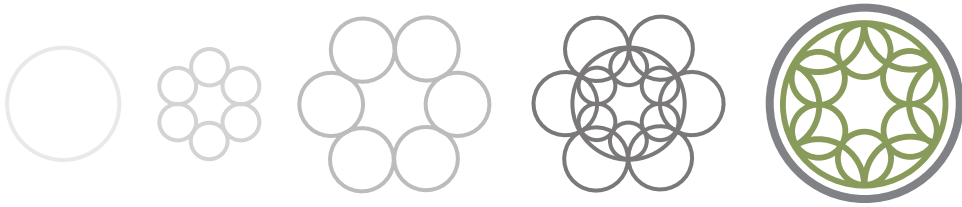




NEW CITY
presbyterian church

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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.

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 63:1-4

¹ O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
³ Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.



GATHERING HYMN

Praise To The Lord The Almighty

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,
Praise Him in glad adoration; Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who over all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth? Granted in what He ordaineth.

*Praise Him, Praise Him;
O my soul praise Him. (Praise Christ our King!)*

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee; If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him; Gladly forever adore Him.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Today, we are delighted to celebrate the baptism of John Somerville Jr.

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

We are privileged to receive the newest members of New City Presbyterian Church this morning: John Somerville Sr. & John Somerville Jr.

MEMBERSHIP VOWS:

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the follower of Christ?

Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?



HYMN OF GRACE

Rock Of Ages

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Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee
Let the water and the blood, From Thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure, Save from wrath and make me pure

Not the labors of my hands, Can fulfill Thy law's demands
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow
All could never sin atone, Thou must save, and Thou alone

Nothing in my hands I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling
Naked come to Thee for dress, Helpless, look to Thee for grace
Foul I to the fountain fly, Wash me, Savior, or I die

While I draw this fleeting breath, When my eyes shall close in death
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

Prepare our hearts, O God
Help us to receive
Break the hard and stony ground
Help our unbelief
Plant Your Word down deep in us
Cause it to bear fruit
Open up our ears to hear
Lead us in Your truth

*Show us Christ, show us Christ
O God, reveal Your glory
Through the preaching of Your Word
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord*

Your Word is living light
Upon our darkened eyes
Guards us through temptations
Makes the simple wise
Your Word is food for famished ones
Freedom for the slave
Riches for the needy soul
Come speak to us today

Where else can we go, Lord
Where else can we go
You have the words of eternal life

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Show Us Christ

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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.



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.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Psalm 61 (ESV)

TO THE CHOIRMASTER. WITH STRINGED INSTRUMENTS. OF DAVID.

¹ Hear my cry, O God,
listen to my prayer;
² from the end of the earth I call to you
when my heart is faint.
Lead me to the rock
that is higher than I,
³ for you have been my refuge,
a strong tower against the enemy.
⁴ Let me dwell in your tent forever!
Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings! Selah
⁵ For you, O God, have heard my vows;
you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.
⁶ Prolong the life of the king;
may his years endure to all generations!
⁷ May he be enthroned forever before God;
appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him!
⁸ So will I ever sing praises to your name,
as I perform my vows day after day.



Sermon Series:

Psalms for the Summer

Javier Contesse

The Heritage of Fearing God's Name



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

Most Gracious God, we cry out to You acknowledging the depth of our sin and its fierce grip on us. Lord, we confess the pride which prevents us from seeking You when our hearts faint, and we confess the self-reliance with which we often live our lives. We've been unfaithful; We've broken our vows and forsaken Your name. Yet, even as we stray, You lead us back to Yourself with open arms, ready to heal, restore, and renew us, as we repent and trust in the work of our Rock, our Redeemer and King. May our hearts forever sing Your praise for Your steadfast love and faithfulness, our rich heritage in Jesus Christ, in whose precious name we pray. Amen.

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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

1 Peter 2:4-5

⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

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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

Have mercy on me, oh God
According to Your unfailing love
According to Your great compassion
Blot out my transgressions

*Would You create in me a clean heart, Oh God
Restore in me the joy of Your salvation*

The sacrifices of our God
Are a broken and contrite heart
Against you and you alone
Have I sinned

Wash me white as snow, and I will be made whole
Wash me white as snow, and I will be made whole
Wash me white as snow, and I will be made whole
Wash me white as snow

White As Snow

Jon Foreman.

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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

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You

For here my heart is satisfied, within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Better is one day in Your courts

Better is one day in Your house

Better is one day in Your courts

Than thousands elsewhere

One thing I ask, and I would seek; to see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells

My heart and flesh cry out for You the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted, and I've seen; come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You

Better Is One Day

Matt Redman.

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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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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!