

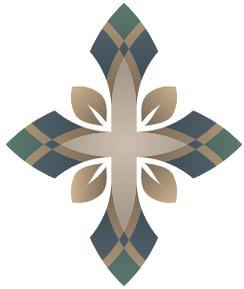
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# NEW CITY

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

May 6, 2018

## WORD ON WORSHIP

*Words in Worship*

Worship is much more than words, of course. And often worship features too many words. We may long for worship that breathes with silence and meditation or for instrumental music that transcends words. Still, worship depends on words. God's revelation to us is given not only in creation but also in words that communicate all we need to know about God, ourselves, and our salvation. Our communal worship is made possible because we have words to speak to each other, to call each other to worship, to speak common prayers, and to encourage each other in the faith. Perhaps the largest challenge for the language of worship is that one set of words—usually spoken or prepared by a single person—needs to somehow embrace, express, and elicit the worship of a whole group of people. From the perspective of a worshiper, public worship always involves using words that come from someone else. One skill for worshipers to hone is the skill of “learning to mean the words that someone else gives us,” whether those are the words of a songwriter or prayer leader. This skill requires a unique mix of humility (submitting ourselves to words given to us by the community of faith), grace (willingness to offer the benefit of the doubt when those words may not have been well chosen), and intention (to actually appropriate those words as our own). May the Lord use his Word, in today's words, to engage our minds, captivate our hearts, and move our spirit to true worship.

## SILENT REFLECTION

I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me. | **Colossians 1:25-29**

*O Lord, you pour out the Spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.*

## WELCOME & PREPARATION

### PRELUDE

O Lord, My Rock, And My Redeemer  
(Stiff, 2017)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION ☛

### HYMN OF SURRENDER ☛

Come Praise & 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

## READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 107:1-9

READER

<sup>1</sup> Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!  
<sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
whom he has redeemed from trouble  
<sup>3</sup> and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.  
<sup>4</sup> Some wandered in desert wastes,  
finding no way to a city to dwell in;  
<sup>5</sup> hungry and thirsty,  
their soul fainted within them.  
<sup>6</sup> Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.  
<sup>7</sup> He led them by a straight way  
till they reached a city to dwell in.  
<sup>8</sup> Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of man!  
<sup>9</sup> For he satisfies the longing soul,  
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

## HYMN OF FAITH

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

(Mote, 1837)

ALL

On Christ the Solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

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

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

## 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

My Life Is An Offering  
(Sczebel, 2013)

### 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 Philippians 1:27 (ESV)

**READER** <sup>27</sup> Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel.

**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.

*(notes and thoughts)*

**Sermon Discussion Questions**

1. Where or how have you experienced, or seen, the power of the gospel in your life or in others?
2. What do you think it means to “live in a manner worthy of the gospel” in personal and practical terms?
3. What do you think it would look like for you, or New City, to “strive side by side for the faith of the gospel”? What would be some of the biggest challenges to overcome or address?

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

Be Thou My Vision

(Byrne, 1905)

ALL

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my Heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise  
Thou my inheritance now and always  
// Thou and Thou only, first in my heart //  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

**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.

**STATEMENT OF FAITH**

Based on Romans 10:9-10

**ALL** If we confess with our mouths that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead, we will be saved. For with our hearts we believed and are justified, and with our mouths we confessed and are saved.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION OF SINS**

Based on Romans 10:9-10

**ALL** Merciful Lord, we come to you as debtors to your wondrous grace. You have caused us to believe in Christ in whom we are justified, You have moved us to confess our faith welcoming us into your salvation, but we fail to live according to whom you have made us to be; children of the Almighty, co-heirs to your Kingdom with Christ, salt and light in this world with a manner of life worthy of your gospel. Lord, help our unbelief and empower us with your Spirit to strive for the faith of the gospel.

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Romans 10:11

MINISTER

<sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame."

