

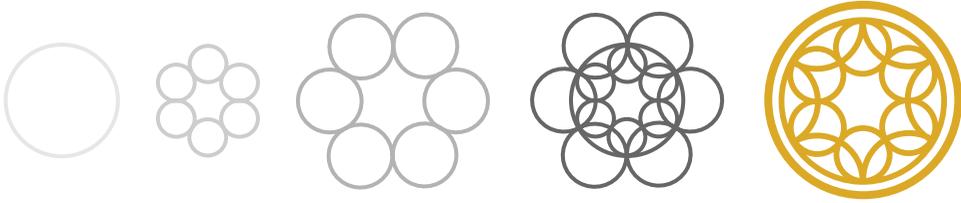


**NEW CITY**  
presbyterian church

**FEBRUARY 2, 2020**

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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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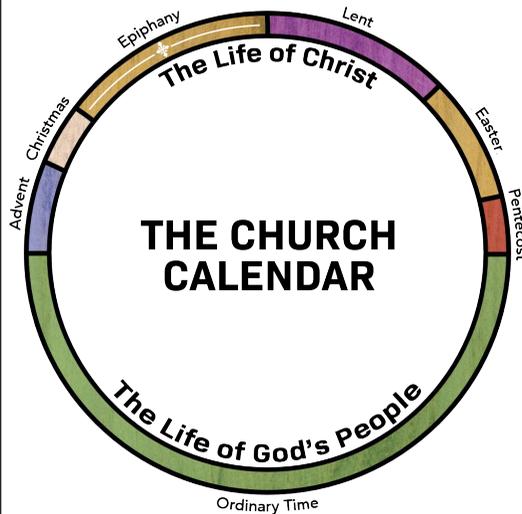
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# ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

## SILENT REFLECTION

They said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." | **Matthew 9:11-13**

O Lord, let me not tire of thanking you for your mercy in rescuing me from all my wicked ways, so that you may be sweeter to me than all the joys which used to tempt me; so that I may love you most intensely and clasp your hand with all the power of my devotion; so that you may save me from all temptation until the end of my days. | **Augustine of Hippo**



### **Epiphany is about the manifestation of Jesus Christ.**

This season focuses on Christ revealing His divinity and His saving plan for the nations. It establishes a time of renewal for the believer to recommit a life of faithfulness to Christ.

*How will you let the season of Epiphany shape your walk with the Lord?*

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

### God Is For Us

*Michael Farren, James Ferguson, Tiarne Kleyn, Jesse Reeves, Jonny Robinson, James Tealy, Rich Thompson.*  
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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 us in His love

### READER

## READING FROM THE EPISTLES

1 John 3:16-18

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

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

### CONGREGATION

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

### READER

*The Word of the Lord.*

The Prayer of Invocation  
is a humble yet earnest  
calling upon God to  
reveal Himself and  
bless us as we gather  
to worship.



## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

## HYMN OF GRACE

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Then when we've first begun.

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### Amazing Grace

*John Newton.*  
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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 1 John 3:18

<sup>18</sup> [...] let us not love in word or talk, but in deed and in truth.

*How does this tension play out in your life?*

*How have you held back from loving God and our neighbor in 'deed and truth?'*

### 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

O Lord, as we gather to worship You and rejoice in Your presence, there is a coldness in our hearts, a hardness toward You, and a callousness towards our brother and sister. We withhold love from one another, and spurn the love You have showered upon us through the blood of your Son. Forgive us, O God, for Jesus' sake. Come near, and strengthen us by the power of Your Holy Spirit in our hearts. In Your precious name we pray, 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

Psalms 103:11-13

<sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

<sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

<sup>13</sup> As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.



## DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Thomas Ken.  
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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.

*\* 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.*

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

## **GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS**

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Announcement Slides  
Musical Offertory

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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**



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# 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.

## Luke 6:27-36 (ESV)

<sup>27</sup> "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup> And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

<sup>32</sup> "If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

MINISTER  
CONGREGATION

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

# Preposterous Love In Our Personal Relationships

(Notes & Thoughts)

## 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 do 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

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### Father Long Before Creation

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Father, long before creation, Thou hadst chosen us in love,  
And that love so deep, so moving, Draws us close to Christ above.  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us, Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion, Yet our God is ever the same;  
His compassion and His covenant, Through all ages will remain.  
God's own children, God's own children, Must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story, Is my boasting all the day;  
Mercy free and never failing, Moves my will, directs my way.  
God so loved us, God so loved us, That His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee, We will ever praise Thy love,  
And our songs will sound unceasing, Till we reach our home above,  
Giving glory, giving glory, To our God and to the Lamb.

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# 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.

We will be coming forward to participate in Communion. Clear cups (perimeter of the tray) contain grape juice. Red cups (center of the tray) contain wine.

