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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 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**

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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 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.*

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# Order for the Public Worship of God

May 26, 2019

## WORD ON WORSHIP

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP SHOULD BE A GENEROUS AND EXCELLENT  
OUTPOURING OF OURSELVES BEFORE GOD

Worship should not be stingy. Like the perfume that anointed Jesus' feet, our worship should be a lavish outpouring of our love and praise to the God who has created and redeemed us. Worship calls for our best offerings. When we practice music, prepare words to speak, set aside gifts of money and time to offer, and ensure that we are rested and ready to give our undivided attention, we are practicing the kind of excellence worthy of our great and gracious God.

## SILENT REFLECTION

All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, But the LORD weighs the motives. | **Proverbs 16:2**

God is none other than the Savior of our wretchedness. So we can only know God well by knowing our iniquities... Those who have known God without knowing their wretchedness have not glorified Him, but have glorified themselves. | **Blaise Pascal**

Beware of self-righteousness in every possible shape and form. Some people get as much harm from their "virtues" as others do from their sins. | **J.C. Ryle**

You can rebel against God and be alienated from him either by breaking his rules or by keeping all of them diligently. | **Tim Keller**

## PRELUDE

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Hast Thou Heard Him  
Seen Him Known Him  
*Rowan. 2010 © Joel Littlepage Music*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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## GATHERING HYMN

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Holy, Holy, Holy!  
*Reginald Heber. 1826, Public Domain*

*Holy is the Lord Almighty  
Holy is the Lord Almighty*

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea  
All the kings and rulers falling down before Thee  
Who was and is and evermore shall be

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee  
Thou the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art Holy; There is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power, in love and purity

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Jesus our Savior, mighty King of kings

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## READING FROM THE EPISTLES

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Psalm 36:7-9

<sup>7</sup> How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.  
<sup>8</sup> They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.  
<sup>9</sup> For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light do we see light.

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION ☸

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## HYMN OF PRAISE ☸

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There Is A Fountain

*William Cowper: 1772, Public Domain*

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains  
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day  
And there may I though vile as he wash all my sins away  
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away  
And there may I though vile as he wash all my sins away

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power  
Till all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more  
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more  
Till all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more

Ever since by faith I saw the stream, Thy flowing wounds supply  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die  
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die

When this poor lisping stammering tongue lies silent in the grave  
Then in a nobler sweeter song I'll sing Thy power to save  
I'll sing Thy power to save, I'll sing Thy power to save  
Then in a nobler sweeter song I'll sing Thy power to save

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION OF SINS

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Merciful Lord, You have repeatedly shown Yourself to be a generous, kind, and loving Father, yet we often choose to dishonor You; We love Your blessings but fail to love and cherish You. We seek fellowship with our brothers and sisters, yet quickly judge and belittle them when they fall. We are also amazed that You would make us Your children, but we are rarely moved to reach out to others in need of Your grace.

Holy Spirit, forgive us and make us come to ourselves—our true self in Christ, who has bought our reconciliation with You at the price of His own blood. In His wonderful name we pray, **Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Acts 3:19-20

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<sup>19</sup> Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup> that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord [...]

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## DOXOLOGY ☸

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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.**

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## GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

*\* 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

## Luke 15 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?"

<sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup> "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

<sup>11</sup> And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup> And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup> "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" <sup>20</sup> And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup> But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup> but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' <sup>31</sup> And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'" "

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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.**

# When Love Met Shame For Dinner

(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

Jesus ThankYou

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The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend  
The agonies of Calvary  
You the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son  
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

*Your blood has washed away my sin  
Jesus, thank You  
The Father's wrath completely satisfied  
Jesus, thank You  
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table  
Jesus, thank You*

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near  
Your enemy You've made Your friend  
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace  
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

Lover of my soul  
I want to live for You

## 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

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We Will Feast In The House Of Zion  
*Joshua Moore, Sandra McCracken. © 2015 Drink Your Tea*

*We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the Lord our God  
We are not consumed by the flood  
Upheld protected gathered up

CHORUS

## THE BENEDICTION & CHILDREN'S GATHERING

Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together bring shalom

CHORUS

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Ryan McVicar

Rev. Matt Luchenbill

Evan Chisholm

**WORSHIP MUSICIANS**

Sarah Luchenbill

Adina Crawford

Matt Jackson

Joni SayGan

Thomas Wideman

**SCRIPTURE READER**

Liane Jackson

# COMMUNITY LIFE AT NEW CITY



## 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)



## LEARN HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE IN DEPTH WITH LOGOS SOFTWARE

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](mailto:porter.scott@gmail.com), or by scanning the QR Code.

## NEW CITY DIRECTORY PROFILE PHOTO UPDATE

Today after worship, Mark Trupiano will conitnue to be taking photos for families and individuals who wish to update their profile pictures in our church directory. Please take a minute to snap a quick picture and update your profile. Thank you!

## ONLINE COMMUNITIES

In an effort to engage more people with the truths of the gospel, to edify both New City members and their networks with encouraging and challenging thoughts, to display the beauty of Christian community life, and through all this invite people to join us in the worship of our Lord, we've been developing new social media strategies to increase our presence with quality content that will surely be a blessing to you and to those you wish to share it with.

This is an invitation to "Like" and "Follow" us on Facebook and Instagram, hoping that these online communities will reflect our spiritual community and become an avenue to reach people that we would not be able to reach otherwise. Connect with us!



[facebook.com/newcitypc](https://facebook.com/newcitypc)



[instagram.com/newcitypc](https://instagram.com/newcitypc)

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

## **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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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?

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## 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:**

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## 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.

**Ammons – Grosse Pointe**

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mmdelaruelle@gmail.com

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meganmholladay@gmail.com

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juston.lantrip@gmail.com

**McVicar & Snider – Royal Oak**

Every Other Sunday @12:45 pm  
james.a.snider@gmail.com

**Ng – Troy**

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ngstevenm@gmail.com

**Smith – Royal Oak**

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