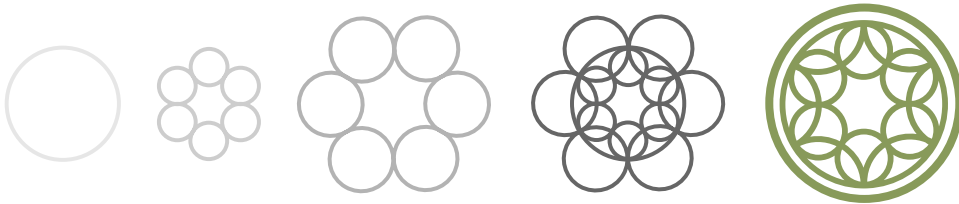


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# WELCOME TO NEW CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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.

As the Senior Pastor of New City, it is my privilege to welcome you and to invite you to be astonished, together with us, by the splendor and grace of God.

Rev. Ryan McVicar

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## NEW CITY VISION & VALUES

*To be people in awe of God, made new by the gospel,  
for the sake of people throughout our city, the nations,  
and the generations to come.*

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

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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

## GATHERING HYMN

Father Long Before Creation

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Father, long before creation, Thou hadst chosen us in love,  
And that love so deep, so moving, Draws us close to Christ above.  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us, Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion, Yet our God is ever the same;  
wHis compassion and His covenant, Through all ages will remain.  
God's own children, God's own children, Must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story, Is my boasting all the day;  
Mercy free and never failing, Moves my will, directs my way.  
God so loved us, God so loved us, That His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee, We will ever praise Thy love,  
And our songs will sound unceasing, Till we reach our home above,  
Giving glory, giving glory, To our God and to the Lamb.

## THE SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Today, we are delighted to celebrate the baptism of *Colden Luke Barton*, son of Luke and Rachel Barton, born April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

## BAPTISM VOWS

### PARENTAL VOWS:

Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on behalf of your child, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you have for your own?

Do you now unreservedly commit your child to God, and promise in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of the Christian Faith, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

### CONGREGATIONAL VOWS:

Will you, as members of New City Church, promise to guide and nurture Colden, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of His Church?

Baptism is the washing with water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to signify and seal three spiritual realities:

- 1) Our ingrafting into the body of Christ.
- 2) Our partaking of the covenant of grace.
- 3) Our engagement to be the Lord's

## BAPTISMAL READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup> "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup> not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD.

<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> And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

## BAPTISMAL PRAYER

The Baptismal prayer is a prayer offered by the minister to bless the covenant child, or confessing adult, as they grow deeper into the reality of their baptism. It's also a call to church members to remember God's faithfulness and find strength in their own baptism.



## HYMN OF PRAISE

All My Ways

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren, Dustin Smith.

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In days of peace and days of rest / In times of loss and loneliness  
Though rich or poor, Your Word is true / That all my ways are known to You

No trial has come beyond Your hand / No step I walk beyond Your plan  
The path is dark outside my view / Still all my ways are known to You

*And oh what peace that I have found  
Wherever I may be  
For all my ways are known to You  
Hallelujah, they are known to You!*

I do not fear the final night / For death will be the door to life  
You take my hand and lead me through / For all my ways are known to You

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.

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## CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### VISITING US?

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Give online through Church Center, at [newcitypc.churchcenter.com/giving](http://newcitypc.churchcenter.com/giving) or by scanning the QR code.

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



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

## PASTORAL PRAYER

The Pastoral Prayer is a time to express our gratitude for—and dependence on—God's provision for the life and ministry of the Church.

In anticipation of the proclamation of God's Word, we lift a prayer to God asking Him to speak to us through His living Word.

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION



# 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.

## Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

<sup>2</sup> a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

<sup>3</sup> a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

<sup>4</sup> a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

<sup>5</sup> a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

<sup>6</sup> a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

<sup>7</sup> a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

<sup>8</sup> a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

<sup>9</sup> What gain has the worker from his toil? <sup>10</sup> I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>11</sup> He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. <sup>12</sup> I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; <sup>13</sup> also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.

<sup>14</sup> I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him. <sup>15</sup> That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already has been; and God seeks what has been driven away.

PREACHER  
ALL

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
But the Word of our God stands forever.



**Sermon Series: Life Under The Sun**  
**Unsettled & Uplifted by the Son**

Javier Contesse

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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 prepackaged cup containing wine and a wafer (gluten-free 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.



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 Him.

*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.

*MINISTER*

All who can examine themselves regarding their faith and participation in Christ, are invited to participate in the Lord's Table.

*MINISTER*

This prayer is offered to set apart the bread and the wine as holy, for the purpose of nourishing us spiritually through our communion with Christ

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## CALL TO REPENTANCE

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you are holy and worthy of all praise. We humble ourselves before you to confess our sin: Our hearts and minds obsess over the passing things of this world, rather than being fixed on your everlasting kingdom.

We allow circumstances and feelings to govern our lives rather than the truth of your Word and the guidance of your Spirit. Our interactions with others lack the love and grace you have been so quick to extend to us, your children. Lord, have mercy on our idolatrous hearts and forgive us our sin. In Jesus' powerful name we pray, Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Colossians 1:21-22

<sup>21</sup> And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

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## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

## HYMN AT THE TABLE

O God Our Help In Ages Past

*Isaac Watts  
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O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home;

A thousand ages in Your sight  
Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

Under the shadow of Your throne  
Your saints have dwelt secure.  
Sufficient is Your arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Soon bears us all away.  
We fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the op'ning day.

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting You are God,  
To endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Still be our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.

### MINISTER

The Words of Institution echo Jesus' words at the Last Supper, now inviting us to partake of the Bread and Wine in remembrance of Him.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PARTAKING OF THE BREAD & WINE



## SENDING HYMN

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### All Glory Be To Christ

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Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house in vain its builders strive  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life?  
A mist that vanishes at dawn; all glory be to Christ

*All glory be to Christ our king*  
*All glory be to Christ*  
*His rule and reign we'll ever sing*  
*All glory be to Christ*

His will be done, His kingdom come on earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love  
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet all glory be to Christ

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful, and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new  
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light  
And we shall ever his people be, all glory be to Christ

Our gathered worship service concludes with God's blessing; a joyful declaration of God's satisfaction in us through Jesus Christ, and a vow to be in fellowship with us as we scatter.

## BENEDICTION

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## WORSHIP ON THE LAWN

Last year, due to the COVID-19 outbreak, our inability to meet at our previous place of worship, and the renovations taking place in our recently acquired building, we hosted our worship services on our property's front lawn. We loved gathering in the shade of our trees, in a fresh and worshipful environment, where God was magnified and we were nurtured. This Summer, *Worship On The Lawn* is back.

Our *Worship On The Lawn* season will run June 6th through September 5th, with one worship service starting at 10am. Bring your own lawn chair, picnic blankets, and everything you need to stay comfortable. In case of inclement weather forecast, we will worship in our Sanctuary. Our main avenues for communicating changes are **New City Texts**, and **New City News**. You can sign-up for both of these at [newcitypc.org/subscribe](http://newcitypc.org/subscribe).

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Thank you for being part of our service today! We would love to get to know you and invite you into deeper community with us. Please scan this QR code and fill out a simple form so that we can follow-up with you.



## SMALL GROUPS

Our new Small Group season has launched with several groups already meeting, and many new groups to explore. Small Groups are New City's main avenue for cultivating relationships in Christ, and experiencing the deepest blessings of what it means to be in community. For more information scan QR code or visit: [newcitypc.org/smallgroups](http://newcitypc.org/smallgroups)



## 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!

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