

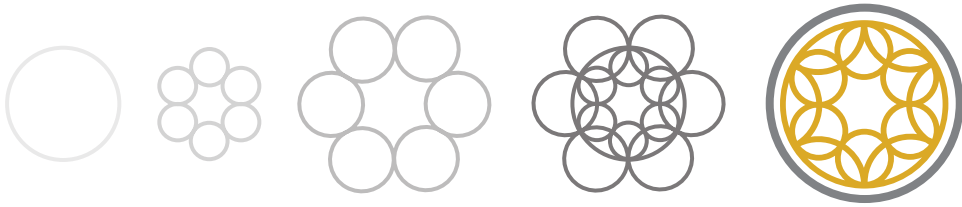


NEW CITY  
presbyterian church

**MARCH 31, 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

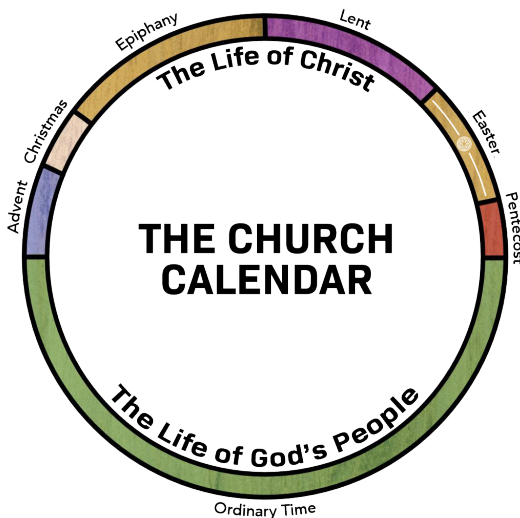
# LITURGY FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

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

Easter

Beginning with Easter Sunday, this season lasts seven weeks. It is marked by two main events: first and foremost the resurrection of Christ and then the ascension of Christ. A season of joy and hope, it is a time to celebrate these events and their implications for the Christian life, from being dead in our sin and raised with Jesus to our future hope of resurrected bodies and a new heaven and a new earth. As we remember and rejoice in the Resurrection, our eternal hope in Jesus is made anew. Easter, a story of hope and victory, runs contrary to the false stories of our world that would make us believe that there is no hope, that there is nothing more than this life. The stories of secularism and cynicism that run rampant in our culture shape us and jade us, robbing us of joy and belief in the miraculous. Easter, though, weaves back into our lives the one true story of the Bible—that Jesus was crucified, dead and buried but, on the third day, rose again. As we enter this story, remembering our future hope in Christ and our miracle-filled, supernatural faith, we are reshaped and reformed to be the hopeful, joyful, spiritual people that God has called us to be as His sons and daughters.



The Paschal greeting is a Christian traditional greeting used on Easter Sunday and during the Eastertide.

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.



## PASCHAL GREETING

**WORSHIP LEADER** Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
**CONGREGATION** He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Corinthians 15:50-57

<sup>50</sup> I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup> Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. [...] <sup>54</sup> When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:  
"Death is swallowed up in victory."  
O death, where is your sting?"  
<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## GATHERING HYMN

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

*Charles Wesley.  
1739, Public Domain.*

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!  
Sing ye heav'ns and earth reply. Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done; Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia!  
Christ hath opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once He died, our souls to save; Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!  
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!  
Hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 30

### A PSALM OF DAVID. A SONG AT THE DEDICATION OF THE TEMPLE.

<sup>1</sup> I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up  
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

<sup>2</sup> O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you have healed me.

<sup>3</sup> O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;  
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

<sup>4</sup> Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,  
and give thanks to his holy name.

<sup>5</sup> For his anger is but for a moment,  
and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.

<sup>6</sup> As for me, I said in my prosperity,  
"I shall never be moved."

<sup>7</sup> By your favor, O LORD,  
you made my mountain stand strong;  
you hid your face;  
I was dismayed.

<sup>8</sup> To you, O LORD, I cry,  
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:

<sup>9</sup> "What profit is there in my death,  
if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you?  
Will it tell of your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup> Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!  
O LORD, be my helper!"

<sup>11</sup> You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;  
you have loosed my sackcloth  
and clothed me with gladness,

<sup>12</sup> that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.  
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!



