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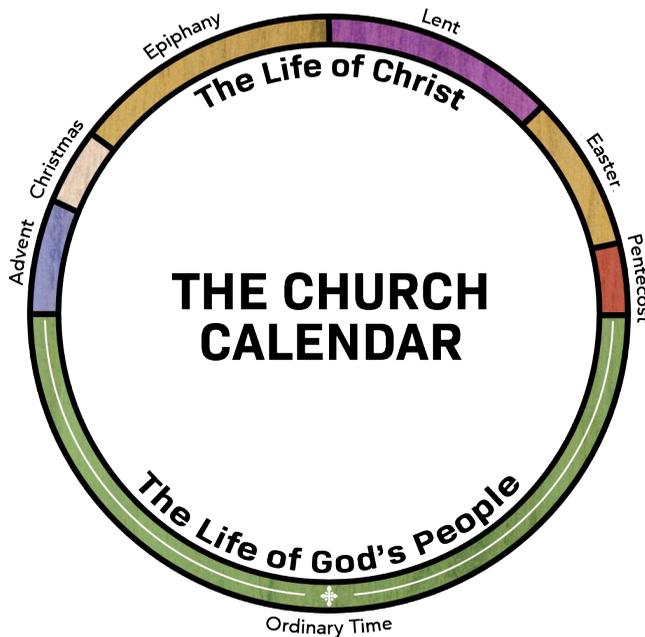
*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory;  
to all who sin and need forgiveness;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
to whoever will come – this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

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

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## GATHERING HYMN

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Holy, Holy, Holy!

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*Holy is the Lord Almighty*  
*Holy is the Lord Almighty*

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea  
All the kings and rulers falling down before Thee  
Who was and is and evermore shall be

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee  
Thou the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art Holy; There is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power, in love and purity

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Jesus our Savior, mighty King of kings

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

**HYMN OF PRAISE** 

Before The Throne Of God Above

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Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
A great High Priest, whose name is Love; who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart.  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look, and see Him there; who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,  
For God the just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me.  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb! My perfect, spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable "I AM;" the King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high; with Christ my Savior and my God.  
With Christ my Savior and my God.

**READING FROM THE PSALMS** 

Psalm 145:4-9

<sup>4</sup> One generation shall commend your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.

<sup>5</sup> On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. [...]

<sup>8</sup> The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup> The Lord is good to all,  
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

*The Word of the Lord.*

## CALL TO REPENTANCE

From Romans 5

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

One act of disobedience led to condemnation for the entire human race;

In Adam we have inherited sin, and continue to sin.

One act of righteous obedience leads to justification before God and life eternal.

In Christ's cross sins are forgiven, justice is satisfied, and His righteousness is given to those who trust in His saving Name.

*Where have you put your trust?*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION OF SINS

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Heavenly Father, You have called us to love You with all our heart, soul, and might, but we fail to do so diligently. Your standard is excellence, and in the depth of our hearts we know we fail to comply.

Forgive us for loving poorly, seeking you erratically, and being weak in the face of temptation. Increase our love for You and our neighbor, give us greater faith, and through Your Spirit give us abundant life to the glory of Christ. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Isaiah 55:7

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<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

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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**

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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**

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Investing In The  
Next Generation

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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# THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

### Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup> "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup> You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup> You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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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. 2

(Notes & Thoughts)

## **Invest in the Next Generation**

Love God

Love the Next Generation

Continuously Invest

## **What does that look like?**

Repent, Believe, and Walk in Faith

Utilize the Covenant Community

Seek People to Invest In

Make a Plan

(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

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### Take My Life And Let It Be

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Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.  
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.  
Take my voice and let me sing, always, only for my King.  
Always, only for my King.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

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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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**We Hunger And Thirst**

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Exalted Son of glory humbly came down  
Wounded for the broken, bore the sinners crown  
Through the willing death you died  
You became our Bread of Life

*Jesus, we hunger and thirst for you, Lord  
As we remember your sacrifice  
We see the wound from your hands and pierced side  
Extravagant love, oh how great the price  
Now our lives are yours*

The priceless blood of Jesus, this gracious cup  
A life spring overflowing, poured out for us  
He has conquered every sin  
For the ones who trust in him

The cup we drink, the bread we eat  
Reminds us you are all we need  
And makes us long for your wedding feast

**SENDING HYMN** 

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My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

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My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

**THE BENEDICTION & CHILDREN'S GATHERING** 

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found,  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.

*CHORUS*

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# COMMUNITY LIFE AT NEW CITY

## **MOVE UP SUNDAY!**

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

## **KIDS BIBLE TIME CHANGES**

Kids' Bible Time will now be offered for children ages 3 through 7 years old. Children will transition into the worship service on the Move-Up Sunday after their 8th birthday. As always, we would like to encourage families to keep their children in the worship service at any age, as they learn from our example what worship is and how engage in it.

## **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](mailto:porter.scott@gmail.com), or by scanning the QR Code.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Fall season of Sunday School is coming up, beginning September 15th at 9:30 a.m. Nursery and Children's Sunday School will be available as well.

## 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)



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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

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!

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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:**  
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**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.

**Baileys – Royal Oak**

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.  
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**Bakkers – Troy**

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.  
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**Holladays – Detroit**

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 p.m.  
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**Kriegs & Luchenbills – Beverly Hills**

Every other Thursday at 7:00 p.m.  
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**Ngs – Troy**

1st, 2nd, and 4th Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.  
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**Smiths – Royal Oak**

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**Young Pro's – Madison Heights**

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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.org/smallgroups>**