

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.

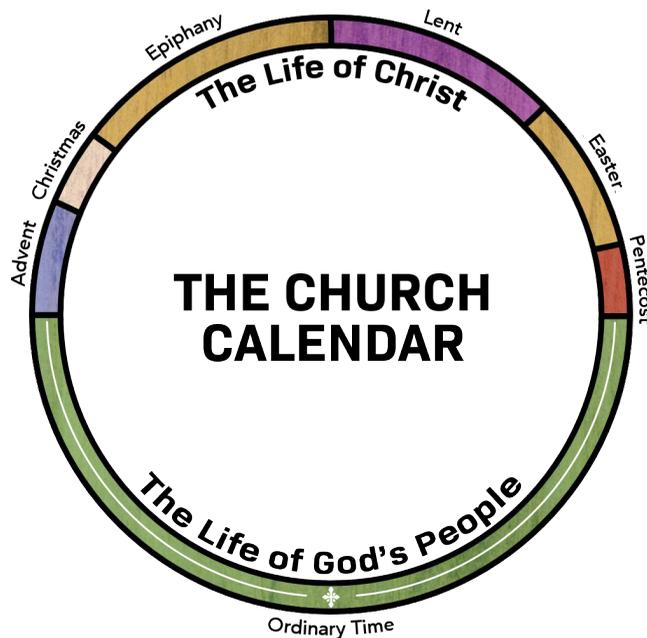
Rev. Ryan McVicar

*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

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

Grace Unmeasured

Bob Kauffman.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

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GATHERING HYMN

Come People Of The Risen King

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Come, people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in

*Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night
Come, those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change and His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace

Come, young and old from every land; men and women of the faith
Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace
Over all the world, His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age, "Our God is all in all."

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN OF PRAISE 

My Savior's Love (I Stand Amazed)
 Charles Hutchinson Gabriel.
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I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus, the Nazarene
 And wonder how He could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean

*How marvelous, how wonderful
 And my song shall ever be
 How marvelous, how wonderful
 Is my Savior's love for me*

He took my sins and my sorrows, he made them His very own
 He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone

When with the ransomed in glory, His face I at last shall see
 'twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me.

READING FROM THE PSALMS 

Psalm 36:7-11

⁷ How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
 The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house,
 and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
⁹ For with you is the fountain of life;
 in your light do we see light.
¹⁰ Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
 and your righteousness to the upright of heart!
¹¹ Let not the foot of arrogance come upon me,
 nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.

The Word of the Lord.

CALL TO REPENTANCE

Romans 7:18-19

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

¹⁸[...] I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION OF SINS

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Most Holy God, Your love and grace towards us have been on display ever since You created all things good. However, sin entered into the world and into hearts, and we confess our inability to deal with it appropriately. Holy Spirit let us not preserve and feed our sin, but rather expose and starve it by Your work in our hearts. May we find peace with You and with others in the righteousness that Christ attained for us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Romans 8:3-4

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³[...] God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us.

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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

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

Matthew 14:1-21 (ESV)

¹ At that time Herod the tetrarch heard about the fame of Jesus, ² and he said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist. He has been raised from the dead; that is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ³ For Herod had seized John and bound him and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, ⁴ because John had been saying to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." ⁵ And though he wanted to put him to death, he feared the people, because they held him to be a prophet. ⁶ But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company and pleased Herod, ⁷ so that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask. ⁸ Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter." ⁹ And the king was sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he commanded it to be given. ¹⁰ He sent and had John beheaded in the prison, ¹¹ and his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother. ¹² And his disciples came and took the body and buried it, and they went and told Jesus. ¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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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.

Bread, Fish & A Birthday Party

(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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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A Mighty Fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

If we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side; the man of God's own choosing:
You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
The Lord of Hosts, His name, from age to age the same.
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us;

MEN: A Mighty Fortress is our God,

WOMEN: His Kingdom is forever!

If we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing.

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

Begone Unbelief

John Newton.
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Begone unbelief, my Savior is near, and for my relief will surely appear:
By faith let me wrestle, with God in the storm
And help me my Savior, the faith to adorn,
And help me my Savior, the faith to adorn.

Though dark be my way, since He is my guide, 'tis mine to obey, and His to provide;
Though cisterns be broken, and creatures all fail,
The Word he has spoken will surely prevail,
The Word he has spoken will surely prevail.

*Begone unbelief, the Savior is here
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Though cisterns be broken and creatures all fail,
The Word he has spoken will surely prevail,
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Why should I complain, of want or distress, temptation or pain? He told me no less.
The heirs of salvation, I know from his word,
Through much tribulation must follow their Lord,
Through much tribulation must follow their Lord.

Since all that I meet will work for my good, the bitter is sweet, the medicine food;
Though painful at present, will cease before long,
And then, O how glorious, the Conqueror's song,
And then, O how glorious, the Conqueror's song!

SENDING HYMN

All Glory Be To Christ

Dustin Kensrue.

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Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn; all glory be to Christ

*All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ*

THE BENEDICTION & CHILDREN'S GATHERING

His will be done, His kingdom come on earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet all glory be to Christ

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful, and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light
And we shall ever his people be, all glory be to Christ

CHORUS

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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)



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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.

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