



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 19, 2019

WORD ON WORSHIP

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP SHOULD BE "IN BUT NOT OF" THE WORLD
Christian worship always reflects the culture out of which it is offered. Patterns of speech, styles of dress, senses of time, rhythms and harmonies of music, and styles of visual symbols vary widely depending on cultural contexts. At the same time, worship must not be enslaved to culture. It must remain prophetic, challenging any dimension of local culture that is at odds with the gospel of Christ.

SILENT REFLECTION

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

| 1 Corinthians 15:58

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

| Matthew 6:19-21

When we exercise the gifts which Christ has given us we are really saying to our fellow Christians and others: See how much the Lord Jesus Christ loves you and cares for you; He has sent me to serve you in this way; He is using my hands and feet, my lips and ears, to show His love. **| Sinclair Ferguson**

Our giving is but a reflex of God's giving. **| Sam Storms**

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.

| Jim Elliot

PRELUDE

○ Fount Of Love

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa. © 2010 Dayspring Music

CALL TO WORSHIP

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GATHERING HYMN ☩

To God Be The Glory

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To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son.
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

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READING FROM THE EPISTLES ☩

2 Corinthians 4:6-7

⁶For God [...] has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION ☩

HYMN OF PRAISE

Living Hope

Brian Johnson, Phil Wickham. © 2017 Phil Wickham Music

How great the chasm that lay between us, How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven, And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness, Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written, Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory, To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven, The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever, Jesus Christ, my living hope

*Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise, Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion, Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, Yours is the victory

PRAYER OF CONFESSION OF SINS

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Merciful God, we come in awe of You and are amazed by the gospel.
We confess that in contrast to Your generous grace we have been selfish and greedy; In pursuit of gratification we have become self-absorbed, not caring about the needs of others. When we act on the promptings of Your Spirit, we are tempted to do so for gain, rather than sacrificial love. Even as we gather to worship, we struggle with becoming consumers of worship, rather than true worshippers.

Heavenly Father, reshape our hearts and minds to think and live as Jesus Christ, who gave His own life for Your Kingdom and glory. In His gracious name we pray. **Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Romans 5:1-2

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¹ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Louis Bourgeois, Thomas Ken. 1550, Public Domain

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

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

 Fount Of Love

** 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

Matthew 9:35-38 (ESV)

³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

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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.

The Harvest

(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

Take My Life And Let It Be
Frances Ridley Havergal. 1874, Public Domain

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.
Take my voice and let me sing, always, only for my King.
Always, only for my King.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.
It shall be Thy royal 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.**

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

Remembrance

Matt Maher, Matt Redman. © 2009, sixsteps Music

Oh, how could it be
That my God would welcome me
Into this mystery?
Say, "take this bread, take this wine"
Now the simple made divine
For any to receive
By Your mercy we come to your table
By Your grace You are making us faithful

*Lord, we remember you
And remembrance leads us to worship
And as we worship you
Our worship leads to communion
We respond to your invitation
We remember you*

See His body, His blood
Know that he has overcome
Every trial we will face
None too lost to be saved
None too broken or ashamed
All are welcome in this place
By Your mercy we come to your table
By Your grace You are making us faithful

Dying, You destroyed our death
Rising, You restored our life
Lord Jesus, come in glory
Lord Jesus, come in glory

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SENDING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

Mary E. Byrne, Eleanor H. Hull. 1905, Public Domain

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

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

THE BENEDICTION & CHILDREN'S GATHERING

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

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Ryan McVicar

Rev. Matt Luchenbill

Javier Contesse

SCRIPTURE READER

Jack Gregory

WORSHIP MUSICIANS

Cecily Wu

Vicky Kooy

Evan Chisholm

Nicolas Bulchak

COMMUNITY LIFE AT NEW CITY

FOOD TRUCK LUNCHEON

TODAY, 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.

NC STUDENTS - IMPACT, TONIGHT!

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 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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Logos software (logos.com) is a practical and accesible tool for people interested in in-depth Bible study, with access to hundreds of biblical commentaries, dictionaries, and other resources that will allow you to grow in your understanding of Scripture. For those interested in learning how to use Logos, please contact Scott Porter at porter.scott@gmail.com, or by scanning the QR Code.

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

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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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