

NEW CITY

A Gathered Service of Worship

NOVEMBER 24, 2019 - CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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.

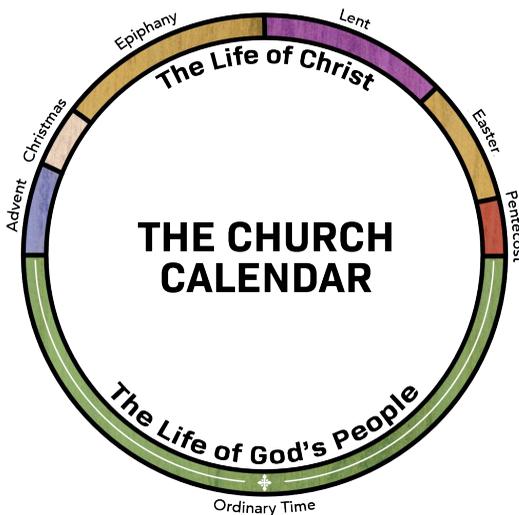
Rev. Ryan McVicar

*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

Today marks the last Sunday in the Church calendar, in conclusion of the liturgical year. This Sunday is traditionally called "The Feast of Christ The King," or more commonly referred to as "Christ the King Sunday." At the conclusion of the Christian year, the Church gives thanks and praise for sovereignty of Christ, who is Lord of all creation and is coming again in glory to reign (Rev. 1:4-8). As sovereign ruler, Christ calls us to a loyalty that transcends every earthly claim on the human heart. To Him alone belongs the supreme allegiance in our lives. So today, Christ calls us to stand and declare with those who in every age confessed, "Jesus Christ is Lord!"



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.

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.



CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

*Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Humbled Himself, so great His love,
And bled for all His chosen race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.

And Can It Be That I Should Gain?

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Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

READER

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Psalm 149:1-4

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

¹ Praise the Lord!
Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!
² Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King! [...]
⁴ For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with salvation.

CONGREGATION

READER

The Word of the Lord.

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 DEPENDANCE

Man of sorrows, what a name
For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim
Hallelujah! What Savior

Stand unclean, no one else could
In my place condemned He stood
Now His nearness is my good
Hallelujah! What a Savior

*Hallelujah, praise to the one
Whose blood has pardoned me
Oh what a Savior, Redeemer and King
Your love has rescued me*

Lifted up was He to die
"It is finished!" was His cry
Now in Heaven lifted high
Hallelujah! What a Savior

When He comes, our Glorious King
All His ransomed home to bring
Then anew this song we'll sing
Hallelujah! What a Savior
Hallelujah! What a Savior

Hallelujah What A Savior

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

CALL TO REPENTANCE

From Psalm 99

The Lord reigns, let the people tremble!
The King in his might loves justice.

*Our God is a just King, and He loves justice.
How have you perhaps misrepresented our King's zeal for justice? How have you promoted injustice? How are you lacking intentionality with other kingdom-values?*

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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

King Jesus, we acknowledge our unworthiness to be citizens of Your kingdom; but You have made us so much more! We have known Your majesty and have enjoyed the glories of Your kingdom—not only as citizens, but as Your beloved children. But O, how quickly we move from loving obedience to rebellious pride! Forgive us, and teach our hearts to love and serve You, our Father and King of all glory. Amen.

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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

Acts 10:43

⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

 ALL

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!

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.

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

** 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.*

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

MINISTRY MOMENT

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PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

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.

Psalm 2 (ESV)

¹ Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
² The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,
³ "Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us."
⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.
⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
⁶ "As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill."
⁷ I will tell of the decree:
The Lord said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.
⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
¹¹ Serve the Lord with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
¹² Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

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The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the Word of our God stands forever.

Jesus Is The King

(Notes & Thoughts)

Jesus is our _____ and our _____.

