

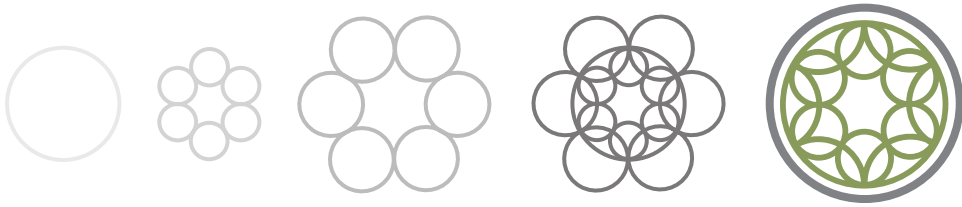


NEW CITY  
presbyterian church

**JULY 23, 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

From 2 Samuel 22:47-51

- LEADER** "The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,  
and exalted be my God, the rock of my salvation,
- CONGREGATION** "For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations,  
and sing praises to your name.
- ALL** Great salvation he brings to his king,

## GATHERING HYMN

O Worship The King  
Robert Grant, Javier Contesse.  
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O worship the King, all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space.  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

*Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to the King!  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna to our King!*

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!  
While angels delight to hymn You above,  
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration shall lisp to Your praise.

## THE SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Today, we are delighted to celebrate the baptisms of Molly Matilda Dessert, daughter of Joseph & Julia Dessert, and Stetson Matthew Heverly, son of Matthew & Amanda Heverly.

Baptism is the washing with water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to signify and seal these 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

### **PARENTAL VOWS:**

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

### **CONGREGATIONAL VOWS:**

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

## **BAPTISMAL READINGS**

Psalm 86:11, Galatians 3:23-29

### **MOLLY: Psalm 86:11**

<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD,  
that I may walk in your truth;  
unite my heart to fear your name.

### **STETSON: Colossians 3:12-17**

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

## **BAPTISMAL PRAYER**

The Baptismal prayer is offered to entrust the baptized to God, as they grow deeper into the reality of their baptism. It also serves church members as a reminder of God's covenantal faithfulness in their own baptism.



## **GOSPEL HYMN**

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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.

## 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 a we can follow-up with you.



## TITHES & OFFERINGS

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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.

## OFFERTORY HYMN

Jesus I Come (Out Of My Bondage)

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Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night,  
Jesus, I come! Jesus, I come!  
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light,  
Jesus, I come to Thee!  
Out of my sickness into Thy health,  
Out of my want and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself,  
Jesus, I come to Thee!

Out of my shameful failure and loss,  
Jesus, I come! Jesus, I come!  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,  
Jesus, I come to Thee!

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.

Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,  
Out of life's storm and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress to jubilant psalm,  
Jesus, I come to Thee!

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,  
Jesus, I come! Jesus, I come!  
Into the joy and pleasure, Thine own,  
Jesus, I come to Thee!

Out of the depths of ruin untold,  
Into the flock Thy love doth enfold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,  
Jesus, I come to Thee!

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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.



# THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

## Psalm 95 (ESV)

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.

- <sup>1</sup> Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- <sup>2</sup> Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- <sup>3</sup> For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.
- <sup>4</sup> In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.
- <sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.
- <sup>6</sup> Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- <sup>7</sup> For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.  
Today, if you hear his voice,
- <sup>8</sup> do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
- <sup>9</sup> when your fathers put me to the test  
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
- <sup>10</sup> For forty years I loathed that generation  
and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart,  
and they have not known my ways."
- <sup>11</sup> Therefore I swore in my wrath,  
"They shall not enter my rest."



Sermon Series:

**Psalms for the Summer**

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Rev. Matt Luchenbill

**Whole Hearted Worship**

**MAIN IDEA:** In worship, our hearts sing, bow, and hear.

Our Hearts Sing:

Our Hearts Bow:

Our Hearts Hear:



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

○ Lord, our God, we stand before You convicted and repentant, for our hearts often come to Your encounter cold and hardened. We have overlooked the privilege of worship, and have taken it for granted; forgive us, Father. We confess our lack of gratitude. We confess our losing sight of Your steadfast love and faithfulness and thus question Your promises. Strengthen our faith, Lord. Soften our hearts. Enable us to truly hear Your voice, and know Your ways. Remind us we are Your cherished flock, under Your care, for which You have sought forgiveness and our reconciliation to You. In Jesus' holy 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

Psalm 51:10-12

- <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

### 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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### Joy To The World

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Joy to the world! The Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing

No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as, far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders, and wonders of His love

## 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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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!