

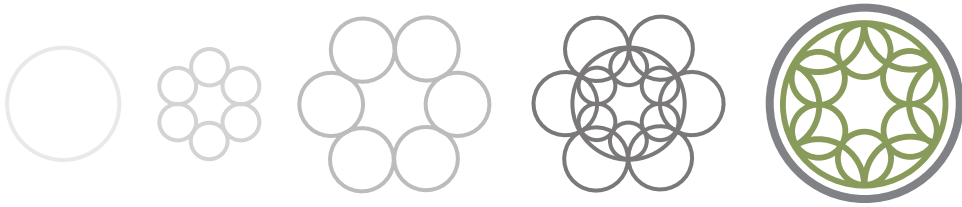


NEW CITY  
presbyterian church

**OCTOBER 22, 2023**



# WELCOME TO NEW CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



New City 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. We also believe the central message of the Bible is 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 exists to be a community rooted in truth, real in conversation, and hopeful for deep renewal in our lives and in that of those around us.

It is our privilege to welcome you and to invite you to be astonished, together with us, by the splendor and grace of God.

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## **NEW CITY VISION & VALUES**

*To be a church in awe of God,  
made new by the gospel, for the sake of all people.*

Our vision leads us to hold closely three values that shape our life and ministry as a church:

**ROOTED CONVICTION** in the truths of God's Word

**REAL CONVERSATION** as we engage the gospel, culture, and each other

**RENEWAL OF THE CITY** as we live and do life in relationship with 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.



## CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:8-10

<sup>8</sup> Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!  
<sup>9</sup> Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,  
for those who fear him have no lack!  
<sup>10</sup> The young lions suffer want and hunger;  
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

## GATHERING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing  
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Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 28:10-17

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! <sup>13</sup> And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. <sup>14</sup> Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. <sup>15</sup> Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

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

## HYMN OF GRACE

By Faith

Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend.  
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By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the power of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign

By faith the church was called to go  
In the power of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In every corner of the earth

*We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### VISITING US?

We would love to know more about you and how to serve you. Please scan this QR code with your smartphone to let us know you came and so we can follow-up with you.



## COMMISSIONING & ORDINATION OF ELECTED CANDIDATES

As elected by our congregation, Maya Bam will be commissioned as Deaconess, and Berge Avesian, Jack Gregory, and Gerald Park will be ordained and installed as Deacons.

## QUESTIONS TO THE DEACONESS CANDIDATE

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

# **PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING CHARGE TO THE DEACONESS**

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3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

## **QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION**

Do you, the members of New City Presbyterian Church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as Deacons, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

## **LAYING ON OF HANDS & PRAYER OF ORDINATION THE PRONOUNCEMENT OF ORDINATION CHARGE TO THE DEACONS**

## **TITHES & OFFERINGS**

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.

### **FOR TEXT & ONLINE GIVING**

Text dollar amount (e.g.: \$50) to 843-21

Give online through Church Center by scanning the QR code.

Alternatively, A dropbox is available in the Welcome Area for cash or check offerings.



## OFFERTORY HYMN

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### I Want To Know You

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I've tried in vain a thousand ways  
My fears to quell, my hopes to raise  
But what I need, Your word has said  
Is ever, only, Jesus

You died, you live, you reign, you plead  
There's love in all your words and deeds  
This weary heart finds all it needs  
In ever, only, Jesus

*I want to know you, Jesus my Lord  
King of the Heavens, King of my soul  
I trade my treasure and all my rewards  
Jesus to know you, then know you more*

Though some should curse me for your name  
I have no fear, I have no shame  
You stand with me for all my days  
My ever, only, Jesus

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## CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

During the remainder of our worship service, preschool-aged children are welcome to stay with their parents in the Sanctuary, or will now be dismissed to attend Kids' Bible Time.

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## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

In anticipation of the proclamation of God's Word, we lift a prayer of illumination to God asking Him to speak to us through His living and active Word.



# 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.

## John 1:35-51 (ESV)

<sup>35</sup> The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup> He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup> Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup> Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." <sup>49</sup> Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."



