



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 with 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 Senior 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 the grace of God.

Rev. 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 forgiveness; 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 welcomes you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Order for the Public Worship of God

WORD ON WORSHIP

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP SHOULD BE TRINITARIAN

In worship we address the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—one God in three persons, the God of holiness, love, beauty, and power. God is the one who graciously invites our worship and then hears our response. God is the one who perfects and mediates our praise and petitions. God is also the one who helps us comprehend what we hear and prompts us to respond. In worship, then, we are drawn into relationship with God (the Father) through God (the Son) and by God (the Holy Spirit). Worship is an arena in which the triune God is active in drawing us closer, using tangible, physical things like water, bread, and wine; melodies, rhythms, and harmonies; gestures, smiles, and handshakes to nurture and challenge us. In worship we focus our attention on this self-giving God. This God-centered focus also keeps us from the temptation to worship worship itself.

SILENT REFLECTION

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. | **2 Corinthians 3:12-18**

Q: Since then we are redeemed from our misery by grace through Christ, without any merit of ours, why should we do good works?

A: Because Christ, having redeemed us by His blood, also renews us by His Holy Spirit after His own image, that with our whole life we show ourselves thankful to God for His blessing, and also that He be glorified through us; then also, that we ourselves may be assured of our faith by the fruits thereof; and by our godly walk win also others to Christ | **Heidelberg Catechism Q. 86**

Holiness is formed in us more unspectacularly and more incrementally than we expect - wherever the practice of small, everyday faithfulness is required of us.

| **Jen Pollock Michel**

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

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CALL TO WORSHIP

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HYMN OF PRAISE

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

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*Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near, and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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HYMN OF MERCY

How Firm A Foundation

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How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply.
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION OF SINS

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Lord, our God, to You alone belongs all righteousness, but to us open shame. We have sinned against You. We quickly conform to this world’s standards rather than to the standards of Your Word. We lose sight of who we are in Christ and what He is doing in and for us to bring You glory. You are our great and awesome God who keeps Your covenant and steadfast love with your people. O Lord, turn our eyes toward you and keep us in your ways. **Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hebrews 4:15-16

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¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. **Amen.**

GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

Come, Thou Fount Of
Every Blessing

** Three-year-olds through 1st graders are welcome to attend Kids' Bible Time during the sermon.
A parent from each family will be directed to pick up their child(ren) from KBT following the sermon.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Galatians 5:16-25 (ESV)

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

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All people are like grass, and all their beauty is like the flowers of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the Word of our God stands forever.

Organic Fruit

(Notes & Thoughts)

Sermon Discussion Questions

1. How is talk of “transformation” and “being made new” abused in our culture and in the church? What does it look like to rightly reclaim talk of spiritual transformation and being made new according to the Bible?
2. Which of the works of the “flesh” do you most commonly battle with in your life?
3. Take an honest look at your life. In what ways do you see the fruit of the Spirit growing in your life?
4. Are you ever tempted to replace your natural giftedness, or temperament, or characteristics or things you do to serve other people, for genuine fruit of the Spirit?
5. Talk about the process of “crucifying the flesh.” How have you been complacent to do this? What are some ways moving forward you will be more vigilant to “mortify” the flesh and “vivify” the new life of the Spirit in you?

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Amazing Grace
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Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Then when we've first begun.

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.**

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.**

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HYMN AT THE TABLE

Go on up to the mountain of mercy
To the crimson perpetual tide
Kneel down on the shore
Be thirsty no more
Go under and be purified

Follow Christ to the holy mountain
Sinner sorry and wrecked by the fall
Cleanse your heart and your soul
In the fountain that flows
For you and for me and for all

*At the wonderful, tragic, mysterious tree
On that beautiful scandalous night you and me
Were atoned by His blood and forever washed white
On that beautiful scandalous night*

Beautiful, Scandalous Night

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Never Say Never Songs

On the hillside you will be delivered
At the foot of the cross justified
And your spirit restored
By the river that pours
From our blessed Savior's side

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SENDING HYMN

Jesus Paid It All

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I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all"

*Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow*

Lord now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

THE BENEDICTION & CHILDREN'S GATHERING

Oh, praise the One Who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead

CHORUS

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Evan Chisholm

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Javier Contesse

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COMMUNITY LIFE AT NEW CITY

IMPACT LAUNCH

Impact launches TONIGHT! This is New City Students' Sunday night gatherings from 6-7:30pm, held at the Luchenbills' (31215 Huntley Ct, 48025). It will be a great time of games, worship, teaching, and small groups led by awesome leaders as we connect and grow in Christ, and with one another!



