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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

## WORD ON WORSHIP

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP SHOULD BE BOTH EXPRESSIVE AND FORMATIVE

It should honestly express what a community already feels and has experienced—imitating the biblical psalms in their vividly honest expressions of praise and lament, thanksgiving and penitence. Yet worship should also stretch us to take to our lips words that we would not come up with on our own that—like the Lord's prayer—will shape new and deeper dimensions of faith and life with God. In this way, words become a tool of Spirit-led discipleship, forming us to be more faithful followers of and witnesses to Jesus Christ.

## SILENT REFLECTION

I have stored up your word in my heart,  
that I might not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O Lord;  
teach me your statutes! | **Psalm 119:11-12**

We should not assume that, because God promises to provide a way out of temptation, we have no role in our own rescue. God always provides a way of escape, but He may also require great effort from us. We take advantage of the way of escape God provides by exerting every resource He gives us to fight the enemy... To increase our faith and strengthen our character, God more often allows us to escape temptation by using the means of grace always available to us: conscientiously seeking God's power and instruction through prayer, meditation on His Word, and the counsel of mature Christians are never passive endeavors.

| **Bryan Chapell**

No man knows how bad he is till he has tried very hard to be good. We never find out the strength of the evil impulse inside us until we try to fight it. Christ, because He was the only Man who never yielded to temptation, is also the only Man who knows to the full what temptation means. | **C.S. Lewis**

## PRELUDE

Grace Alone

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

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## GATHERING HYMN

Your Grace Is Enough

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Great is Your faithfulness, oh God  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart  
You lead us by still waters and to mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart

So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise, oh God

*Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me*

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along

READER

## READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 146:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord, O my soul!  
<sup>2</sup> I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.  
<sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in princes,  
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.  
<sup>4</sup> When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;  
on that very day his plans perish.  
<sup>5</sup> Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord his God,  
<sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,  
who keeps faith forever;  
<sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

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God Is For Us

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We won't fear the battle, We won't fear the night  
We will walk the valley, with You by our side  
You will go before us, You will lead the way  
We have found a refuge, only You can save

*Sing with joy now: our God is for us  
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress  
Raise your voice now, no love is greater  
Who can stand against us if our God is for us*

Even when I stumble, Even when I fall  
Even when I turn back, still Your love is sure  
You will not abandon, You will not forsake  
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace

Sing with joy now: our God is for us  
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress  
Raise your voice now, no love is greater  
Who can stand against us if our God is for us

Neither height nor depth can separate us  
Hell and death will not defeat us  
He who gave His Son to free us  
Holds me in His love

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION OF SINS

○ Great God, we are privileged to come before You and offer You worship. You have required righteousness from us, yet we have fallen short of Your standard; We have indulged our sinful appetites, we have tested Your care and protection as we recklessly entertain temptations, and we have lived lives focused on the things of this world, rather than on You.

Forgive us, Lord, and feed us the truth that You alone satisfy and that we are eternally loved. We praise You, Jesus, for fulfilled all righteousness in our place and freeing us to live lives of worship and service to Your great name.

**Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Psalm 130:3-4

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<sup>3</sup> If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?  
<sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared.

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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

Grace Alone

*\* 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 3:11-4:11(ESV)

<sup>11</sup> "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>

But he answered, "It is written,  
"Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup> and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you," and  
"On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone."

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, You shall not put the Lord your God to the test." <sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup> And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,  
"You shall worship the Lord your God  
and him only shall you serve."

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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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 Time Satan Invited Jesus To Dine

(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

How Firm A Foundation

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How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;  
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has 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.

## 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

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Behold The Lamb (Communion Hymn)

Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend.

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Behold the Lamb Who bears our sins away,  
Slain for us: and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross.

*So we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of (peace; love; grace)  
Around the table of the King.*

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,  
Torn for you: eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,  
Paid the price to make us one.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
Shed for you: drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
To respond: and to remember.  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth.

*As we share in his suffering,  
We proclaim: Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King.*

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## SENDING HYMN

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Fairest Lord Jesus

*August Heinrich Hoffmann von Fallersleben, Joseph August  
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Fairest Lord Jesus! Ruler of all nature!  
O Thou of God and man the Son!  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Oh my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows;  
Fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring.  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

## THE BENEDICTION & CHILDREN'S GATHERING

Fair is the sunshine,  
Fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior!  
Lord of all nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine.

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

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# 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.

## 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:

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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.

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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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