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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 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

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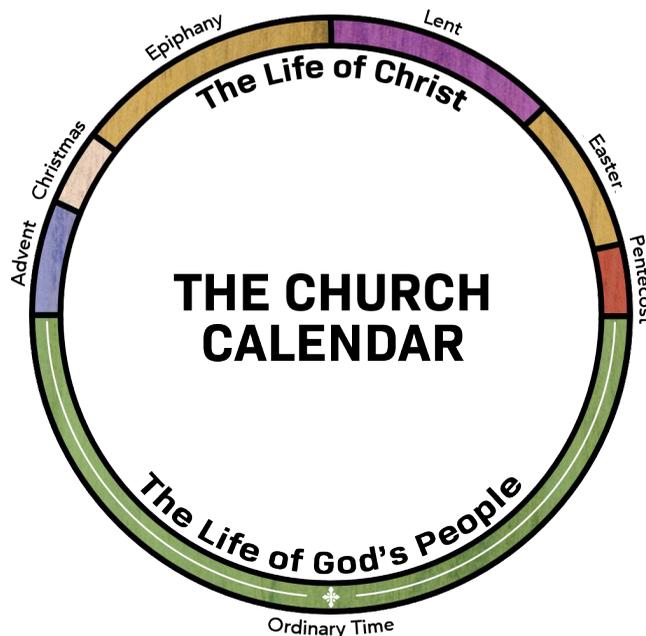
*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory;  
to all who sin and need forgiveness;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
to whoever will come – this 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

In our bulletins you will begin to see the following graphic representation of the Church Calendar and the season we are currently walking through as members of Christ's Church. The Church Calendar is not something reserved for Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, or Anglicans, but rather an invitation to all Christians to live lives affected by the patterns and rhythms of God's story in Jesus Christ. Following the Church Calendar is not a cold, dead ritual but a way to be strengthened by God's story, to counteract the many false stories of the world with which we are being bombarded daily. Each season informs our worship service's language, aesthetics, passages of Scripture, and songs, allowing God's story to shape and molds us as followers of Jesus Christ.



Ordinary Time is about the mission of Christ. All the seasons lead up to this point between Pentecost and Advent. During Ordinary Time, the Church is empowered by the Holy Spirit and sent on mission to make disciples. It is the time and space where we seek to be the people of God living out the mission of God in ordinary, everyday life—in our homes, neighborhoods, communities, workplaces and to the ends of the earth.

## PRELUDE

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Blessed Assurance

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

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## GATHERING HYMN

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Rejoice

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Come and stand before your Maker full of wonder, full of fear  
Come behold His power and glory, yet with confidence draw near  
For the One who holds the heavens and commands the stars above  
Is the God who bends to bless us with an unrelenting love

Rejoice, come and lift your hands and  
Raise your voice, He is worthy of our praise  
Rejoice, sing the mercies of your King  
And with trembling, rejoice

We are children of the promise, the beloved of the Lord  
Won with everlasting kindness, bought with sacrificial blood  
Bringing reconciliation to a world that longs to know  
The affections of a Father who will never let them go

All our sickness, all our sorrows Jesus carried up the hill  
He has walked this path before us, He is walking with us still  
Turning tragedy to triumph, turning agony to praise  
There is blessing in the battle so take heart and stand amazed

Rejoice, when you cry to Him He hears  
Your voice, He will wipe away your tears  
Rejoice, in the midst of suffering  
He will help you sing

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

**CHRIST HYMN** 

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**○ The Love Of My Redeemer**

*Josh Caterer.*  
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Highest heights or darkest deep, be there pain or poverty  
There is nothing that can keep my Redeemer's love from me

All alone though I may feel; all the world my enemy  
Still there's no one that can steal my Redeemer's love from me

○ the love of my Redeemer; never failing, come what may  
He has purchased my forgiveness, and has washed my sins away

Although burdened by the weight of great trial or tragedy  
None of these can separate my Redeemer's love from me

Though the earth's foundations shake, driving wind, or raging sea  
Neither death nor life can take my Redeemer's love from me

Through this world's few passing days, and through all eternity,  
I will never cease to praise my Redeemer's love for me

**READING FROM THE EPISTLES** 

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**Psalm 96:11-13**

<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

<sup>12</sup> let the field exult, and everything in it!