NEW CITY MEN: BROTHERS & BACON

On May 18th from 8-10am, all men are invited to discuss what living lives of purity looks like in a world that offers all kinds of temptations, and a society that is quick to embrace them. We will be meeting at McVicar Home. Please sign-up to bring a breakfast item by scanning the QR code. RSVP and more information on Church Center.



CREATIVE COLLECTIVE: MEETING #001

All creatives and art-enthusiasts are invited to join the Creative Collective for its first working gathering, May 18th 7-9pm. CC is a space to talk about our craft, foster and collaborate in art making, and sharing pieces with others to seek artistic growth and encouragement. Sign-up for our CC newsletter by scanning the QR code, and register for our next meeting on Church Center!

FOOD TRUCK LUNCHEON

On May 19th, after the worship service, join us for a food truck luncheon to kick-off "Memorable Meals In The Bible" our summer sermon series! Food for purchase will be provided by Hero or Villain food truck.



NEW CITY COMMUNITY PICNIC

On June 9th from 4-7pm, we will be meeting at VFW Park in Royal Oak for a picnic to officially inaugurate the summer season, and engage our community! Food will be provided. Please RSVP on Church Center or by scanning QR code, so we know how many people to expect.



NEW CITY SUMMER KIDS' CLUB

Registration for Summer Kids' Club are open! Join us this summer for three fun evenings (Jun 21, Jul 19, Aug 16) of "In The Wild: Amazing Encounters with Jesus." We will enjoy a pizza picnics, outdoor games, crafts, songs and stories! Open to children K-5th grades. \$15 fee includes a t-shirt, music CD, and all three dates.



NEW CITY CAMPING TRIP RESERVATIONS

This is an opportunity to come together as a church family and spend some great time with one another! Plan to join us at Lakeport State Park in Lakeport, MI, August 23rd-24th, for Summer activities, campfires, and great fellowship. Reserve your campsite today! (north loop, lots 68-97)

For an easier scan, cover the QR codes you do not wish to scan.

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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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NEW CITY CORE VALUES

A Biblically-Faithful Church

Christ commanded his followers in the Great Commission to “teach...everything I have commanded.” Our pursuit for truth and wisdom about the church and world; God and humanity; sin and salvation; and everything else will be found in the scriptures, not in human ideas. We rejoice in the biblical teaching of God’s gracious salvation for sinners that is by grace; through faith; and in Christ alone, which leads us to live the entirety of our lives for His glory alone. This is the claim of Reformed Theology and we stand in this tradition, passionately teaching the doctrines of grace so that we might always be reforming according to scripture.

A Gospel-Centric Church

The news of Christ and him crucified is the power that saves and changes people and places. The gospel is the answer for our spiritual problems and for all of our other problems. We are committed to the gospel because we know there is no real hope, life, or transformation apart from it. For this reason, the gospel of God’s grace will permeate all that we do and will continually be held out for Christians and non-Christians to explore, embrace, and enjoy.

A Worshipping Church

Christ is Lord and is worthy of worship. We realize that our ultimate existence as a church is for the purpose of worshipping God. Our worship is joyful, yet reverent; according to scripture and in line with the liturgy and practices of the ancient church and Reformed tradition, yet contextualized to the uniqueness of our contemporary culture. Our worship involves preaching that is expository; liturgy that is participatory; and sacraments that are observed regularly. Our worship is scripture regulated and Gospel driven.

An Outward-Facing Church

We are a mission-minded congregation continually burdened for the needs (spiritual, physical, and social) of our neighbors and of the city. We pray for the city; serve the needs of the city; and seek to be a church in the city who faithfully proclaims Christ in both word and deed. Everything we do, from public worship to private fellowship; from small groups to children’s ministry to service projects in the city is a gospel-centered event with the hope of advancing God’s kingdom. Our desire is to see churches planted into many different neighborhoods and people groups represented in our city, since it will take a movement (not just a single church) to bring the gospel to bear upon Royal Oak, Detroit, and all of Metro-Detroit.

A Relational Church

Christ, during his public ministry, was constantly gathering people together. He still is. As the gospel transforms us and our relationships with one another, we live out the gospel through hospitality and deeds of love and kindness in and through community.

VISITOR INFORMATION

We are very glad to have you as our guest today!

Please give us your information so we can contact you and let you know about the ways you can take steps to deepen your involvement in our church community, find encouragement in your walk with Christ, pursue membership or service opportunities, and more!

Hand this tear-off to one of the Greeters in the Lobby to receive a Welcome Bag with helpful information about New City.

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____



Alternatively, Scan this QR code with your smartphone's camera and tap on the pop-up notification to fill out a contact form and request more information about New City.

Visit our website at:
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I WOULD LIKE PRAYER FOR:

SMALL 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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