Jesus is our _____

Jesus is our _____

Our response:

_____ with Fear

_____ with Trembling

_____ the Son

Sermon Discussion Questions

1. What are some important considerations about the context (i.e. redemptive historical, literary context) that shape the way we interpret and apply these verses? Are there important cross references to consider that assist us in our interpretation or application of these verses?
2. How does these verses teach us something about the character of God?
3. In what ways does this passage expose our sinful hearts and actions? How does it show us our hopelessness left to ourselves and our utter dependence upon the gospel? How does it teach us about human nature or the world we live in?
4. What wisdom can we gain from these verses about how we are to live our lives? Discuss some specific applications for your own life. Do these verses reveal changes that need to be made in your life or areas in which you are not walking in line with the gospel? What does repentance look like for you, even this week?
5. Spend some time praising God for speaking these truths to us and then spend time in prayer for one another to embrace and live out these truths.

* 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

The Lord Is King
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The Lord is King! Lift up your voice,
O earth, and all ye heavens, rejoice!
From world to world the joy shall ring,
"The Lord omnipotent is King!"

*Sing His praise, sing His praise
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days
Sing His praise, sing His praise
All your days, all your days.*

The Lord is King! Who then shall dare
Resist His will, distrust his care?
Or murmur at His wise decrees,
Or doubt His royal promises?

The Lord is King! Bow down you must,
The Judge of all the earth is just;
Holy and true are all His ways;
Let every creature sing His praise.

One Lord, one kingdom, all secures;
He reigns, and life and death are yours:
Through Heaven and earth one song shall ring,
"The Lord omnipotent is King!"

THE SACRAMENT 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.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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This prayer is offered to set apart the bread and the wine as holy, for the purpose of nourishing us spiritually through our communion with Christ

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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As God’s people, we pray the prayer that the Church has corporately prayed ever since Jesus Himself taught it to His disciples.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come, Your 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. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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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.

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

Behold The Lamb

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us: and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.

*So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of (peace; love; grace)
Around the table of the King.*

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
Torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond: and to remember.
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.

*As we share in his suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.*



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.

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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.

*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!*

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COMMUNITY LIFE AT NEW CITY



SUNDAY OPERATIONS MINISTRY TEAM

Sunday operations is the team that serves behind the scenes in order to make Sunday mornings happen. The team is in need of volunteers for coffee and communion preparation, setting up the auditorium and hallway, setting up the nursery and classrooms, and putting up signs. For more information and to sign up, please email Eric Bonner at eric.bonner@newcitypc.org.



FIRST ANNUAL NC STUDENTS' TURKEY BOWL!

TODAY, our students 6-12th grade and their families are invited to participate in flag-football games followed by a turkey dinner! From 2-4 p.m., meet us at the ROMS football field. Register to bring a side or dessert on the Church Center App, 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

For an easier scan, cover the QR codes you do not wish to scan.

A NEW BUILDING FOR NEW CITY

New City has worshipped in the Royal Oak Middle School Auditorium every single Sunday since January 20th, 2013. From the beginning of our time there, we have recognized this space as a gift from God and a wonderful starting point for the early chapters of New City's unfolding story.

Our 4-year anniversary was in 2016 and the Elders of New City believed the need of the hour was to seek the Lord's wisdom for clarifying the main objectives we would focus on for the next 4 years, taking us into 2020. We called this our 2020 Vision. One thing the Session was convinced would be vital for the future of our church and for the generations to come is a place of permanence for our church family. We were unanimously persuaded that having a building of our own would better serve as a launch pad for the mission of our church. We were open to leasing or purchasing space as long as we had 24/7 permanence and the ability to live out and reflect our values in and through our physical space.

A commercial real estate agent named Chris Nagorski was strongly recommended to us. We began working with Chris and he worked tirelessly for New City searching for land, space and buildings of all sorts. For more than three years we have visited buildings on the market and have asked owners of buildings that are not on the market if they would consider selling or leasing to us. We began expanding our search, even looking a few miles outside of Royal Oak in every direction. Every door was closed. The main reason doors closed were because of the extremely high cost for very little space. Available land was very limited and the construction costs for building something that came anywhere near meeting the needs of our church were several million dollars more than we could reasonably afford.

