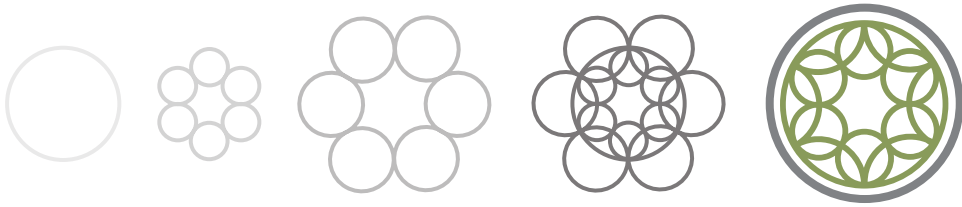




NEW CITY
presbyterian church

JUNE 11, 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 100

LEADER

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

² Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

³ Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

CONGREGATION

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

ALL

⁵ For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.



GATHERING HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Thomas O. Chisholm, William M. Runyan.
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Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

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



READING FROM THE EPISTLES

From 2 Timothy 6:13-20

¹³ For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, [...] ¹⁷ So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, ¹⁸ so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. ¹⁹ We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, ²⁰ where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

HYMN OF FAITH

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

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What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore.

*O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

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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OFFERTORY HYMN

Take My Life And Let It Be

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Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.
Take my voice and let me sing, always, only for my King.
Always, only for my King.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.
It shall be Thy royal throne

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 Jeff Ammons

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

Colossians 3:1-17 (ESV)

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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.

Sermon Series:



Colossians: Christ Preeminent & Sufficient

Matt Beatty

Your Identity Controls Your Activity and Determines Your Destiny

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

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Oh praise Him, Hallelujah!

Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q.32

Q. What benefits in this life are shared by those who are effectively called?

A. In this life those who are effectively called share in justification, adoption and sanctification, and the further benefits in this life which accompany or flow from them.

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 to confess that we have not put to death the impurity, anger, malice, and slander we choose to engage in, nor have we clothed ourselves as chosen ones, holy and beloved, with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. We long for the peace of Christ to rule in our hearts and for His word to dwell in us richly, yet we choose different paths which fail us. Forgive us, O Lord, renew Your image in us, strengthen us to live as Your beloved children; raised in Christ as reflections of Your grace and truth. 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

Micah 7:18-19

¹⁸Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance?

He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.

¹⁹He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

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

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.

HYMN AT THE TABLE

Living Hope

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How great the chasm that lay between us
 How high the mountain I could not climb
 In desperation, I turned to heaven
 And spoke Your name into the night
 Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness
 Tore through the shadows of my soul
 The work is finished, the end is written
 Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
 What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
 The God of ages stepped down from glory
 To wear my sin and bear my shame
 The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
 The King of kings calls me His own
 Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
 Jesus Christ, my living hope

*Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
 Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
 You have broken every chain
 There's salvation in Your name
 Jesus Christ, my living hope*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
 Your buried body began to breathe
 Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
 Declared the grave has no claim on me
 Jesus, Yours is the victory

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

To God Be The Glory

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To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son.
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.*

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

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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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

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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!