

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.*

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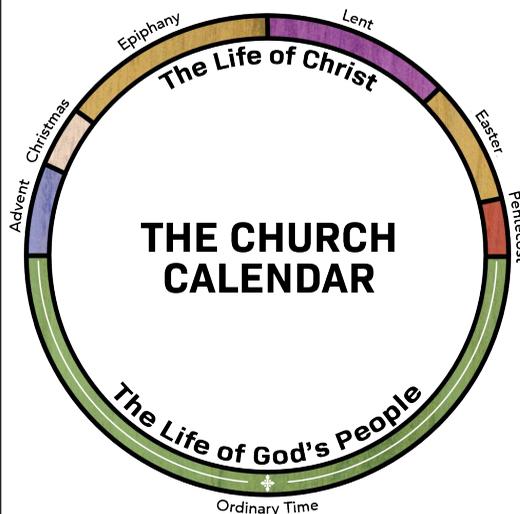
SILENT REFLECTION

Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. | **1 Thessalonians 5:19-21**

For the grace of the Spirit it is in our power to kindle or to extinguish; For by sloth and carelessness it is quenched, and by watchfulness and diligence it is kept alive. For it is in thee indeed, do thou render it more vehement, that is, fill it with confidence, with joy, and delight. | **John Chrysostom**

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." | **Joshua 1:9**

*Jesus! the Name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.* | **Charles Wesley**



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.

The Prelude serves as an invitation to gather, prepare our hearts, and focus our minds for an encounter with the living God.

God always comes to us before we can come to Him. Biblical worship is a response to God's gracious revelation of Himself, calling us to worship.



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of your name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.

To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heaven.

Beautiful And True
Ryan McVicar, Josh Rodriguez.
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O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing
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The Prayer of Adoration is a praiseful pondering of the attributes and works of God, intended to draw our hearts closer to Him, in awe.



PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN OF TRUST

How Firm A Foundation

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How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

READER

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Psalms 56:10-13

True worship is biblical worship. Throughout our worship service, we read, pray, and sing the words of Scripture.

¹⁰ In God, whose word I praise,
in the Lord, whose word I praise,
¹¹ in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
What can man do to me?

¹² I must perform my vows to you, O God; I will render thank offerings to you.

¹³ For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,
that I may walk before God in the light of life.

READER

The Word of the Lord.

The Call To Repentance is an invitation to privately examine and prepare our hearts to confess our sins.

CALL TO REPENTANCE

From Isaiah 1:18

As God draws us near and reveals Himself to us, we see our sin for what it is; an undeniable scarlet stain. God invites us to 'be reasonable' and come to Him so He can make us white as snow. What is holding you back? What is it you fear?

ALL

Because of the gospel, our relationship with God is a relationship in which honesty about our sin is welcome and safe. Therefore, with one voice, we are able to openly and sincerely confess our sins to Him.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, mercy, and peace, the evidence against us is plain and we have been found guilty; we have failed to keep Your holy law, and our hearts have been unfaithful. But You, O Lord, call us to step out of the fear that entraps us, into the promise of life You have given us in Jesus Christ. May our faith—though imperfect—be sincere as we seek to grow in love for You and our neighbor. Amen.

MINISTER

As God's Word assures us of our forgiveness in Christ, we cannot but respond in praise to the grace, mercy, and peace offered to us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

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.

 ALL

DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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The word "doxology" comes from a Greek translation of the Old Testament word for worship. We respond to the gospel of God's grace with a burst of praise!

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.

MINISTER

The Pastoral Prayer is a time to express our gratitude for—and dependance on—God’s provision for the life and ministry of the Church.

PASTORAL PRAYER

ALL

As God’s people, we pray the prayer that the Church has corporately prayed ever since Jesus Himself taught us this 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.

All we have is given to us by God. Our offerings express this joyful dependance, and our commitment to join God in His work of renewal.

GOD’S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

Announcement Slides
Musical Offertory

The Ministry Moment is a time to share and celebrate the stories of God’s grace among us.

MINISTRY MOMENT

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** 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.*

In anticipation of the main focal point in our worship service, we lift a prayer to God asking Him to speak to us through His living Word.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION



THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

When we hear the Word of God proclaimed and preached, we are listening to the voice of God. The Holy Spirit makes the inspired texts and spoken words the chief means of nourishing and comforting God's people, and awakening others to new faith.

2 Timothy 1:1-7 (ESV)

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Guard the Deposit Entrusted to You

³ I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

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PEOPLE
ALL

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.

Fanning The Flame

(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.



HYMN OF RESPONSE

Come, Holy Spirit, Creator Blest

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Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest,
And in our hearts take up Thy rest
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid
To fill our hearts which Thou hast made,
To fill our hearts which Thou hast made.

