



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 of 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

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

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

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CALL TO WORSHIP

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GATHERING HYMN

Father Long Before Creation

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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.

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.

Giving glory, giving glory, to our God and to the Lamb.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF JOY **Psalm 62 (My Soul Finds Rest)**

Aaron Keyes, Stuart Townend.
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My soul finds rest in God alone
My rock and my salvation
A fortress strong against my foes
And I will not be shaken
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse
And lies like arrows pierce me
I'll fix my heart on righteousness
I'll look to Him who hears me

*O praise Him, hallelujah, my delight and my reward
Everlasting, never-failing, my redeemer, my God*

Find rest my soul in God alone
Amid the world's temptations
When evil seeks to take a hold
I'll cling to my salvation
Though riches come and riches go
Don't set your heart upon them
The fields of hope in which I sow
Are harvested in heaven

I'll set my gaze on God alone
And trust in Him completely
With every day pour out my soul
And He will prove His mercy
Though life is but a fleeting breath
A sigh too deep to measure
My king has crushed the curse of death
And I am His forever

READING FROM THE EPISTLES 

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

¹¹To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, ¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

CALL TO REPENTANCE

Use this moment of silent reflection to prepare for confessing our sins to the Lord

Where is your joy coming from?

What is your hope resting in?

What do you think is going to make you happy today?

What do you fear that God can't control?

What are you trusting in more than Him?

PRAYER OF CONFESSION OF SINS

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Heavenly Father, all too often we neglect Your Word and do only what is right in our own eyes. Too often we neglect Your worship, and insist on worshipping the passing things of this world. Too often we neglect our neighbor in need and only seek to gratify our every craving.

Forgive us our sin of not loving You with all of our heart, and not giving You the honor due Your Name. Cleanse us from our sin of self-indulgence and lack of empathy. Guide and empower us to worship You in Spirit and in Truth.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

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¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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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

Announcement Slides
Musical Offertory

** 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

Revelation 3:14-22 (ESV)

¹⁴ "And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: 'The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation.

¹⁵ "'I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷ For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. ¹⁹ Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. ²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. ²¹ The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²² He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'"

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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.

Your Dinner Guest Is At The Door

(Notes & Thoughts)

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* 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

Be Thou My Vision

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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

Be Thou my Wisdom, And Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

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

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

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 & BREAKING OF THE 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.

HYMN AT THE TABLE 

Come Ye Sinners

Joseph Hart, Brooks Ritter.
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Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and power.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.

*Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.
You will never come at all.*

On the bloody Cross behold Him,
Sinner, will this not suffice,
Lo! the incarnate God ascended,
Pleads His perfect sacrifice.

Let not conscience make you linger,
Not of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him.

SENDING HYMN

His Mercy Is More

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa.
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What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

THE BENEDICTION & CHILDREN'S GATHERING

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

CHORUS

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COMMUNITY LIFE AT NEW CITY

NEW CITY CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

This week we will be sending out information on how to complete a congregational survey open to every New City attendee that will allow us assess our community, our worship gathering, our other ministry efforts, and the impact we have on the lives of those who call New City their place of worship, their community, and/or their home.

NC STUDENTS - IMPACT, TONIGHT!

Impact is our student ministry Sunday night gathering, where students engage in worship, teaching, discipleship groups, and fun! Today we meet at the Graham home (462 Whitney Dr., Rochester hills, MI 48307) from 6-7:45 p.m. Join us for a great time of building community and deepening our relationship with Jesus Christ!



NC STUDENTS SUMMER CONFERENCE

Register your 6-12th grade students for our Student Ministry Summit Conference; a time of exploring lessons from encounters different people had with Jesus. The conference will take place August 5-9 in The Springs, in Gladwin, MI. For more information and registration visit the events section on our Church Center app or scan QR Code to access it.

NC STUDENTS BAKE SALE

Several of our New City Students have baked, packaged, and now will be selling some food items to offset the costs of their summer retreat. The sale will take place TODAY and August 28th following the worship service. All items are peanut and tree nut free, they are packaged individually, and priced between \$1-\$5. A donations box is available should you prefer to just give.



SUMMER KIDS' CLUB

Registration for Summer Kids' Club in August is open! Join us for the next and last date of "In The Wild: Amazing Encounters with Jesus" on August 16th. 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) is a practical and accessible 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.

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



instagram.com/newcitypc

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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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CORE VALUES OF NEW CITY

A Biblically-Faithful Church

Christ commanded his followers in the Great Commission to “teach...everything I have commanded.” Our pursuit for truth and wisdom about the church and world; God and humanity; sin and salvation; and everything else will be found in the scriptures, not in human ideas. We rejoice in the biblical teaching of God’s gracious salvation for sinners that is by grace; through faith; and in Christ alone, which leads us to live the entirety of our lives for His glory alone. This is the claim of Reformed Theology and we stand in this tradition, passionately teaching the doctrines of grace so that we might always be reforming according to scripture.

A Gospel-Centric Church

The news of Christ and him crucified is the power that saves and changes people and places. The gospel is the answer for our spiritual problems and for all of our other problems. We are committed to the gospel because we know there is no real hope, life, or transformation apart from it. For this reason, the gospel of God’s grace will permeate all that we do and will continually be held out for Christians and non-Christians to explore, embrace, and enjoy.

A Worshipping Church

Christ is Lord and is worthy of worship. We realize that our ultimate existence as a church is for the purpose of worshipping God. Our worship is joyful, yet reverent; according to scripture and in line with the liturgy and practices of the ancient church and Reformed tradition, yet contextualized to the uniqueness of our contemporary culture. Our worship involves preaching that is expository; liturgy that is participatory; and sacraments that are observed regularly. Our worship is scripture regulated and Gospel driven.

An Outward-Facing Church

We are a mission-minded congregation continually burdened for the needs (spiritual, physical, and social) of our neighbors and of the city. We pray for the city; serve the needs of the city; and seek to be a church in the city who faithfully proclaims Christ in both word and deed. Everything we do, from public worship to private fellowship; from small groups to children’s ministry to service projects in the city is a gospel-centered event with the hope of advancing God’s kingdom. Our desire is to see churches planted into many different neighborhoods and people groups represented in our city, since it will take a movement (not just a single church) to bring the gospel to bear upon Royal Oak, Detroit, and all of Metro-Detroit.

A Relational Church

Christ, during his public ministry, was constantly gathering people together. He still is. As the gospel transforms us and our relationships with one another, we live out the gospel through hospitality and deeds of love and kindness in and through community.

VISITOR INFORMATION

We are very glad to have you as our guest today!

Please give us your information so we can contact you and let you know about the ways you can take steps to deepen your involvement in our church community, find encouragement in your walk with Christ, pursue membership or service opportunities, and more!

Hand this tear-off to one of the Greeters in the Lobby to receive a Welcome Bag with helpful information about New City.

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____



Alternatively, Scan this QR code with your smartphone's camera and tap on the pop-up notification to fill out a contact form and request more information about New City.

Visit our website at:
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I WOULD LIKE PRAYER FOR:

SMALL GROUPS

New City is committed to deep, transformational community life. The backbone of this is found in our New City Groups. These groups of 8-12 adults serve as our primary vehicle for Christian formation, study, prayer, discipleship and mission.

Ammons – Grosse Pointe

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