

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.

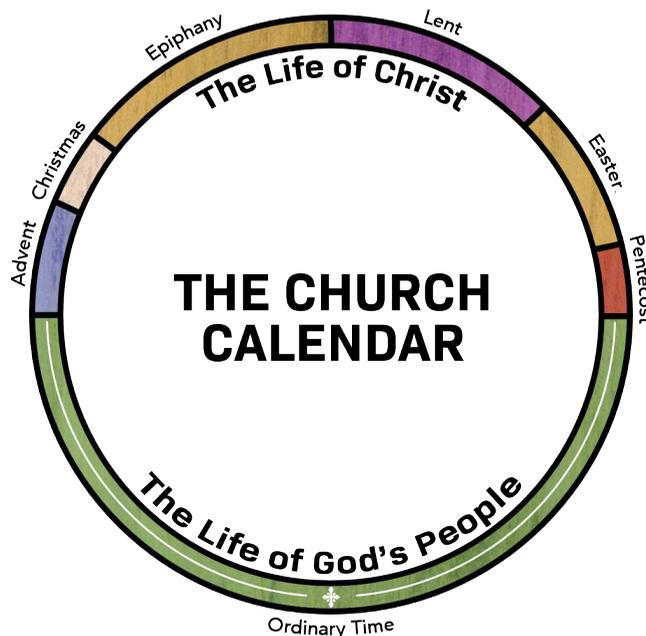
Rev. Ryan McVicar

*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

Cling To Christ

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CALL TO WORSHIP

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GATHERING HYMN

God Is For Us

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We won't fear the battle; we won't fear the night
We will walk the valley, with You by our side
You will go before us; You will lead the way
We have found a refuge, only You can save

*Sing with joy now: our God is for us
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress
Raise your voice now, no love is greater
Who can stand against us if our God is for us*

Even when I stumble, even when I fall
Even when I turn back, still Your love is sure
You will not abandon, You will not forsake
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace

Neither height nor depth can separate us
Hell and death will not defeat us
He who gave His Son to free us
Holds me in His love

PRAYER OF ADORATION

READER

READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH

Deuteronomy 7:7-9

⁷ It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸ but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

READER

The Word of the Lord.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

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'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take him at his word
Just to rest upon his promise
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him over and over!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust his cleansing blood
And in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus
Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace

CALL TO REPENTANCE

Proverbs 28:13-14

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

¹³ Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

¹⁴ Blessed is the one who fears the Lord always,
but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION OF SINS

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Heavenly Father, we sing of the sweetness of trusting in You, but confess to be a stubborn and rebellious people; Rather than trusting in Your Word, we heed our own counsel. Rather than acting on the gospel-truth we know, we choose to act upon the lies of this world. Rather than being a witness to our family, friends, and neighbors, we shut our mouths and hide.

Have mercy on us, Lord! Through Your Spirit humble us, make us faithful, and give us courage to make Your glory known. In Jesus Christ's glorious name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Exodus 34:6-7

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⁶ [...] The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷ keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty.

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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;
O praise Him! Hallelujah!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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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 through seven-year-olds 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

Student Ministry
Retreat Testimony

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Psalm 78:1-8 (ESV)

A Maskil of Asaph.

¹ Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

² I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,

³ things that we have heard and known,
that our fathers have told us.

⁴ We will not hide them from their children,
but tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.

⁵ He established a testimony in Jacob
and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our fathers
to teach to their children,

⁶ that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and arise and tell them to their children,

⁷ so that they should set their hope in God
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments;

⁸ and that they should not be like their fathers,
a stubborn and rebellious generation,
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,
whose spirit was not faithful to God.

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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.

For The Next Generation Pt. 1

(Notes & Thoughts)

Tell Stories of the Glorious Work of the Lord to the Next Generation

1. Tell Stories

2. Of the Glorious Work of the Lord

3. To the Next Generation

Our Response:

THINK

FEEL

DO

(Notes & Thoughts)

* 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

Speak, O Lord
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Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

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 

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Oh! Precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!*

For my pardon this I see.
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing, this my plea.
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace.
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness.
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus

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SENDING HYMN

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.

To God Be The Glory

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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!

MOVE UP SUNDAY!

Move up Sunday is September 1st. For parents of school-aged children, you should have received or will be receiving—an e-mail with details regarding what this looks like for your child(ren) who will be transitioning into a new class. If you have not received information by then, please communicate this to your child(ren)'s teacher(s).

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.



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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

Worship is a communal activity in which we participate together as a church family and is one of the best ways to welcome children into the life of the church. Yet, children are in the process of learning the significance of worship and how to worship. During our nursery and Kids Bible Times, teachers emphasize why we worship and help children learn prayers and songs that are typically part of our services. However, there are ways parents and congregants alike can train our children in the joys of worship:

For Parents of Young Worshippers:

- Start Saturday night by looking at the worship bulletin and practicing songs that will be sung.
- If you need time to calm a squirmy toddler, feel free to step out.
- Some children can pay attention better if they sit up front.
- Worship *with* rather than *beside* children. Help your child who can't read by singing to them as they memorize the hymns we sing.
- Help them follow along in the Bible. Point out words for young or non-readers that are repetitive.
- Allow children to participate in offering by sharing their allowance.
- Whisper instructions or comments such as, "Now is the time when we tell God how great He is."
- Use a worship notebook where children can draw pictures of what they hear in the scripture passage and sermon or write down thoughts that are meaningful to them.

For the Rest of Us:

- Church is not for adults only. Supporting our children as they grow as worshippers of the Lord is the responsibility of us all.
- Remember the commitment you made as a church when children were baptized, a commitment to encourage them to become disciples of Christ.
- Introduce yourself to the child sitting beside you. Make him or her feel welcomed and important.
- Understand when parents need to take young children and babies out of the service and then return.
- Have patience with the learning process and pray for families.
- Compliment children who are listening attentively during the service.
- Consider providing encouragement and support for single mothers or children with special needs.
- As we worship, look around. Can we make the experience easier for the families learning how to worship?

Teaching children how to worship the Lord with reverence and awe is something we can all be excited about doing. What a blessing and privilege is this special endeavor!

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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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!

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