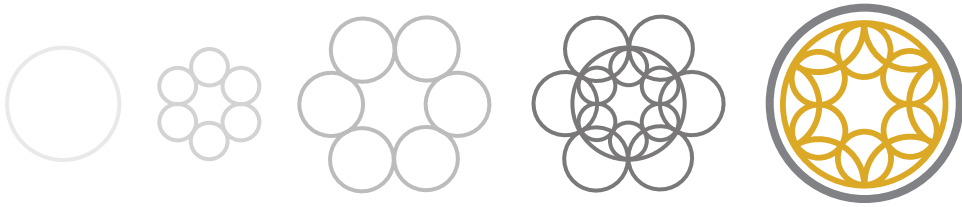




NEW CITY
presbyterian church

MAY 14, 2023

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

Psalm 150:1-2

LEADER Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

CONGREGATION He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

LEADER Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

CONGREGATION They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

LEADER Let us praise the Lord!

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.

The Prayer of Adoration is a praiseful pondering of the person, attributes and works of God, intended to draw our hearts closer to our Heavenly Father, in awe.



READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOSPEL HYMN

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

*Julia Harriette Johnston.
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Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin.

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
What can avail to wash it away!
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe;
You that are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive?

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 we can follow-up with you.



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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.

OFFERTORY HYMN NEW CITY KIDS

Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

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Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above

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.



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

Elder Scott Cairo

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.



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.

Colossians 1:24-2:5 (ESV)

²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

2 ¹ For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, ² that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴ I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

Sermon Series:



Colossians: Christ Preeminent & Sufficient

The Ministry of Maturity in Christ

Javier Contesse

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.



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.

CHILDREN'S PICK-UP (NOT REQUIRED)

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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q.65

- Q.** Since then we are made partakers of Christ and all his benefits by faith only, where does this faith come from?
- A.** The Holy Spirit works faith in our hearts by the preaching of the Holy Gospel and confirms it by the use of the holy sacraments.

Gloria Patri
*Anonymous.
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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

Gracious Father, we confess our struggle to grasp the richness of Your love. Forgive us for not rejoicing in our gospel sufferings, for we often fail to recognize that in Christ, we walk in-step with Your redemptive work. We admit our tendency to flirt with worldly thinking, rather than seeking wisdom and understanding in Your Son. In our relationships, we fall short of being knit together in love, neglecting the unity that comes with our union to Christ. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for Your sacrifice on the cross, through which our sins are forgiven and through which You continually grow us in knowledge and spiritual understanding, and devotion to Your service. 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 FORGIVENESS

Ephesians 1:7

⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

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

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.

ALL

HYMN AT THE TABLE

The Blood Of Jesus
Czechowicz, Hendershot.
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What fountain's unrelenting stream is mighty as a flood?
With force and care it ever cleans 'tis Jesus' precious blood

What river carries off my sins? What balm can heal my wounds?
There is no tide or medicine But Jesus' blood alone

*All the guilty are forgiven
All the captives are made clean and then set free
Praise the Lord of power and mercy
The blood of Jesus, shed for me*

What treasure, land, or salary could pay the debt I owe?
The only valid currency is Jesus' blood that flows

Who pleads for me with His own blood and then my soul renews?
He is my advocate and judge, and served my sentence, too

What theme shall now my soul employ in song before my God?
A melody of love and joy and thanks for Jesus' blood

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

My Savior's Love (I Stand Amazed)

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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.

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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund Contributions as of 4/30/23	\$ 238,786
General Fund Budget as of 4/30/23	\$ 252,184
Total FGTC Commitments (3 year Campaign)	\$ 1,078,443
FGTC Contributions (2020 thru 4/30/23)	\$ 1,001,245
Mortgage Balance as of 5/3/23	\$ 390,066

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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.



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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!