**Jesus is truly and spiritually present and stands ready to feed you.  
Come hungry. Come thirsty. Come ready to be filled.**

## MINISTER

*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*

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

## MINISTER

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

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

## MINISTER

*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

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### My Worth Is Not In What I Own

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My worth is not in what I own  
Not in the strength of flesh and bone  
But in the costly wounds of love  
At the cross

As summer flowers we fade and die  
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by  
But life eternal calls to us  
At the cross

My worth is not in skill or name  
In win or lose, in pride or shame  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed  
At the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might  
Or human wisdom's fleeting light  
But I will boast in knowing Christ  
At the cross

*I rejoice in my Redeemer  
Greatest Treasure,  
Wellspring of my soul  
I will trust in Him, no other  
My soul is satisfied in Him alone*

Two wonders here that I confess  
My worth and my unworthiness  
My value fixed, my ransom paid  
At the cross



## SENDING HYMN

## My Savior's Love (I Stand Amazed)

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I stand amazed in the presence  
Of Jesus, the Nazarene  
And wonder how He could love me  
A sinner, condemned, unclean

*How marvelous, how wonderful  
And my song shall ever be  
How marvelous, how wonderful  
Is my Savior's love for me*

### 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

When with the ransomed in glory  
His face I at last shall see  
'twill be my joy through the ages  
To sing of His love for me.

### CHORUS

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Ryah Wideman

# COMMUNITY LIFE AT NEW CITY

## NC STUDENTS - IMPACT

Impact is our student ministry Sunday night gathering, where students engage in worship, teaching, discipleship groups, and fun! We will meet at the Luchenbill home (31215 Huntley Ct, Beverly Hills, MI) from 6-7:30 p.m. We are currently studying through the book of Daniel talking 'Living in a Pluralistic Society.'



## NC STUDENTS - NIGHT SKIING AT PINE KNOB SKI RESORT

6th-12th grade students, their friends and families are invited to a night of skiing and snowboarding on Friday February 21st at Pine Knob Ski Resort in Clarkston, MI. Meet at the Luchenbills at 3:30 pm or meet at Pine Knob at 4:30 pm. For more information and registration check our events page on the Church Center app.

## WINTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for this season of Sunday School every Sunday at 9:30 a.m., Jan. 26th - Mar. 29th.

### The Christian Faith: Core Doctrines for Pilgrims on the Way

Room A115 (Jan. 26 - Feb. 16) - Mike Bossenbroek and Ken Reynolds

### Parent U

Room A116 - Mark Krieg and Matt Luchenbill

Nursery (Gathering Place) | Preschool (Room A104) | NC Kids 1st-3rd (Room A105)  
NC Kids 4th-5th (Room A109) | NC Students, Room A112



## DEMO DAY - FINAL ROUND!

Join us for the last Demo Day at our new church building! Friday Feb. 7, 5:30-9 pm. Some carpentry, disassembling, and taking out debris is needed to make way for the next step in renovating our new home. Dinner will be provided. Scan Qr code for more information and registration, or check our events page on the Church Center app.



## TGC WOMEN'S TRAINING NETWORK CONFERENCE

New City Women are invited to attend this upcoming conference on February 7th-8th, 2020 in Roseville, MI. The Women's Training Network is part of The Gospel Coalition focusing on equipping women to use the scriptures well for their own growth and in service to others for the glory of Christ. Scan QR Code for more information.

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# 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.

## **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 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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## **A NEW LOGO FOR NEW CITY**

As we thought about adopting this architectural piece as the new New city logo-icon, we wanted for it to have meaning. Informed by the concepts of our previous logo—but mostly shaped by our church culture and mission—we came up with a hermeneutic or interpretation of this composition that reflects who we are.

The outer circle of the icon represents our congregation, our church community, which gathers for worship and gathers during the week, we are challenged and encouraged together, we seek to share life together, and grow as disciples of Christ.

Inside the larger circle, we find six smaller ones. These represent groups of people or micro-communities that have their own characteristics but interact within the context of our congregation. Some examples of these could be our individual families, Small Groups, ethnic groups, moms of preschoolers, or groups of people in our church that share a common interest. Together, these become the cultural fabric of New City.

Around the inner-perimeter of the larger circle, you can find six semi-circles that partially transcend the boundaries of our icon. This is where the people of New City engage and interact with communities outside of our congregation. New City’s ministry therefore extends beyond who we are as a people, and begins to infiltrate our schools, our jobs, our sports teams, our extended families, and every community we touch. These incomplete circles, even form sharp vertices, as a graphic element that highlights our value of outward-facing engagement.

In the original rosette the centerpiece is the Paschal lamb, representing Christ, from which everything else derives. In the icon, the center resembles a star, which reminds of of one of Jesus’ many titles, the Bright Morning Star. New City’s ministry is built around taking the gospel of Jesus Christ to people, and bringing people together around this good news. Only in and through the gospel, can people and communities experience true growth and flourish, to the glory of God.

While this explanation is complex, the logo-icon does not require one. It is simply meant to be remembered and recognized as it already is by the familiarity it carries in the hearts and minds of our neighbors, and the joy it elicits in our congregation as we prepare to receive the dear building which will become our home.

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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.

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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.  
brigbailey@me.com

### **Bakkers – Troy**

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.  
maris.bakker@newcitypc.org

### **Cairos & Contesses – Warren**

Every other Friday at 6:00 p.m.  
javier.contesse@newcitypc.org

### **Georges – Novi**

1st, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
tomgeorge05@gmail.com

### **Holladays – Detroit**

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 p.m.  
meganmholladay@gmail.com

### **Kriegs & Luchenbills – Beverly Hills**

Every other Thursday at 7:00 p.m.  
matt.luchenbill@newcitypc.org

### **Ngs – Troy**

1st, 2nd, and 4th Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.  
ngstevenm@gmail.com

### **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.  
mmdelaruelle@gmail.com

### **Young Professionals – Madison Heights**

Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.  
michkatosan@gmail.com

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

**<http://newcitypc.org/smallgroups>**