

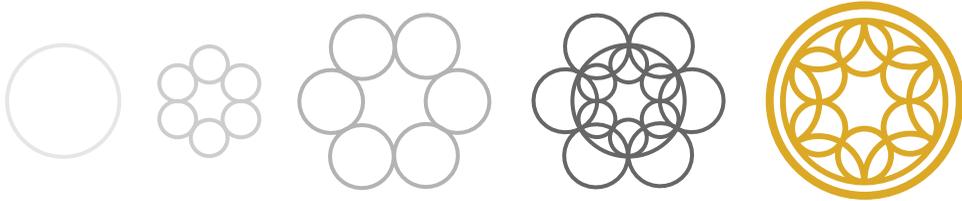


**NEW CITY**  
presbyterian church

**JANUARY 30, 2022**



# 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.

As the Senior Pastor of New City, it is my privilege to welcome you and to invite you to be astonished, together with us, by the splendor and grace of God.



Rev. Ryan McVicar

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## NEW CITY VISION & VALUES

*To be people in awe of God, made new by the gospel,  
for the sake of people throughout our city, the nations,  
and the generations to come.*

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 29:1-4

### WORSHIP LEADER

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

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<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over many waters.

<sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.



## GATHERING HYMN

### Only A Holy God

*Smith, Robinson, Farren, Thompson*  
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Who else commands all the hosts of heaven  
Who else could make every king bow down  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles; Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises  
What other splendor outshines the sun  
What other majesty rules with justice; Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him  
The One and the Only  
Cry out sing holy  
Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire  
What other power can raise the dead  
What other name remains undefeated; Only a Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing  
Who else would offer His only Son  
Who else invites me to call Him Father  
Only a Holy God; Only a Holy God

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



## READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 29:10-11

<sup>10</sup> The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.  
<sup>11</sup> May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

## HYMN OF INVOCATION

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Come Holy Spirit, Creator Blest

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Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest,  
And in our hearts take up Thy rest  
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid  
To fill our hearts which Thou hast made,  
To fill our hearts which Thou hast made.

O Comforter, to Thee we cry,  
Thou heavenly gift of God most high;  
Thou fount of life, and fire of love,  
And sweet anointing from above,  
And sweet anointing from above.

*Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you,  
Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you.*

Come Holy Spirit, through Thee alone,  
Know we the Father and the Son;  
Be this our firm unchanging creed,  
That Thou dost from them both proceed,  
That Thou dost from them both proceed.

Praise we the Lord, Father and Son,  
And Holy Spirit with them one;  
And may the Son on us bestow  
All gifts that from the Spirit flow,  
All gifts that from the Spirit flow.

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

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## PASTORAL PRAYER

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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## CHILDREN’S DISMISSAL

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## 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 that we can follow-up with you.



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.

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## TITHES & OFFERINGS

### FOR TEXT & ONLINE GIVING

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

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*Thomas Ken.  
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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.



## PROFESSION OF FAITH

From Hebrews 10:10-14

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.

We have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. When Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.



## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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

## Revelation 11:15-19 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup> Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever." <sup>16</sup> And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, <sup>17</sup> saying, "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign.

<sup>18</sup> The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth."

<sup>19</sup> Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

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



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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

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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

Almighty God, we humble ourselves before You to confess our sin: Our hearts and minds obsess over the passing things of this world, rather than being fixed on Your everlasting kingdom. We allow circumstances and feelings to govern our lives rather than the truth of Your Word and the guidance of Your Spirit. Our interactions with others lack the love and grace You quickly extend to us, your children. Lord, have mercy on our idolatrous hearts and forgive us our sin. In Jesus' powerful name we pray, 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.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

From Colossians 2:13-14

We were dead in our trespasses and the uncircumcision of our flesh, but God made us alive together with Christ, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

MINISTER

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

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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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

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## HYMN AT THE TABLE

### Behold The Lamb Of God

*Andrew Peterson, Laura Story.*  
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Behold the Lamb of God who takes away our sin  
Behold the Lamb of God, the life and light of men  
Behold the Lamb of God, who died and rose again  
Behold the Lamb of God who comes to take away our sin

Broken hearts; behold our broken hearts  
Fallen far; we need you  
Behold the sin of man

Son of God, Emmanuel  
Son of man, we praise you  
Behold the Lamb; the hope of man  
Behold the Lamb

### 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 AND PARTAKING OF THE BREAD & WINE



## SENDING HYMN

Jesus shall reign wherever the sun  
Does its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till sun shall rise and set no more.

*He shall reign in glory, crowned with grace and might.  
Bless His name and praise the sovereign King.  
He shall reign forever with His chosen bride;  
All the earth shall sing that Jesus is the King!*

Let every creature rise and bring  
Blessing and honor to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud Amen!

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### Jesus Shall Reign

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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.

## BENEDICTION

# BUILDING MAP

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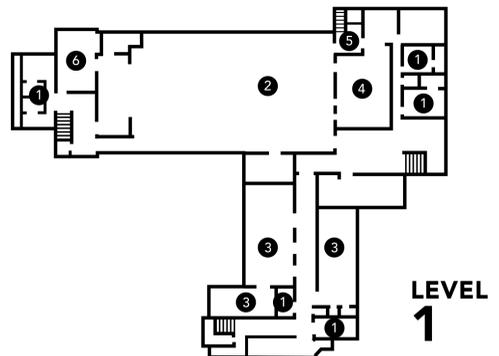
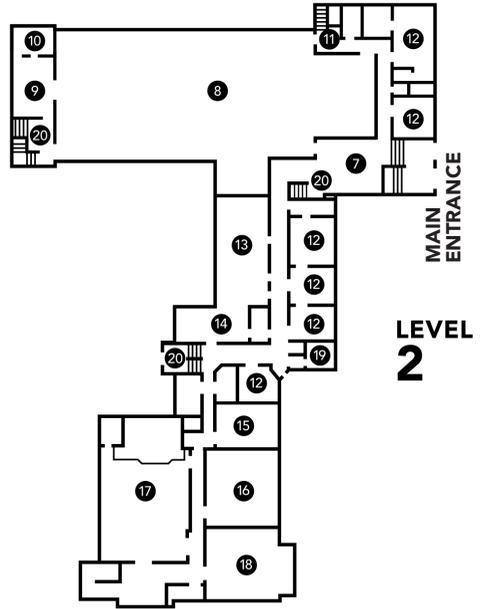
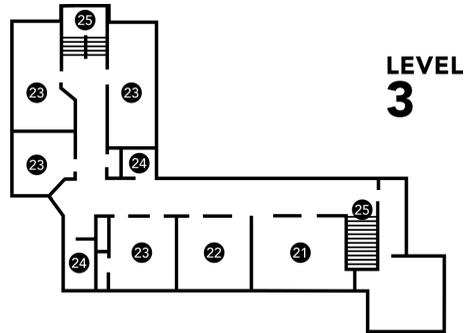
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- 9 PINECREST LOBBY
- 10 CRYROOM
-  11 ELEVATOR
- 12 NURSERY
- 13 FIREPLACE ROOM
- 14 GARDEN ROOM
- 15 NC STUDENTS CAFE
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- 17 CHAPEL
- 18 DRAYTON ROOM
-  19 RESTROOMS
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- 1 RESTROOMS
- 2 GATHERING PLACE
- 3 NC KIDS
- 4 KITCHEN
- 5 ELEVATOR
- 6 BACKSTAGE ROOM



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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

Our new Small Group season has launched with several groups already meeting, and many new groups to explore. 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!