O Comforter, to Thee we cry,
Thou heavenly gift of God most high;
Thou fount of life, and fire of love,
And sweet anointing from above,
And sweet anointing from above.

*Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you,
Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you.*

Come Holy Spirit, through Thee alone,
Know we the Father and the Son;
Be this our firm unchanging creed,
That Thou dost from them both proceed,
That Thou dost from them both proceed.

Praise we the Lord, Father and Son,
And Holy Spirit with them one;
And may the Son on us bestow
All gifts that from the Spirit flow,
All gifts that from the Spirit flow.

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 blessing and a word of encouragement. If you are not a Christian, we encourage you to spend this time reflecting on the prayers below 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.**

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The Words of Institution echo Jesus’ words at the Last Supper, now inviting us to partake of the Bread and Wine in remembrance of Him.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & BREAKING OF THE BREAD

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS FOR PRAYING 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 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, 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

Come, Ye Sinners

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Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and power.

*Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.*

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.
You will never come at all.

On the bloody Cross behold Him,
Sinner, will this not suffice,
Lo! the incarnate God ascended,
Pleads His perfect sacrifice.

Let not conscience make you linger,
Not of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him.



SENDING HYMN

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.

*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!*

MINISTER

Our gathered worship service concludes with God's blessing; a joyful declaration of God's satisfaction in us through Jesus Christ, and a vow to be in fellowship with us as we scatter.

The benediction occurs in the context of praise, where children are then invited to come forward in joyful celebration of God's grace.

THE BENEDICTION & CHILDREN'S GATHERING

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.

CHORUS

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Summer Jeromin

Kent Kooy

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COMMUNITY LIFE AT NEW CITY

NEW CITY MINISTRY FAIR

TODAY, after our worship service, join us for New City's annual Ministry Fair! Our Ministry Fair is the most important event by which you can explore the many opportunities of service through Ministry Teams, connect with Ministry Team leaders, and sign-up to offer your unique gifts to bless the life and ministry of 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 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 the Small Groups for this new season, meet the leaders, and explore avenues of service through the various Ministry Teams of New City, while enjoying a time of fellowship with our church family.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

A new season of Sunday School is starting September 15th. The adult class for this season will be "Exploring Reformed Theology." Join us every Sunday from 9:30-10:15 a.m. Childcare is provided.

NEW CITY TOUR

The tour is back! If you have just recently started visiting New City and want to know what we're all about, or if you have been attending regularly and are thinking about taking next steps deeper into our community and rhythms as a member, the tour is for you! This is a five-session seminar that explores New City's vision, mission, and values, as well as our identity as believers, Presbyterians, and members of a local church. The New City Tour is also the first step towards membership at New City. Classes will run every Sunday from starting September 22nd through October 20th, from 9:30-10:15 a.m. Childcare is provided. Please scan QR code or fill out a form at newcitypc.org/tour to sign-up.



STUDENTS MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Our students' membership class is a great opportunity for students to learn about the basics of being a Christian, and what that looks like at New City. This class consists of the same material taught in the New City Tour, and is open to students 4th-12th grade (4th-5th graders require an accompanying parent). This class is the first step for students pursuing membership at New City. The class will run September 15th through October 20th, from 9:30-10:15 a.m.

4TH & 5TH GRADE DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

All 4th & 5th graders are invited to a bi-monthly Bible study led by Scott Wyatt and Heidi Graham. Students will meet at the Wyatt home (626 Englewood Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48973) from 5:45-7:15 p.m., and will be studying through "What's Up? Discovering the Gospel, Jesus, and Who You Really Are." This will be a time of investing in students relationally and spiritually to prepare them for Middle School.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

All highschoolers are invited to meet at the Luchenbill Home for a new season of Bible study. Meetings will be held on September 11th & 25th, October 9th & 23rd, November 6th & 20th, and December 4th and 18th, from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

NC STUDENTS FALL RETREAT

On October 11-13th, join us for a weekend talking about how to connect to God through prayer. This will be a great time of worship, teaching, small group conversations, devotions, and games! For more information and registration please scan QR code, visit newcitypc.org/students, or log on to Church Center.

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 church 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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WORSHIPPING WITH CHILDREN

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:
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.

Baileys – Royal Oak

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tomgeorge05@gmail.com

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meganmholladay@gmail.com

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Ngs – Troy

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Smiths – Royal Oak

Every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
smith.dick@gmail.com

Woods & DeLaurelles – Royal Oak/Harrison Twp.

2nd and 4th Fridays at 6:30 p.m.
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Young Professionals – Madison Heights

Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.
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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>