

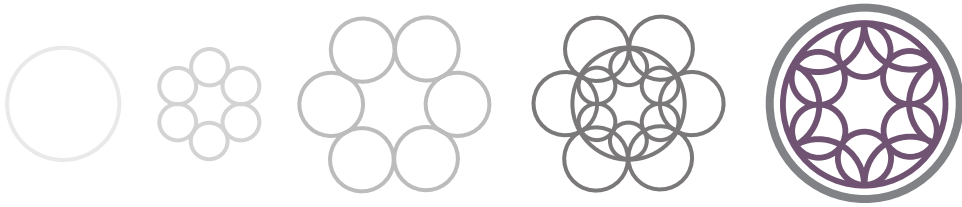


NEW CITY  
presbyterian church

**MARCH 24, 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

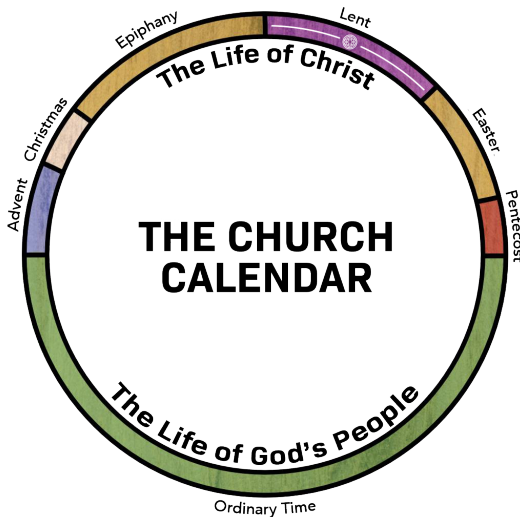
# LITURGY FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

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

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the celebration of Jesus' humble yet triumphant entry into Jerusalem, a week before his glorious resurrection. This Sunday inaugurates the Church's celebration of Holy Week; Jesus' last week of physically carrying out his earthly ministry. As Jesus and his disciples entered the city, a large crowd gathered around them praising Jesus in recognition of his messianic authority and royal status, placing their own cloaks and palm branches on the ground. The excitement grew with great expectation of what Jesus was there to do. The general crowd truly believed Jesus was the Messiah, but they were mistakenly assuming that he would immediately and completely establish his kingdom; an earthly kingdom. It's no wonder that the same people who were praising Jesus and shouting "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" were the same ones that in a few days would be shouting, "let him be crucified!" Despite this misunderstanding, their proclamation stood true and was glorifying to Christ, because it was time for his ultimate identity to be revealed. When the Pharisees sought to silence these proclamations, Jesus reproved them and answered that if everyone were to be silent, the very stones would cry out!



We celebrate Palm Sunday today, in light of Jesus Christ's glorious resurrection—the ultimate proof of who he is—knowing that his spiritual kingdom has been inaugurated, that he is ruling at the right hand of God, and that he will one day come again to gather his own for an eternity of true worship; where our declarations perfectly match our hearts and our Lord's. In recognition of his majesty we will once again get rid of our cloaks to be dressed in purity and we will wave palm branches in the air to acknowledge his eternal reign.

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

Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## GATHERING HYMN

O Worship The King  
*Robert Grant, Javier Contesse.*  
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O worship the King, all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space.  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

*Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to the King!  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna to our King!*

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!  
While angels delight to hymn You above,  
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration shall lisp to Your praise.

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

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 118:19-27

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.  
<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.  
<sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
<sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.  
<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
<sup>25</sup> Save us, we pray, O LORD!  
O LORD, we pray, give us success!  
<sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.  
<sup>27</sup> The LORD is God,  
and he has made his light to shine upon us.  
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,  
up to the horns of the altar!



## CHRIST HYMN

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.

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 Scott Cairo

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.

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

### FOR TEXT & ONLINE GIVING

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

Give online through Church Center by scanning the QR code.

