

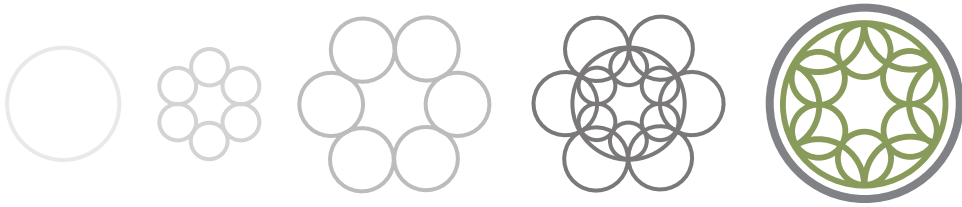


NEW CITY  
presbyterian church

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# 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 our city.

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.



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## CALL TO WORSHIP

From Matt. 4:10 & 2 Samuel 7:22

### LEADER

<sup>10</sup> [...] For it is written,  
"You shall worship the Lord your God  
and him only shall you serve."

### CONGREGATION

<sup>22</sup> Therefore you are great, O LORD God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

## GATHERING HYMN

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O For A Thousand Tongues

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

He speaks and listening to His voice  
New life the dead receive  
The mournful broken hearts rejoice  
The humble poor believe

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

Glory to God, and praise and love  
Be ever, ever given  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heaven.

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

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

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## PRAYER OF ADORATION

The Prayer of Adoration is a praiseful pondering of the person, attributes and works of God, intended to draw our hearts closer to our Heavenly Father, in awe.

## HYMN OF DEPENDENCE

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Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

*Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, Rich Thompson.*

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What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Savior He will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I, but through Christ in 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.



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!



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.

### 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.



## TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

Give online through Church Center, at [newcitypc.churchcenter.com/giving](http://newcitypc.churchcenter.com/giving) or by scanning the QR code.



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

## DOXOLOGY

Glory be to the Father,  
Glory be to the Son,  
Glory be to the Spirit; Three in One.  
As it was in the beginning  
It will be forever.  
Amen, amen, amen.

Gloria Patri

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

From Romans 10:8-17

### LEADER

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim).

### CONGREGATION

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.

### LEADER

For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."

### CONGREGATION

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

### LEADER

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

### ALL

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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.

## **CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL**

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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 & PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

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Elder Scott Cairo

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.



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# THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

## Acts 6:8-15 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup> And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup> Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. <sup>10</sup> But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking. <sup>11</sup> Then they secretly instigated men who said, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." <sup>12</sup> And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and they came upon him and seized him and brought him before the council, <sup>13</sup> and they set up false witnesses who said, "This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law, <sup>14</sup> for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses delivered to us." <sup>15</sup> And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

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.



**The Ministry of Stephen**

Grace and power for ministry. Acts 6:8

The indisputable message. Acts 6:9-10

The schemes of men. Acts 6:11-15



Parents wanting to have their children alongside them during communion and for the remainder of the service, may now pick them up from their Kids' Bible Time classes.



## CHILDREN'S PICK-UP (NOT REQUIRED)

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your Holy Word  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience  
Holy reverence, true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory

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Speak, O Lord

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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.**

## *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.

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

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## 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

Heavenly Father, when we come to worship You we encounter Your beautiful holiness, and in sharp contrast, we feel and acknowledge the sin in our hearts. You are light and truth, yet we live among shadows and lies. We are people in need of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. We are people in need of Your Spirit to illumine our hearts and guide our ways. Forgive us our sin and magnify Your presence in our lives to glorify You and to love those around us. Amen.

### MINISTER

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

2 Corinthians 5:20-21

<sup>20</sup> [...] be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### MINISTER

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

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## 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

ALL

## HYMN AT THE TABLE

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White As Snow

Jon Foreman.

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Have mercy on me, oh God  
According to Your unfailing love  
According to Your great compassion  
Blot out my transgressions

*Would You create in me a clean heart, Oh God  
Restore in me the joy of Your salvation*

The sacrifices of our God  
Are a broken and contrite heart  
Against you and you alone  
Have I sinned

Wash me white as snow, and I will be made whole  
Wash me white as snow, and I will be made whole  
Wash me white as snow, and I will be made whole  
Wash me white as snow

MINISTER

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PARTAKING OF THE BREAD & WINE

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.



## SENDING HYMN

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## To God Be The Glory

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To God be the glory, great things He has done;  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son.  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.*

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

## 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.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

2022 YTD General Fund Contributions as of 10/31/22	\$677,828
2022 YTD General Fund Budget as of 10/31/22	\$739,474
Total FGTC Commitments (3-year Campaign)	\$1,114,006
FGTC Contributions (2020 thru 10/31/22)	\$999,242
Mortgage Balance as of 10/31/22	\$524,740

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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.



### **SMALL GROUPS**

Small Groups are New City's main avenue for cultivating relationships in Christ, and experiencing the deepest blessings of what it means to be in community. For more information scan QR code or visit: **[newcitypc.org/smallgroups](http://newcitypc.org/smallgroups)**



### **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!