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

<sup>13</sup> before the Lord, for he comes,

for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness,

and the peoples in his faithfulness.

*The Word of the Lord.*

## CALL TO REPENTANCE

From 1 John 1

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

God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION OF SINS

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Sovereign God, we confess that we often talk about You but fail to worship You, or we worship with our lips but fail to obey with our lives, or we obey You dutifully, without any joy in our hearts. In other words, we're always finding ways to run away from Your face. Holy Spirit, infuse us with such passion for You that our words become worship, our desires grow into obedience, and our lives reveal the joy of being Yours, Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Exodus 34:6-7

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<sup>6</sup>The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup>keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.

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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.

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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**

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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.*

## **MINISTRY MOMENT**

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Congregational Survey

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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# THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

### Revelation 19 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out,

"Hallelujah!

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,

<sup>2</sup> for his judgments are true and just;

for he has judged the great prostitute

who corrupted the earth with her immorality,

and has avenged on her the blood of his servants."

<sup>3</sup> Once more they cried out,

"Hallelujah!

The smoke from her goes up forever and ever."

<sup>4</sup> And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" <sup>5</sup> And from the throne came

a voice saying,

"Praise our God,

all you his servants,

you who fear him,

small and great."

<sup>6</sup> Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

"Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God

the Almighty reigns.

<sup>7</sup> Let us rejoice and exult

and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,

and his Bride has made herself ready;

<sup>8</sup> it was granted her to clothe herself

with fine linen, bright and pure"—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

<sup>9</sup> And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God." <sup>10</sup> Then I

fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a

fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. <sup>12</sup> His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. <sup>13</sup> He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. <sup>14</sup> And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. <sup>15</sup> From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. <sup>16</sup> On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

<sup>17</sup> Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, "Come, gather for the great supper of God, <sup>18</sup> to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great." <sup>19</sup> And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. <sup>20</sup> And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. <sup>21</sup> And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

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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.**

# **Bird Food**

(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

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Jesus Shall Reign

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Jesus shall reign wherever the sun  
Does its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till sun shall rise and set no more.

Blessings abound wherever He reigns:  
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all the sons of want are blest.

He shall reign in glory, crowned with grace and might.  
Bless His name and praise the sovereign King.  
He shall reign forever with His chosen bride;  
All the earth shall sing that Jesus is the King!

Where He displays His healing power  
Death and the curse are known no more;  
In Him the tribes of Adam boast  
More blessings than their father lost.

Let every creature rise and bring  
Blessing and honor to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud Amen!

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# 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

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I Will Glory In My Redeemer

*Steve & Vikki Cook.*

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I will glory in my Redeemer  
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails  
And hung Him on that judgment tree  
I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who crushed the power of sin and death  
My only Savior before the holy Judge  
The Lamb Who is my righteousness  
The Lamb Who is my righteousness

I will glory in my Redeemer  
My life He bought my love He owns  
I have no longings for another  
I'm satisfied in Him alone  
I will glory in my Redeemer  
His faithfulness my standing place  
Though foes are mighty and rush up on me  
My feet are firm held by His grace  
My feet are firm held by His grace

I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who carries me on eagle's wings  
He crowns my life with loving kindness  
His triumph song I'll ever sing  
I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who waits for me at gates of gold  
And when He calls me it will be paradise  
His face forever to behold  
His face forever to behold

## SENDING HYMN

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## To God Be The Glory

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

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

## THE BENEDICTION & CHILDREN’S GATHERING

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

CHORUS

### WORSHIP LEADERS

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Javier Contesse

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# COMMUNITY LIFE AT NEW CITY



## **NEW CITY CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY**

Our congregational survey has been sent and it is open to every New City attendee. This survey will allow us to 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 their home. Please take some time to tell us how we can serve you better. Scan QR code or go to <http://newcitypc.org/survey> to fill it out.



## **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 by August 5th.)



## **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)

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## **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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## **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.

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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:**  
**NEWCITYPC.ORG**

**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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