fullness, showering kindness  
You give, generous King, mercies unending  
Love never failing, You give

The wrath we deserved was furious  
The cup that we drink is full of love  
It's all from You, Lord, it's all from You  
Your Spirit You've freely given us  
Now we see Jesus glorious  
It's all from You, Lord, it's all from You  
With humble hearts we thank You  
With grateful hearts we sing out

## 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 6:18-24 (ESV)

READER

<sup>18</sup> Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup> and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

<sup>21</sup> So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell you everything.

<sup>22</sup> I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage your hearts.

<sup>23</sup> Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

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 Battle Of The Church**

*(notes and thoughts)*

**Sermon Discussion Questions**

1. The Word of God is an offensive spiritual weapon. How thus should it be used? In what ways are we to be on the offensive against spiritual forces of evil?
2. How can we become more 'skilled' in the use of our spiritual weapons? How skilled are you?
3. Why is prayer such a major component of the battle we wage against evil? What are the two main things Paul wants us to pray for?

**ALL** My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust my sweetest frame But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ the solid rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face I rest on his unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound O may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone Faultless to stand before the throne.

**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**

God, our Father, we come to You acknowledging our shortcomings; we confess our misguided passions, our selfish ambitions, and the pride with which we go our own way. Help us, oh Lord, to seek first Your Kingdom in prayer and deed, to love our neighbor with sacrificial love, and to seek true fellowship with those you have called and adopted as your own. By the evernew mercies found in Jesus Christ, our Savior, Lord, and Friend, Amen.

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

2 Corinthians 5:20-21

**MINISTER**

<sup>20</sup>[...] We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## 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

#### Behold The Lamb

(Getty/Townend, 2007)

ALL

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
Slain for us: and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross.

And so with thankfulness and faith  
We rise to respond: and to remember.  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth.

So we share in this Bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of peace (*love; grace*)  
Around the table of the King.

As we share in His suffering,  
We proclaim: Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,  
Torn for you: eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,  
Paid the price to make us one.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
Shed for you: drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God.

## HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
(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.

## THE BENEDICTION & THE CHILDREN'S GATHERING

ALL 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.

CHORUS

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Rev. Ryan McVicar

Rev. Nathan Moretto

Javier Contesse

### READERS

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Mark Reitenga

Tobiah Murphy

Taylor Garrick

Nicholas Graham

Kent Kooy

# Community Life at New City

## 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.

## SUNDAY FORUM

New City's Sunday Forum "Worthy Worship" will begin on April 22nd, and run through May 27th. The last 2 weeks (May 20th and 27th) will focus on parenting and family worship. Please plan to join at 9:15 am in room A111.

## MARRIAGE FORUM

Join us for our monthly Marriage Forum, 7:00 pm on Saturday, April 21st at the Cairo Home (2599 E. 13 Mile Rd., Warren, MI 48092). Contact Mandi Krieg, (248)761-8231, if you are interested in attending.

## New City Kids

### 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!

### SUNDAY SHORTS

Sunday Shorts will be resuming at 9:15 am on April 22nd, and run through May 27th. 2nd-4th grade will be in Room A109, and Youth will be in Room A112. Contact Nate Moretto (nathan.moretto@newcitypc.org) with any questions.

### BEGINNER'S CATECHISM CLUB

3-year-olds through 1st graders are welcome to join our Beginner's Catechism Club at 9:15 am on April 22nd in the ROMS Cafe. This class will run through May 27th. Contact Megan McVicar (megan.mcvicar@newcitypc.org) with any questions.

### 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.

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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.

**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 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.