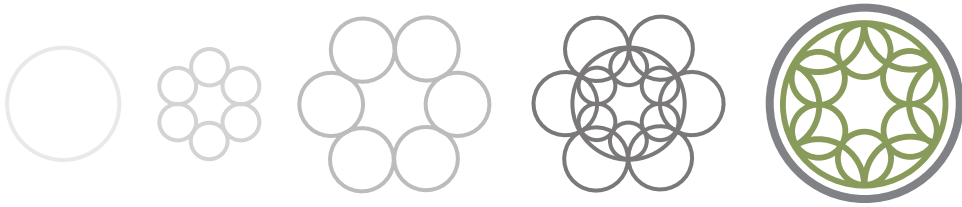




NEW CITY
presbyterian church

NOVEMBER 5, 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

¹ O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
³ Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

GATHERING HYMN

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied, within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

*Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere*

One thing I ask, and I would seek; to see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells

My heart and flesh cry out for You the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted, and I've seen; come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You

Psalm 63:1-3

Better Is One Day

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 69:7-12

- ⁷ For it is for your sake that I have borne reproach,
that dishonor has covered my face.
- ⁸ I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my mother's sons.
- ⁹ For zeal for your house has consumed me,
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.
- ¹⁰ When I wept and humbled my soul with fasting,
it became my reproach.
- ¹¹ When I made sackcloth my clothing,
I became a byword to them.
- ¹² I am the talk of those who sit in the gate,
and the drunkards make songs about me.



HYMN OF REDEMPTION

Hallelujah, What A Savior

*Philip Paul Bliss (1875), Matt Carter, Aaron Ivey, Halim Suh.
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Man of sorrows, what a name
For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim
Hallelujah! What Savior

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

Stand unclean, no one else could
In my place condemned He stood
Now His nearness is my good
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, praise to the one
Whose blood has pardoned me
Oh what a Savior, Redeemer and King
Your love has rescued me*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.



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



OFFERTORY HYMN

Valley Of Vision

Jodee Lewis, Steve Hendershot
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Lord, high and holy
Lord, meek and lowly
You have brought me to the valley of vision

Let me find your light in my darkness
Your life in my death
And find your riches in my poverty
Your grace in my sin

Let me learn that the lowly are lifted up
That the broken heart is the healed heart
That to have nothing is to possess everything
That to bear the cross is to wear a crown

Oh Lord in the daytime, stars can be seen
From the deepest well
And the deeper the well
The brighter shine thy stars

Lord, high and holy
Lord, meek and lowly
You have brought me to the valley of vision
Where I live in the depths but see thy height
Hemmed in by the mountains of my sin
I behold your glory. I behold your glory.

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.

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Jeff Ammons

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.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION



THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

John 2:13-25 (ESV)

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵ And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸ So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰ The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

²³ Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴ But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵ and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

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.

SERMON SERIES

The Gospel of John

Rev. Tommy Myrick



"The Temple Of His Body"

THIS WEEK

"The Temple Of His
Body"

John 2:13-25

NEXT WEEK

"Born Again"

John 3:1-15



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!

DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*Thomas Ken.
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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.



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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Q.34

Q. Why do you call him our Lord?

A. Because he has ransomed us, body and soul, from all our sins, not with silver or gold but with his precious blood, and has freed us from all the power of the devil to make us his own possession.

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

CALL TO REPENTANCE

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 our merciful God.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we come before You, acknowledging that too often our hearts are cluttered with distractions and desires that draw us away from pure worship. In our selfish pursuits, we have misplaced our reverence for Your holy presence. We have often sought our own comfort instead of Your Kingdom, our own desires instead of Your will. Lord, forgive our casual approach to the sacred. Renew in us a fervent passion for Your presence. Rekindle the fire of Your Spirit within us, that our lives may radiate the light of Christ, and that our actions may reflect true worship. In the name of Jesus, who cleansed the temple and offers cleansing to our souls, we pray. Amen.

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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.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

1 John 1:9

⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

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.**

MINISTER

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

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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.

ALL

HYMN AT THE TABLE

The Blood Of Jesus
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What fountain's unrelenting stream is mighty as a flood?
With force and care it ever cleans 'tis Jesus' precious blood

What river carries off my sins? What balm can heal my wounds?
There is no tide or medicine But Jesus' blood alone

*All the guilty are forgiven
All the captives are made clean and then set free
Praise the Lord of power and mercy
The blood of Jesus, shed for me*

What treasure, land, or salary could pay the debt I owe?
The only valid currency is Jesus' blood that flows

Who pleads for me with His own blood and then my soul renews?
He is my advocate and judge, and served my sentence, too

What theme shall now my soul employ in song before my God?
A melody of love and joy and thanks for Jesus' blood

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.



ALL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PARTAKING OF THE BREAD & WINE

SENDING HYMN

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

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.

BENEDICTION

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund Contributions as of 10/31/23	\$ 590,891
General Fund 2023 Revised Annual Budget	\$ 726,593
Mortgage Balance as of 10/31/23	\$ 318,295

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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**



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!