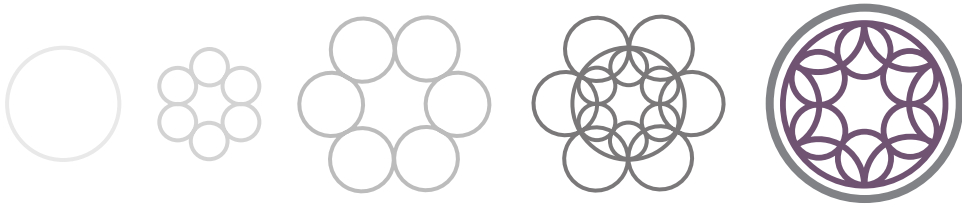




NEW CITY
presbyterian church

MARCH 10, 2024

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

LITURGY FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

As we gather to worship this morning, take a moment to reflect on the significance of our current liturgical season, as a way to prepare for our encounter with the living God.

WORD ON WORSHIP

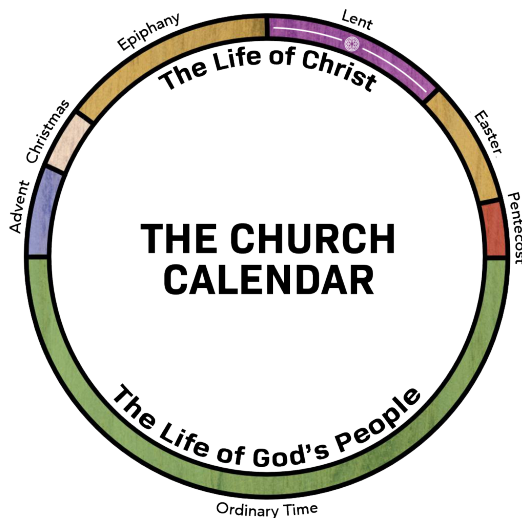
Lent

Lent is a season in the Christian year when followers of Jesus walk with him to his death and burial in order to participate fully with him in his resurrection. Lent is the forty days (not including Sundays) leading up to Easter. It began on Ash Wednesday and will end on Holy Saturday (the day before Easter Sunday). When we engage in this season the way faithful Christians have throughout the centuries, we renounce and re-order our rhythms into Christ.

Lent is about rhythm. We are rhythmic or liturgical creatures. We do things in sequences and steps, marching to the beats of drummers. The problem is, there are many drummers out there pounding away to capture our attention, calling us to follow them and submit to their stories. Lent is the Jesus-drum directing us back to the left-right-left of God's Story. If it is not Jesus' drum guiding our steps, it is someone else's drum. If it is not the the Story of God to which we submit our lives, it is someone else's story.

Lent is a time for the church to renounce all the other stories we have let define us, and to submit singularly to God's Story. We march to the beats of drummers because we

actually love the music they play. We desire the life they present to us, and so we follow them. With every beat and step we are being formed into the image of the drummer we follow. In order to become like Jesus we re-order our life once again into the Story that defines us as his followers. During Lent we identify with the Story of Israel, which finds fulfillment in the Story of Jesus. We, like Israel, have fallen and wander around in the wilderness. And we, like Jesus, must wrestle in the desert of temptation. We enter into his sufferings. We fast. We pray. We simplify our lives. And we do so together as the body of Christ, full of the Holy Spirit, and for the glory of God, our Father.



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.



WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

1 John 4:15-17

¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment.

GATHERING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Charles Wesley.
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Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art.
Visit us with Thy salvation; enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast.
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all Thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; true and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

² When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

³ Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

⁴ One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.

⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸ You have said, "Seek my face."
My heart says to you,
"Your face, LORD, do I seek."



HYMN OF PRAISE

Arise My Soul, Arise (O My Soul, Arise)

Charles Wesley, alt. Eric McAllister.
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Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears
The bleeding sacrifice on my behalf appears
Before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands
My name is written on His hands

He ever lives above for me to intercede
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race
And sprinkles now the throne of grace

*O my soul, arise, behold the risen Christ
Your Great High Priest, Your spotless sacrifice
O my soul, arise, God owns you as His child
Shake off your guilty fears, my soul, arise*

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry
"Don't let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear
He owns me as His child; I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Ken Reynolds

TITHES & OFFERINGS

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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.

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 Offertory accompanies the giving of Tithes & Offerings with the purpose of guiding our minds and hearts as we continue in worship.

OFFERTORY

No list of sins I have not done, no list of virtues I pursue,
No list of those I am not like can earn myself a place with You.
O God, be merciful to me! I am a sinner through and through.
My only hope of righteousness is not in me, but only You.

