



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

May 12, 2019

WORD ON WORSHIP

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP SHOULD BE HOSPITABLE, CARING, & WELCOMING
Christian worship must never be self-centered. In worship we pray for the world and offer hospitality to all who live in fear, despair, and loneliness. Public worship sends us out for worshipful lives of service and witness. Worship not only comforts us with the promises of the gospel but also disturbs us (in the best sense) as we realize the significance of fear and brokenness in our world and the world's desperate need for a Savior. Worship stokes the gratitude of our hearts that leads naturally to serving the needs of our broken world.

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

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

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CALL TO WORSHIP

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GATHERING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

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Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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HYMN OF PRAISE

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.

READER

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Jeremiah 9:23-24

²³ Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, ²⁴ but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord."

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION OF SINS

Almighty God, we cannot do life away from Your presence; You know everything we do and everything we say, You know our every thought and every posture of our heart. We humble ourselves before You.

Gracious Father, have mercy on us for we are sinners; we indulge temptation, sowing to our own gain and glory, and forsake the life You have called us to live. May Your Spirit increase in us and bring forth fruit that testifies of our new life in Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Romans 8:1-2

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

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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

Yet Not I But Through
Christ In Me

** 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 6:6-18 (ESV)

⁶ Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷ Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

¹¹ See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ For even those who are circumcised do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. ¹⁴ But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. ¹⁶ And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷ From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

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.

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PEOPLE
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But I Will Boast In Jesus Christ

(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.

* For parents who have children in Kids' Bible Time, please use this time to pick up your child(ren) from their class.

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HYMN OF RESPONSE

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

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When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did ever such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small,
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my 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.**

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

Exalted Son of glory humbly came down
Wounded for the broken, bore the sinners crown
Through the willing death you died
You became our Bread of Life

Jesus, we hunger and thirst for you, Lord
As we remember your sacrifice
We see the wound from your hands and pierced side
Extravagant love, oh how great the price
Now our lives are yours

The priceless blood of Jesus, this gracious cup
A life spring overflowing, poured out for us
He has conquered every sin
For the ones who trust in him

The cup we drink, the bread we eat
Reminds us you are all we need
And makes us long for your wedding feast

We Hunger And Thirst

Alex Couch, Dave Fournier, George Romanacce.

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SENDING HYMN 

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He would give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

How Deep The Father's Love For Us
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THE BENEDICTION & CHILDREN'S GATHERING 

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no powers, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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Rev. Matt Luchenbill

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WORSHIP MUSICIANS

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COMMUNITY LIFE AT NEW CITY



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 WOMEN: CALL TO ACTION

Join us for a powerful time of prayer and service as we seek to renew the city of Detroit and give light to the beauty of the Gospel. On May 20th, from 7-8:30 p.m., we will serve CareNet Pregnancy Center of Detroit (13864 Grand River Ave, Detroit, MI 48227) through spring cleaning and prayer. Registration and more information by scanning QR Code or through the Church Center app.



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)

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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:
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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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