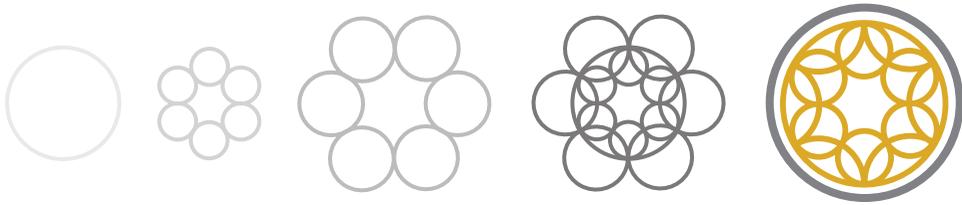




NEW CITY
presbyterian church

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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.



CALL TO WORSHIP

From Genesis 9

LEADER Come, all you people, come and worship.
CONGREGATION God has made a covenant with us.
LEADER Come, all creatures of the earth, come and worship.
CONGREGATION God has made a covenant with all creatures.
LEADER Remember the covenant and be thankful; God remembers His covenant
ALL And God will save us!

GATHERING HYMN

All Creatures Of Our God And King
*St. Francis of Assisi, Tr. William Henry Draper.
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All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Oh praise Him; alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

All the redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
Oh praise Him; alleluia
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
Oh praise Him; alleluia
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

He shall return in power to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
Oh praise Him; alleluia
Then who shall fall on bended knee
All creatures of our God and King
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

THE SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Today, we are delighted to celebrate the baptism of Ruth Louise Sanger, daughter of Kevin & Sarah Sanger, born September 23, 2022.

PARENTAL VOWS:

Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on behalf of your child, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you have for your own?

Do you now unreservedly commit your child to God, and promise in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of the Christian Faith, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Baptism is the washing with water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to signify and seal these three spiritual realities:
1) Our ingrafting into the body of Christ.
2) Our partaking of the covenant of grace.
3) Our engagement to be the Lord's

CONGREGATIONAL VOWS:

Will you, as members of New City Church, promise to guide and nurture Ruth by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ, and to be a faithful member of His Church?

BAPTISMAL READING

Proverbs 31:25-26

²⁵ Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.

²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

BAPTISMAL PRAYER

The Baptismal prayer is offered to entrust the baptized to God, as they grow deeper into the reality of their baptism. It also serves church members as a reminder of God's covenantal faithfulness in their own baptism.



HYMN OF HOPE

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

Edward Mote.
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My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust my sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the 'whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

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 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

Anonymous.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 88

Q. What are the outward and ordinary means by which Christ gives to us the benefits of redemption?

A. The outward and ordinary means by which Christ gives to us the benefits of redemption are His ordinances, especially the word, sacraments, and prayer, and all these are made effective in the salvation of the elect.

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

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

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.

Elder Jeff Ammons



THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Joshua 3 (ESV)

¹ Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. ² At the end of three days the officers went through the camp ³ and commanded the people, "As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it. ⁴ Yet there shall be a distance between you and it, about 2,0⁰⁰ cubits in length. Do not come near it, in order that you may know the way you shall go, for you have not passed this way before." ⁵ Then Joshua said to the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you." ⁶ And Joshua said to the priests, "Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on before the people." So they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people.

⁷ The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. ⁸ And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, 'When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.'" ⁹ And Joshua said to the people of Israel, "Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God." ¹⁰ And Joshua said, "Here is how you shall know that the living God is among you and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Hivites, the Perizzites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, and the Jebusites. ¹¹ Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is passing over before you into the Jordan. ¹² Now therefore take twelve men from the tribes of Israel, from each tribe a man. ¹³ And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap."

¹⁴ So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, ¹⁵ and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), ¹⁶ the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. ¹⁷ Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

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:

Taking Courage In A Covenant God

Rev. Jonathan Saunders



On Jordan's Stormy Banks

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

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land
Where my possessions lie

All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day
There God the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away

I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the Promised Land
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the Promised Land

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Samuel Stennett.
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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.

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

Lord, we confess that we do not see ourselves as we ought. We are excessively confident in our own sufficiency. We habitually trust our own wisdom. We constantly overestimate our abilities, our resources, and our strength. We fail to acknowledge that in reality we are weak, poor, wretched, and blind. In our ignorance of the truth, we deprive ourselves of Your grace, of Your strength in our weakness, and of Your sufficiency for the many ways in which we are lacking. We humbly ask that You would remind us of our constant need of You, and help us walk in Your grace, Your strength, and Your sufferings. We pray, in the name of Jesus. 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

Matthew 5:3

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

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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

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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

ALL

HYMN AT THE TABLE

Thy Mercy My God
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Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

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

How Firm A Foundation

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How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

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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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!