No humble dress, no fervent prayer, no lifted hands no tearful song,
No recitation of the truth can justify a single wrong.
My righteousness is Jesus' life. My debt was paid by Jesus death.
My weary load was borne by Him, And He alone can give me rest.

No separation from the world, no work I do, no gift I give
Can cleanse my conscience, cleanse my hands, I cannot cause my soul to live.
But Jesus died and rose again. The power of death is overthrown!
My God is merciful to me and merciful in Christ alone.

My righteousness is Jesus' life. My debt was paid by Jesus death.
My weary load was borne by him, and He alone can give me rest,
And He alone can give me rest.

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.

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.

Not In Me

David L. Ward, Eric Schumacher.
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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 7:53-8:15 (ESV)

⁵³ They went each to his own house

8 ¹ but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ² Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. ³ The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst ⁴ they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" ⁶ This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. ⁷ And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." ⁸ And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ¹⁰ Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" ¹¹ She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."

¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." ¹³ So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true." ¹⁴ Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one."

SERMON SERIES

The Gospel of John

Rev. Tommy Myrick



MAR 10
John 7:53-8:15
"A Woman Set Free"

MAR 17 – John 8:12-30
"I Am the Light of the World"



PALM SUNDAY
MAR 24 – Matt 2:1-11
"The Triumphal Entry"



SEDER SUPPER
MAR 28



GOOD FRIDAY
MAR 29
"Stations of the Cross"



EASTER SUNDAY
MAR 31 – Matt 28:1-10
"The Resurrection"





DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Thomas Ken. 1551, Public Domain

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

Westminster Confession of Faith, Ch. XV

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.

Repentance unto life is an evangelical grace; By it a sinner so grieves for and hates his sins as to turn from them all unto God, purposing and endeavoring to walk with Him in all the ways of His commandments. As there is no sin so small but it deserves damnation, so there is no sin so great that it can bring damnation upon those who truly repent.

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

Heavenly Father, we come before You, acknowledging our sins and failures. We confess that, like the woman caught in adultery, we have also misused the things You have called good, to satisfy our own lusts and selfish desires. We have found ourselves worthy of eternal death, and we plead Your mercy. Forgive us for misguided passions, forgive us for the way we harshly judge others, and forgive us for any sense of righteousness that does not come from the blood of Christ spilled for us. Help us to walk in the light of Your forgiveness, to extend mercy as freely as we have received it. In Jesus' 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 in Christ.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 2:4-5

⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

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

ALL

HYMN AT THE TABLE

My Savior's Love (I Stand Amazed)

Charles Hutchinson Gabriel.
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I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus, the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner, condemned, unclean

*How marvelous, how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous, how wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me*

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
'twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me.

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

O Great God

Bob Kaufflin.

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O great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain, that resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul, from the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised, with my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heaven, glorify Your name through me

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

NEW CITY NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



HOLY WEEK – SAVE THE DATES

MAR 24: PALM SUNDAY. Join us with loud Hosannas as we gather on this Lord’s Day to worship Jesus Christ as the humble King who lays His life down on route to His coronation on the cross.

MAR 28: MAUNDY THURSDAY. We will gather to enjoy a Seder Supper meal at 6pm in the Gathering Place. Join us as we find fulfillment to the Old Testament prophecies of Messiah as the passover lamb in the person and life of Jesus Christ.

MAR 29: GOOD FRIDAY. We will once again host our Metro Detroit sister PCA churches in a joint service focussing on the stations of the cross, in remembrance of the dreadful yet glorious day of Jesus’ death. Join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments at 5pm, and the service at 6pm.

MAR 31: EASTER SUNDAY. Join us as we rise from Holy Saturday’s silence, to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection and, through faith, our rebirth into hope and life eternal. We will come together to sing, share our joy, and praise the risen Son of God!



SEDER SUPPER SIGN-UP

This year’s Seder Supper will take place March 28, at 6pm. To participate in this rich time of fellowship we are requiring attendants to sign-up due to limited space. Please register promptly to ensure your participation! Scan QR code for more information and registration.



NC KIDS – KIDS’ SUMMER NIGHTS VOLUNTEER MEETING

TODAY, immediately following worship service in Fireplace Room. This meeting is for ANY and ALL church members who are available to come alongside to make this series of events possible for our NC Kids. There will be a sign up for specific roles which need to be filled.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund Contributions as of 3/7/24	\$ 117,199
General Fund 2024 Annual Budget	\$ 822,186

Mortgage Balance as of 3/7/24	\$ 220,528
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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**



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!