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



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

## CHOIR OFFERTORY

O God, Beyond All Praising

*Michael Perry.*

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O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die,  
its fragile bloom surrender to you the Lord most high;  
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown -  
though small in mortal stature, to heaven’s garden grown:  
for Christ the Man from heaven from death has set us free,  
and we through him are given the final victory!

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor may serve you as our king;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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**



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**





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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.

## Matthew 21:1-11 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup> "Say to the daughter of Zion,  
'Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" <sup>10</sup> And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup> And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

**SERMON SERIES**

**Holy Week 2024**

Rev. Tommy Myrick

**"The Triumphal Entry"**



**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

Heidelberg Catechism, Q.31

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.

**Q.** Why is He called Christ, that is, Anointed?

**A.** Because He has been ordained by God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of His body has redeemed us, and who continually intercedes for us before the Father; and our eternal King, who governs us by His Word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.

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

King Jesus, we rejoice in Your presence and acknowledge You as our King. Like the crowds, we praise You, yet our worship often lacks depth, and our understanding of You remains shallow. Your humility often disappoints our callous hearts; Your selflessness fails to inspire our self-serving ambitions. You offer us life through Your sacrificial death, yet we often take this gift for granted. Forgive us, Lord. Humble us as You humbled Yourself. Teach us to live as faithful servants. Lead us back to You, instilling a new anthem of praise for our redemption through Your costly sacrifice. Rule in our hearts and over our lives, so that we may joyfully live to Your glory. In Your majestic 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

Jeremiah 31:33-34

<sup>33</sup> For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> [...] For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

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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.**

## 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

## 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

**HYMN AT THE TABLE**

The Church's One Foundation

*Samuel John Stone.  
1866, Public Domain*

The Church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
 She is His new creation, by water and the Word;  
 From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
 With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one over all the earth,  
 Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
 And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

The Church shall never perish! Her dear Lord, to defend,  
 To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;  
 Though there be those that hate her and false sons in her pale,  
 Against the foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One,  
 And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
 O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
 Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

*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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The Lord Is King  
*Josiah Conder, Nathan Partain.*  
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The Lord is King! Lift up your voice,  
O earth, and all ye heavens, rejoice!  
From world to world the joy shall ring,  
"The Lord omnipotent is King!"

Sing His praise, sing His praise  
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days  
Sing His praise, sing His praise  
All your days, all your days.

The Lord is King! Who then shall dare  
Resist His will, distrust his care?  
Or murmur at His wise decrees,  
Or doubt His royal promises?

The Lord is King! Bow down you must,  
The Judge of all the earth is just;  
Holy and true are all His ways;  
Let every creature sing His praise.

One Lord, one kingdom, all secures;  
He reigns, and life and death are yours:  
Through Heaven and earth one song shall ring,  
"The Lord omnipotent is King!"

## 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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# NEW CITY NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



## **HOLY WEEK – SAVE THE DATES**

**TODAY: 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.



## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

All New City Women are warmly invited to embark on an enlightening expedition into the heart of deliverance and divine devotion as displayed in the book of Exodus. Together, we will explore the timeless truths and enduring love of God that resonate through the Scripture, drawing closer to understanding how the exodus foreshadows the ultimate redemption brought forth in Christ. Please register and purchase the book in advance, so we can be ready to dive in, starting April 9th/12th!



**NC KIDS’ SUMMER NIGHTS**

During the Summer months (May-Aug), on select Fridays from 5-8pm, our NC Kids will become olympiads training to grow in Christlikeness by strengthening their grip on the truths of the gospel! All children grades K-5th, are invited to join us for these Summer Nights for games, activities, songs, teaching, and a pizza dinner. Scan QR Code for more information and registration (Volunteer registration too)!



**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

General Fund Contributions as of 3/21/24	\$ 131,157
General Fund 2024 Annual Budget	\$ 822,186
Mortgage Balance as of 3/21/24	\$ 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](https://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!