## GOSPEL HYMN

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
 In the dawning of the King  
 He the theme of heaven's praises  
 Robed in frail humanity  
 In our longing in our darkness  
 Now the light of life has come  
 Look to Christ who condescended  
 Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
 He the perfect Son of Man  
 In His living in His suffering  
 Never trace nor stain of sin  
 See the true and better Adam  
 Come to save the hellbound man  
 Christ the great and sure fulfillment  
 Of the law in Him we stand

## Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

*Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Michael Bleecker.  
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Come behold the wondrous mystery  
 Christ the Lord upon the tree  
 In the stead of ruined sinners  
 Hangs the Lamb in victory  
 See the price of our redemption  
 See the Father's plan unfold  
 Bringing many sons to glory  
 Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
 Slain by death the God of life  
 But no grave could ever restrain Him  
 Praise the Lord He is alive  
 What a foretaste of deliverance  
 How unwavering our hope  
 Christ in power resurrected  
 As we will be when He comes

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Jeff Ammons

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

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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 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.

## CHOIR OFFERTORY

Oh, to see the dawn  
Of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men,  
Torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath—  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain  
Written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Every bitter thought,  
Every evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

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 Power Of The Cross

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend.  
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Now the daylight flees;  
Now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two,  
Dead are raised to life;  
"Finished!" the victory cry.

Oh, to see my name  
Written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death;  
Life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love.

*This, the power of the cross:  
Son of God—slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

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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 28:1-10 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." <sup>8</sup> So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."



**"The Resurrection"**

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





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!

## DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow  
*Thomas Ken. 1551, Public Domain*

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.



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.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Q.45

**Q.** How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

**A.** First, by His resurrection He has overcome death, so that He might make us share in the righteousness He obtained for us by His death. Second, by His power we too are already raised to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

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

### 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.

### 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.

## CALL TO REPENTANCE

### CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, in the brightness of this Easter morning, we come before You, hearts heavy with the shadows of our sins. We confess that we have wandered far from Your light, entangled in our own ways and simple understanding. We admit to closing our eyes to the hope of Your resurrection, to dwelling in tombs of doubt and despair, rather than dancing in the joy of Your victory over death. We have silenced the alleluias in our hearts, stifled by our stubbornness and pride.

*"Hear us, O LORD, and be merciful to us!*

*O LORD be our helper!"*

Wash us anew, O God. Let Your mercy shine on us like the first light of Easter, dispelling the darkness within. Help us to rise with Christ, to embrace the warmth of Your love, and to reflect Your light in a world longing for hope. Renew in us a steadfast spirit, to live as resurrection people, bearing witness to the miracle of Your grace. In the name of Jesus, our Risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Corinthians 15:20-22

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

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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**

Come Ye Faithful, Raise The Strain

*St. John of Damascus, Tr: J. M. Neale.  
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Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
Of triumphant gladness;  
God has brought his Israel  
Into joy from sadness;  
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters;  
Led them with unmoistened foot  
Through the Red Sea waters.

This, the spring of souls today;  
Christ has burst His prison,  
And from three days' sleep in death  
As a sun has risen;  
All the winter of our sins,  
Long and dark, is flying  
From His light, to whom we give  
Laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright  
With the day of splendor,  
With the royal feast of feasts,  
Comes its joy to render;  
Comes to glad Jerusalem,  
Who with true affection  
Welcomes in unwearied strains  
Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death,  
Nor the tomb's dark portal,  
Nor the watchers, nor the seal  
Hold You as a mortal:  
But today amidst Your own  
You did stand, bestowing  
Your own peace, which evermore  
passes human knowing.

**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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### Crown Him With Many Crowns

*Matthew Bridges.  
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Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne  
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee  
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save  
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high  
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of Lords, who over all doth reign  
Who once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain  
Now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing  
Their songs before Him day and night; their God, Redeemer, King

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side  
Those wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity

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## 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



## 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!



## 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 3/28/24	\$ 144,407
General Fund 2024 Annual Budget	\$ 822,186
Mortgage Balance as of 3/28/24	\$ 215,033



# Easter

## EGG HUNT

### First

Nursery Children (0-3 years).....Sunken Garden  
Kindergarten & First Grade.....Front Garden

### Next

Preschool (3-5 years).....Sunken Garden  
Second & Third Grades.....Front Garden

### Lastly

Fourth & Fifth Grades.....All Lawn and Sunken  
Garden Area

NEW CITY KIDS





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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!