## 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

Cling To Christ

(Hansen/Kauflin/LaChance, 2015)

ALL

Father, I can come to You and boast of deeds I've done  
In my pride I strive to earn the favor Christ has won  
He alone pleads my acceptance, all my works aside  
So I come with empty hands and I cling to Christ

Father, I can go astray and battle needless fears  
Voices tell me I'm condemned and that I can't draw near  
But Your Spirit calls me homeward with Your words of life  
Jesus bore my every sin, so I cling to Christ

It's more than I can do to keep my hold on You  
But all my hope and peace is that You cling to me  
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But all my hope and peace is that You cling to me

Father, all my earthly aims in time will turn to dust  
Let me learn that loss is gain for those who know Your love  
All the treasures of this world will never satisfy  
You alone are endless joy, so I cling to Christ

## HYMN OF JOY

Rejoice

(Kensrue/Townend, 2013)

ALL Come and stand before your Maker Full of wonder, full of fear  
Come behold His power and glory Yet with confidence draw near  
For the one who holds the heavens And commands the stars above  
Is the God who bends to bless us With an unrelenting love

Rejoice, come and lift your hands and  
Raise your voice, He is worthy of our praise  
Rejoice, sing the mercies of your King  
And with trembling, rejoice

## THE BENEDICTION & THE CHILDREN'S GATHERING

ALL We are children of the promise The beloved of the Lord  
Won with everlasting kindness Bought with sacrificial blood  
Bringing reconciliation To a world that longs to know  
The affections of a Father Who will never let them go

*CHORUS*

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Ryan McVicar

Rev. Ted Powers

Javier Contesse

### READER

Ryah Wideman

### WORSHIP MUSICIANS

Kelly Cairo

Mark Reitenga

Vicky Kooy

Evan Chisholm

Nicolas Bulchak

# Community Life at New City

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Everyone is invited to our Spring Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon **TODAY, May 6th** immediately following the service in the cafeteria. Parents, please accompany your children through the food line.

## WALK FOR LIFE

Join one of our New City Groups as they participate in the annual Walk For Life supporting the Care Net Pregnancy Center Berkley | Detroit on **Saturday, May 12** at Civic Center Park in Madison Heights. They'll be walking to help raise support for Care Net, an organization that provides ultrasounds, counseling, and support for women and men facing a crisis pregnancy. For more information please pick up a brochure from the welcome table, visit [www.newcitypc.org/wfl2018](http://www.newcitypc.org/wfl2018), or contact Amanda Sternberg (Amanda.m.sternberg@gmail.com) at 313-215-0440.

## MARRIAGE FORUM

Our monthly Marriage Forum continues on Saturday, **May 19th at 7:00 pm**. We will continue our study through Paul Tripp's DVD series based on his book, "What did you Expect?". Contact Mandi Krieg, (248)761-8231, if you would like to join!

## TGC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Ladies, it's not too late to register for The Gospel Coalition's Women's Conference held on **June 14th-16th in Indianapolis!** Join other New City women for "Listen and Live: Promised Grace for Rebel Hearts". Use New City's code (NCPC) to receive a group rate, and contact Megan McVicar ([megan.mcvicar@newcitypc.org](mailto:megan.mcvicar@newcitypc.org)) with any questions, or for hotel arrangements.

## New City Kids

## KIDS CLUB, YOUTH NIGHT, & GREENFIELD UNION

Join us for our last Kids' Club, Youth Night, and Greenfield Union Food Ministry for the school year at 6:00 pm on Friday, May 18th! Kids' Club will meet in the Gathering Place and Youth in the Cafe of Royal Oak Middle School. Please RSVP for a pizza dinner for your child to Meredith Sanislo ([meredith.sanislo@newcitypc.org](mailto:meredith.sanislo@newcitypc.org)) for Kids' Club, or Nate Moretto ([nathan.moretto@newcitypc.org](mailto:nathan.moretto@newcitypc.org)) for Youth Night. All families are welcome to stay and join to help pack bags of food for Greenfield Union!

## REGISTER NOW FOR 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](mailto: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:

## **Pastoral Needs**

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## **Financial & Office Needs**

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## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Please visit our website at:  
**NEWCITYPC.ORG**

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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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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.

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**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.

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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.