**SERMON SERIES**

**The Gospel of John**

Rev. Tommy Myrick



**"Come And See"**

**THIS WEEK**  
"Come And See"  
John 1:35-51 "

**NEXT WEEK**  
"Water into Wine"  
John 2:1-12



## DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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The word "doxology" comes from the Greek translation of the Old Testament word for worship. Throughout our service, we respond to the gospel of God's grace with songs 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.



## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 21

As a confessional church, we participate in the rich heritage of biblically faithful summaries which seek to build and strengthen our faith in Christ. Creeds, Confessions, and Catechisms serve us in this regard, along with biblical confessions.

**Q.** What is true faith?

**A.** True faith is a sure knowledge whereby I accept as true all that God has revealed to us in his Word. At the same time it is a firm confidence that not only to others, but also to me, God has granted forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness, and salvation, out of mere grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits. This faith the Holy Spirit works in my heart by the gospel.

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

## CALL TO REPENTANCE

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## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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 our merciful God.

Lord of Grace and Truth, we confess our failure to recognize and acknowledge You in our daily lives, just as the disciples first questioned Your true identity. Like Jacob, we often sleep, unaware of the covenant promises in which we rest, oblivious to Your sovereign purposes. We confess to have sought our own paths, turning away from the Spirit's call to follow You. In our moments of doubt, in our hesitations, and in our failures, forgive us. Lord, in Your mercy, awaken our spirits, help us know Your presence, and move us to respond in faithful obedience so we may "come and see" the One who beckons us to follow. Amen.

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## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Romans 10:9-10

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

<sup>9</sup>[...] if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

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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.

You will be directed to make your way to one of the four stations in our sanctuary where you will receive the bread and the wine (gluten-free cracker and grape juice available). Please take it back to your place so we can partake together.

**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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All who can examine themselves regarding their faith and participation in Christ, are invited to commune with Him at the Lord’s Table.

## INVITATION & FENCING OF THE TABLE

## MINISTER

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

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

## 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.

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## HYMN AT THE TABLE

You Belong (Psalm 87)

Wendell Kimbrough.  
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To the ones who were once  
God's sworn enemies  
From the West and the East,  
and the land beyond the seas  
Oh come to the table  
where God spreads a feast,  
"You belong, you belong,  
you belong with me"

Even those who once sold  
my children as slaves  
Who have done deeds so dark,  
they've been hardened by shame  
Oh turn and believe  
and receive your new name,  
"You belong, you belong,  
you belong with me"

*So all you outcasts come  
The City of God is your home  
And the Lord will greet you rejoicing to sing,  
"You belong you belong  
you belong with me"*

So turn to the ones  
you have reason to hate  
Lay down your weapons,  
oh, learn to be brave  
Let's start with the words  
our Lord taught us to say,  
"You belong you belong  
you belong with me"

When the Lord comes shouting,  
"I make all things new"  
Then the ones who were strangers,  
will know what to do  
We'll cry tears of joy  
as we sing out the truth,  
"We belong, we belong,  
we belong with You."

## MINISTER

The Words of Institution echo Jesus' words at the Last Supper, which now invite us to partake of the bread and wine in remembrance of Him.



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# WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PARTAKING OF THE BREAD & WINE

## SENDING HYMN

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

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

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

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

## BENEDICTION

Our gathered worship service concludes with God's blessing, a joyful declaration of God's satisfaction in us in Jesus Christ, and a vow to be in fellowship with us wherever we may go.

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Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus  
*Louisa M. R. Stead, William James Kirkpatrick.*  
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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund Contributions as of 10/18/23	\$560,596
General Fund 2023 Revised Annual Budget	\$ 726,593
Mortgage Balance as of 10/18/23	\$ 324,340

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## VISITING US?

Thank you for spending some time with us and getting to know us first-hand! We are excited to finally be in our property and in this season of transition into our beautiful new building. We would love to know more about you and how to serve you. Please scan this QR code with your smartphone to let us know you came and so that we can follow-up with you.



## CHURCH CENTER

Church Center is our hub for all things New City. From knowing what's happening next, to signing up for an event or small group, to requesting baptism or prayer, to online giving, all your next steps for getting involved at New City are there at [newcitypc.churchcenter.com](http://newcitypc.churchcenter.com)



## NEED PRAYER?

Our Prayer ministry team seeks to undergird and strengthen New City's congregation, mission, and ministries through prayer. Please let us know how we can pray for you!