



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 COMMUNAL

The gospel of Christ draws us into communal life with other people. Worship is one setting in which we see the church in action and we attempt to demonstrate and deepen the unity, holiness, and witness of the church. Worship is a first-person-plural activity. It is extremely significant in worship that otherwise remarkably different people nevertheless offer praise together, pray together, listen together, and make promises together.

SILENT REFLECTION

Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes,
and shrewd in their own sight! | **Isaiah 5:21**

But this is the one to whom I will look:
he who is humble and contrite in spirit
and trembles at my word. | **Isaiah 66:2**

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. | **Romans 12:3**

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. | **1 Peter 5:5-9**

A proud and conceited man is always looking down on things and people; and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you are unable to see anything that is above you. | **C.S. Lewis**

PRELUDE

Build My Life
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CALL TO WORSHIP

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GATHERING HYMN

Only a Holy God
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Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles; Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice; Only a Holy God

*Come and behold Him, the One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy; forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated; Only a Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God; Only my Holy God

READER

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 43:3-4

³ Send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling!

⁴ Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God my exceeding joy,
and I will praise you with the lyre,
O God, my God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

Thy Mercy My God

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Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION OF SINS

Almighty God, we gather as your holy people to worship You, but seldom do we live as You have called us to live.

We entertain temptation, and fall into its trap; we point out sins in others, but fail to acknowledge our own; we think too highly of ourselves when we manage to get a few things right, but forget our absolute dependence on You.

Jesus, forgive us our sin, and cause Your Spirit to bear fruit in our lives as we seek to honor You. **Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

1 John 1:7-9

⁷ [...] the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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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.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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

Build My Life

** 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 5:25-6:5 (ESV)

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

6 ¹ Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴ But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵ For each will have to bear his own load.

MINISTER
PEOPLE
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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.

Spirituality & Our Relationships

(Notes & Thoughts)

Small Groups this week will be encouraged to discuss questions regarding New City's ministry assessment. You can find these questions in the last page of your bulletin, and prepare for your group's discussion.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

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My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone,
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame,
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

*I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest Treasure,
Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone*

As summer flowers we fade and die, fame, youth and beauty hurry by,
But life eternal calls to us at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light,
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.

Two wonders here that I confess, my worth and my unworthiness,
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross.

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

Lord, Lord, Lord

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Lord, Lord, Lord please restore our trust
We've lost our way, Lord, we've strayed from love
We broken vows, we've wasted breath
We've stolen life, we've tasted death

*Lamb of God take away our sin
Have mercy, have mercy
Jesus Christ, holy sacrifice
Have mercy, have mercy on us*

We need you now to forgive our sin
Replace our stone hearts with flesh again
Undo the curse, and heal our faith
Unleash your power, Lord, come and save

SENDING HYMN 

All Creatures Of Our God And King
St. Francis of Assisi, William Henry Draper: 1225, Public Domain

All the redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
Oh praise Him; alleluia
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

THE BENEDICTION & CHILDREN'S GATHERING 

He shall return in power to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
Oh praise Him; alleluia
Then who shall fall on bended knee
All creatures of our God and King
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

WORSHIP LEADERS

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Rev. Matt Luchenbill

Javier Contesse

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COMMUNITY LIFE AT NEW CITY

NC STUDENTS - IMPACT!

Impact is our student ministry Sunday night gathering, where students engage in worship, teaching, discipleship groups, and fun! We meet at the Luchenbill home (31215 Huntley Ct, Beverly Hills, MI) from 6-7:30 p.m. Join us for a great time of building community and deepening our relationship with Jesus Christ!



NEW CITY MEN: BROTHERS & BACON

On May 18th from 8-10 a.m., 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 7-9 p.m. 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 our worship service, join us for a food truck luncheon to kick-off "Nurtured: Memorable Meals In The Bible" our summer sermon series! Food for purchase will be provided by the "Hero or Villain" food truck.



NEW CITY COMMUNITY PICNIC

On June 9th from 4-7 p.m., 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 pizza picnics, outdoor games, crafts, songs and Bible 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 MINISTRY ASSESSMENT

New City is reaching its 7-year mark since we began gathering for worship. During this time we have tasted and seen that God is good and gracious; whether by challenging us to grow deeper in relationship with Him and others during the peaks of our church life, or by faithfully strengthening and spurring one another along as we’ve learned to walk through the valleys.

As we’ve grown and developed our ministries to fit the needs of our people and our community, we also want to assess our ministry efforts, vision, values, and mission. Part of this assessment involves group discussion questions that will be taking place in our Small Groups. We wish to identify desires and felt needs in our congregation, as well as determine the fruitfulness of our ministry efforts in the wider community.

Please take a look at the following questions and prayerfully prepare to discuss them with your Small Group when the time comes. May God use this to align our hearts and plans for the future with His vision for New City.

- Who has God called us to reach, or where has God called us to do gospel ministry as New City Church?
- What are the unique needs of our current congregation? What are the unique needs of the people we want to reach? How are they alike and how do they differ?
- Considering who we are and what our ministry context looks like, what specific need could we meet, or what benefit could we provide to our wider community that no other church does?
- In your conversations with other New City attendees, what attracted them to New City? What made them stay or leave?
- How do our current values—Rooted Conviction, Real Conversations, Renewing the City—inform and shape our ministry efforts? How are they clearly understood, embraced, celebrated and integrated at every level?
- What are the predominant passions, capabilities, or spiritual gifts that we find in our church body? How are they being leveraged by our leadership for ministry purposes?
- What is the most significant ministry that is serving our own people? What is the most significant ministry that is reaching people outside of our church? Why?
- Regarding Sunday worship, what is it in our gatherings that you look forward to the most? Is there any aspect of coming to worship on Sundays that seems challenging? Is there anything we could do to make it a better experience for visitors?
- In what ways do you see a church building facilitating or interfering with the ministry and mission of New City?

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:
NEWCITYPC.ORG

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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