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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

## SILENT REFLECTION

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. | **1 Peter 4:8-11**

### HOSPITALITY REFLECTS THE GOSPEL

Faithful Christians are—and have always been—a strange minority in a hostile world. Redeemed by Christ, we have lost our old lives—and with our lives, we have left behind the history, identity, and people who once claimed us. Conversion starts with the sacrifice of what once was, and the gospel provides for what we have relinquished through hospitality. When Peter says to Jesus, “See, we have left everything and followed you,” Jesus responds with this comfort: “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold, now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come, eternal life” (Mark 10: 28–30). The gospel comes with a house key, and that key unlocks the “hundredfold” of God’s provision of family and community for others. Hospitality is the ground zero of the Christian life. [...] Every Christian is called to practice hospitality, but that does not mean that everyone practices it in the same way. We practice hospitality by sharing our resources and our needs, by serving as both host and guest, as Jesus did when he walked this earth. Hospitality works on the same principle as tithing. You are either giving, or you are receiving. You are either building up the body, or you need the body to build you up. All of us have a stake in hospitality because Jesus does. | **Rosaria Butterfield**

## PRELUDE

○ My Soul, Arise

*Charles Wesley, alt. Eric McAllister. 1742, Public Domain*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## HYMN OF PRAISE

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

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION OF SINS

Almighty God, through the ages You have gathered a people for Yourself to bring You glory. We confess that we often do not feel nor act like Your people; We struggle with unfaithfulness. Our hearts are hardened to the suffering and shortcomings of others. Our minds are so full of ourselves that we regularly miss opportunities to praise You for Your mercy and grace. In Your perfect knowledge, our sin has never surprised You. You gathered us and displayed Your love for us by redeeming us from our sin and imminent death. In Jesus Christ we enjoy forgiveness, peace, and strength to battle temptation. Keep us in Your ways, we pray. **Amen.**

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# DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Psalm 86:4-5

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<sup>4</sup> Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.  
<sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

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## 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.

# THE SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

George Brockton Bakker, born April 25th, 2019, son of Marshall & Maris Bakker

READER

## BAPTISMAL READING

Psalm 105:3-4 (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> [...] Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. <sup>4</sup> Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

## BAPTISM VOWS

### PARENTAL VOWS:

Do you acknowledge your daughter's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on behalf of your daughter, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you have for your own?

Do you now unreservedly commit your daughter to God, and promise in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of the Christian faith, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

### CONGREGATIONAL VOWS:

Will you, as members of New City Church, promise to guide and nurture Phoebe, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?

## BAPTISMAL PRAYER

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## HYMN OF PRAISE

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Oh praise Him; alleluia  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam  
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
Oh praise Him; alleluia  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One  
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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## All Creatures Of Our God And King

*St. Francis of Assisi, William Henry Draper. 1225,  
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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

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

## GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

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○ My Soul, Arise

*\* 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

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# THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

### Matthew 9:9-13 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup>But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means: I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

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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.**

# An Encounter That Demands A Response

(Notes & Thoughts)

THEME: \_\_\_\_\_ People to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus

\_\_\_\_\_ Responds by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Responds with \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Responds with a \_\_\_\_\_.

Our Response:

Follow Jesus with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ People!

*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

Jesus Thank You

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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

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Feed Us, Lord

Greg Scheer. © 2007, Greg Scheer

Feed us, Lord  
Feed us, Lord  
In the broken bread, be revealed again  
Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.

Quench us, Lord.  
Quench us, Lord  
On this thirsty ground, may Your love flow down  
Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.

Fill us, Lord  
Fill us, Lord  
With the bread and wine of the risen Christ,  
Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.

Lead us, Lord  
Lead us, Lord  
Nourished here by Christ; given strength for life  
Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

Feed us, Lord  
Quench us, Lord  
With the bread and wine of the risen Christ,  
Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

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## SENDING HYMN

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Father Long Before Creation  
*Francis Johnson. 1953, Public Domain*

Father, long before creation, Thou hadst chosen us in love,  
And that love so deep, so moving, Draws us close to Christ above.  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us, Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion, Yet our God is ever the same;  
His compassion and His covenant, Through all ages will remain.  
God's own children, God's own children, Must forever praise His name.

## THE BENEDICTION & CHILDREN'S GATHERING

God's compassion is my story, Is my boasting all the day;  
Mercy free and never failing, Moves my will, directs my way.  
God so loved us, God so loved us, That His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee, We will ever praise Thy love,  
And our songs will sound unceasing, Till we reach our home above,  
Giving glory, giving glory, To our God and to the Lamb.

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Ryan McVicar

Rev. Matt Luchenbill

Javier Contesse

## **WORSHIP MUSICIANS**

Adina Crawford

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## **SCRIPTURE READERS**

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Kent Kooy

# COMMUNITY LIFE AT NEW CITY



## NEW CITY OFFICERS NOMINATION

The process for nominating candidates for elders and deacons/deaconesses is closing TONIGHT at 11:59 p.m. All New City members are invited to submit nominations through our web form (<http://bit.ly/NCNOM19>) or by texting "newcitynominations" to 970-00.

## NC STUDENTS - IMPACT, TONIGHT!

Impact is our student ministry Sunday night gathering, where students engage in worship, teaching, discipleship groups, and fun! Tonight we meet at the Cairo home (2599 E Thirteen Mile Rd) from 6-7:45 p.m. Join us for a great time of building community and deepening our relationship with Jesus Christ!



## NEW CITY SUMMER KIDS' CLUB

Registration for Summer Kids' Club in July is open! Join us for the next two dates (July 19 and August 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 dates. (t-shirts only available to those who register at least a week before the event.)



## 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](http://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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