New City members, officers, staff, small groups and even our friends and family continued to pray. In late Fall of 2018, another building was put up for sale that came to our attention. The building was the longtime home of a once thriving church who in recent years essentially disbanded, began meeting with another church in Berkeley and put their building on the market for \$999,000.

After an initial visit to the building, we were in awe that a church of this size, beauty and location (sitting on 2.5 acres within close proximity to our current worship site – a couple of miles down Woodward where Royal Oak meets Ferndale meets Pleasant Ridge) was available at a price so much lower than other buildings in much worse condition and proximity were selling for. However, there were a few reasons why the Session made a wise decision to wait on moving forward with the property. First of all, our 2018 giving was not as healthy as we would have liked to have seen and we believed we needed to communicate this to the congregation and see how our giving trended in 2019.

Secondly, there were unanswered questions about the cost of some repairs, improvements and what it would take to get the building up to code. We were not comfortable moving forward until we had better answers to these questions. The Session, together with the Finance Committee's input, made a difficult but wise decision to patiently wait and see how the Lord would lead us in 2019 if the building was still even available.

Going into May of 2019, the Session and Finance Committee were greatly encouraged by how our congregation responded with generous and faithful tithing. Our giving increased significantly from 2018. This, combined with some cuts we made to the operating budget, resulted in a healthy financial position. In God's providence, interest rates on bank loans dropped significantly from where they were in the Fall of 2018. City officials reached back out to us to affirm that they would be delighted to have a church occupy the building and that they would work with us to ensure a good transition. In light of these developments, we reached back out to the church only to discover they had already entered into a contract with a developer who was finalizing his plans to either revamp the church into lofts and creative office space or to tear it down to build houses.

Disappointed but still prayerfully trusting the Lord, we requested a meeting with the developer to inquire about leasing the space from him ourselves. He was intrigued by the idea and proposed a lease to purchase agreement. The proposal was very fair considering market conditions but beyond our reach. Essentially, without even considering utilities, the deal was to rent the building for approximately \$200K annually with an option to buy in 5 years at \$1.9M. After developing a better relationship with the developer and sharing the story of our church with him, we asked him to consider leasing only a portion of the building to us for a lower cost, while leasing the rest of the space to other parties.

His response left us floored. He said that he had an overwhelming sense that this building was not his but should belong to New City. This developer happens to live in that very neighborhood and said that after getting to know us, he has no doubt that this building should belong to us and that he would allow us to buy it for \$850K if we could secure financing before his period of due diligence expired in September of 2019. Not only did the developer choose to not make any money from this deal, but he stepped away from a large amount of money to be made on the property.

This past summer, we met with several banks to discuss financing options. For various reasons, banks and credit unions are hesitant to loan money to churches, especially newer churches like ours. Again, in God's providence, through a member of New City we were introduced to the CEO of a local bank who became very excited about New City's story and worked with his team to put together a loan package that far exceeded what other banks were willing to do for us.

Upon this news, the Session decided to formally move forward with the purchase of this property. This necessitated two very important considerations. First of all, we hired a real estate transaction attorney to help us navigate the complexities of this transaction.

Secondly, the Session realized this is still a very large step of faith in which our congregation will need to come together in great unity and generosity to make this transition a fruitful one. Although the timing was such that we had to secure a loan from a bank to move forward with the parameters of the developer's contract, we knew that a financial campaign would be necessary to pay off our loan within the next two years in order to be financially responsible and to invest in the needed building renovations for the future of our church and ministry there.

We will begin our campaign in January of 2020 and will provide more detailed information about what this means for our members in the months to come.

On October 23rd, 2019, we officially signed the papers for the building and received the keys! A new chapter begins as we now have the opportunity in the months to come to gather as a church body to begin beautifying and preparing our new home so that for the centuries to come many will experience the love of Christ through our gospel ministry at 2441 Pincrest Dr. in Ferndale.

We have some work to do in the next few months. Information on these opportunities for service and fellowship at our new building can be found on our events page in the Church Center App. Please also continue in prayer for our transition into our new home and let's rejoice together with glad hearts that the Lord has opened this door.

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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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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.

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