

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.

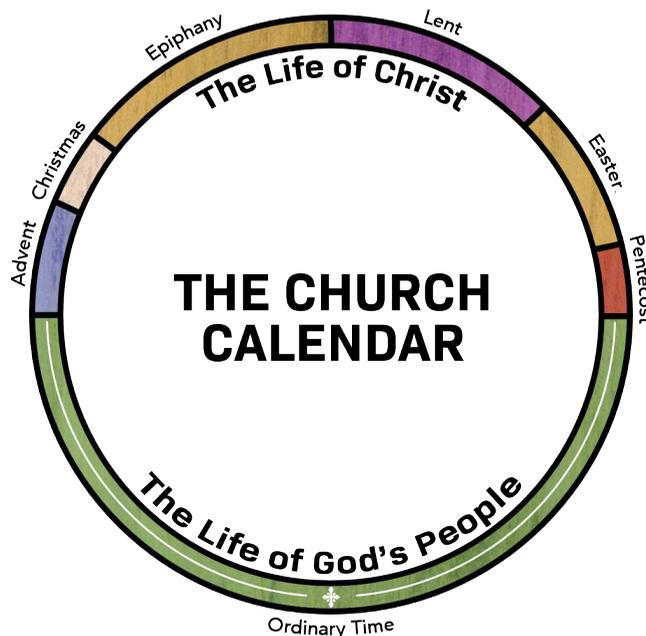
Rev. Ryan McVicar

*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

Build My Life

Pat Barrett.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

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GATHERING HYMN

Father Long Before Creation

Jones Francis, William Henry Monk.

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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.

READER

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

1 Peter 1:3-7

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

READER

The Word of the Lord.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

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HYMN OF PRAISE

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.

My Savior's Love (I Stand Amazed)
Charles Hutchinson Gabriel.
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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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O Lord, our God, to be in relationship with You is a gift we truly do not deserve; You prove Yourself faithful whenever we try to flee. You rescue and deliver us from the patterns of sin in which we easily become entangled. You have redeemed us at the highest cost, but we fail to correspond Your love.

Heavenly Father, forgive our ungrateful hearts and disobedience. May Your Spirit always remind us of our salvation in Christ as the paramount reason for living to the praise of Your glory. 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

Esther 4:6-16 (ESV)

⁶ Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, ⁷ and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. ⁸ Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther and explain it to her and command her to go to the king to beg his favor and plead with him on behalf of her people. ⁹ And Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. ¹⁰ Then Esther spoke to Hathach and commanded him to go to Mordecai and say, ¹¹ "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—to be put to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter so that he may live. But as for me, I have not been called to come in to the king these thirty days."

¹² And they told Mordecai what Esther had said. ¹³ Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think to yourself that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. ¹⁴ For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" ¹⁵ Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai, ¹⁶ "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish."

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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.

A Dinner Date With Esther

(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

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend.
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In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This Gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid: Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death; This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, Rich Thompson.

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What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer
 There is no more for heaven now to give
 He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
 My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
 For my life is wholly bound to His
 Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
 For by my side, the Savior He will stay
 I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
 For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
 Through the deepest valley He will lead
 Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
 The future sure, the price it has been paid
 For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
 And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
 Jesus now and ever is my plea
 Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
 For He has said that He will bring me home
 And day by day I know He will renew me
 Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
 All the glory evermore to Him
 When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

SENDING HYMN

Great is Thy faithfulness, o God, my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

*Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me*

THE BENEDICTION & CHILDREN'S GATHERING

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

CHORUS

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Thomas O. Chisholm, William M. Runyan.
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COMMUNITY LIFE AT NEW CITY

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 Luchenbill home (31215 Huntley Ct. Beverly Hills, MI 48025) from 6-7:45 p.m. Join us for a great time of building community and deepening our relationship with Jesus Christ!



NEW CITY CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

We want to thank everyone who participated in our 2019 Congregational Survey, and we are glad to share these encouraging and challenging insights that will be informing the way we do ministry in this next season. Please take some time to look through these statistics, and join us in prayer over our people, our ministries, our context, and the exciting work of God at New City! Download the report at <http://newcitypc.org/survey>



NEW CITY CAMPING TRIP RESERVATIONS

The New City Camping trip is next weekend! This is a fantastic opportunity to come together as a church family and spend some meaningful time with one another! Join us at Lakeport State Park in Lakeport, MI, August 23rd-24th, for Summer activities, campfires, and great fellowship. Please be on the lookout (text message and newsletter) for specific information regarding Friday night activities. If you still have not made reservations, do it now! (north loop, lots 68-97)

NEW CITY MINISTRY FAIR

Join us for New City's annual Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 8th after our worship service. Our Ministry Fair is the most important event by which you can get to know all of our opportunities for serving, connect with Ministry Team leaders, and sign up to use your gifts through the various ministries of New City!

NEW CITY FALL KICK-OFF LUNCHEON

All are invited to our Fall Kick-Off Luncheon following the worship service on Sunday, September 15th. Come have lunch with us while getting to know our new Small Groups offerings, meet the leaders, and explore avenues of service through the various Ministry Teams of New City!



LEARN HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE IN DEPTH WITH LOGOS SOFTWARE

Logos software (logos.com) is a practical and accesible tool for people interested in in-depth Bible study, with access to hundreds of biblical commentaries, dictionaries, and other resources that will allow you to grow in your understanding of Scripture. For those interested in learning how to use Logos, please contact Scott Porter at porter.scott@gmail.com, 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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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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Visit our website at:
NEWCITYPC.ORG

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:
NEWCITYPC.ORG

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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Small Groups at New city are being ready to re-launch in the Fall. New information will be made available following our Fall Kick-off Luncheon on September 15th. Thank you!

For addresses, contact information, and more details please visit:

<http://newcitypc.churchcenter.com>