

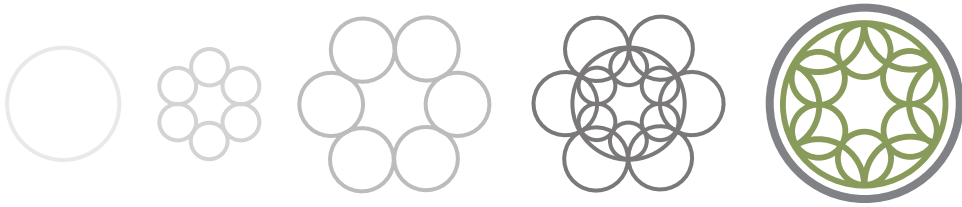


NEW CITY  
presbyterian church

**JULY 16, 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

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Romans 15:4-6

<sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

<sup>5</sup> May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## GATHERING HYMN

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By Faith

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By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the power of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go  
In the power of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In every corner of the earth

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.



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## PRAYER OF ADORATION

## GOSPEL HYMN

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race; indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed; You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ*

*Hallelujah! Jesus is my life*

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me  
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose  
And let my song forever be: My only boast is You

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### 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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All I Have Is Christ

*Jordan Kauffin.*

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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, 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.

## OFFERTORY HYMN

A debtor to mercy alone  
Of covenant mercy I sing  
I come with Your righteousness on  
My humble offering to bring  
The judgments of Your holy law  
With me can have nothing to do  
My Savior's obedience and blood  
Hide all my transgressions from view

The work which Your goodness began  
The arm of Your strength will complete  
Your promise is yes and amen  
And never was forfeited yet  
The future or things that are now  
No power below or above  
Can make You Your purpose forego  
Or sever my soul from Your love

My name from the palms of Your hands  
Eternity will not erase  
Impressed on Your heart it remains  
In marks of indelible grace  
Yes, I to the end will endure  
Until I bow down at Your throne  
Forever and always secure  
A debtor to mercy alone

### A Debtor To Mercy

*Augustus Toplady, Bob Kauffman.*  
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## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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.



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# THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

## Psalm 87 (ESV)

### A PSALM OF THE SONS OF KORAH. A SONG.

<sup>1</sup> On the holy mount stands the city he founded;

<sup>2</sup> the LORD loves the gates of Zion  
more than all the dwelling places of Jacob.

<sup>3</sup> Glorious things of you are spoken,  
O city of God. Selah

<sup>4</sup> Among those who know me I mention Rahab and Babylon;  
behold, Philistia and Tyre, with Cush—

“This one was born there,” they say.

<sup>5</sup> And of Zion it shall be said,  
“This one and that one were born in her”;  
for the Most High himself will establish her.

<sup>6</sup> The LORD records as he registers the peoples,  
“This one was born there.” Selah

<sup>7</sup> Singers and dancers alike say,  
“All my springs are in you.”

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:

**Psalms for the Summer**

Javier Contesse

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**You Belong**



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

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## 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 recognizing that You are the Founder and Builder of all that is good and worthy. Your love for the places and people of this world humbles us, and we are reminded of our own failures to reflect such love. We confess our pride, Lord; We see ourselves as superior to others, and are quick to judge those unlike us. We confess our self-righteousness; We often act as if we have earned Your grace, forgetting that it is a free and unmerited gift from You. We confess our apathy towards our neighbor, forgetting that You love all people, and desire the rebirth of each person as a citizen of Your Holy City. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer and help us to become more like You in humility, grace, and love. 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

From Philippians 3:20-21

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform [us] to be like [him], by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

### MINISTER

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

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## 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

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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.**

## *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

You Belong (Psalm 87)

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To the ones who were once God's sworn enemies  
From the West and the East, and the land beyond the seas  
Oh come to the table where God spreads a feast,  
"You belong, you belong, you belong with me"

Even those who once sold my children as slaves  
Who have done deeds so dark, they've been hardened by shame  
Oh turn and believe and receive your new name,  
"You belong, you belong, you belong with me"

*So all you outcasts come  
The City of God is your home  
And the Lord will greet you rejoicing to sing,  
"You belong you belong you belong with me"*

So turn to the ones you have reason to hate  
Lay down your weapons, oh, learn to be brave  
Let's start with the words our Lord taught us to say,  
"You belong you belong you belong with me"

When the Lord comes shouting, "I make all things new"  
Then the ones who were strangers, will know what to do  
We'll cry tears of joy as we sing out the truth,  
"We belong, we belong, we belong with You."

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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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.

## 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 6/30/23	\$ 360,457
General Fund Budget as of 6/30/23	\$ 363,297
Total FGTC Commitments (3 year Campaign)	\$ 1,078,444
FGTC Contributions from Commitments (2020 thru 6/30/23)	\$ 1,006,025
Mortgage Balance as of 7/6/23	\$ 366,580

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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](http://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!