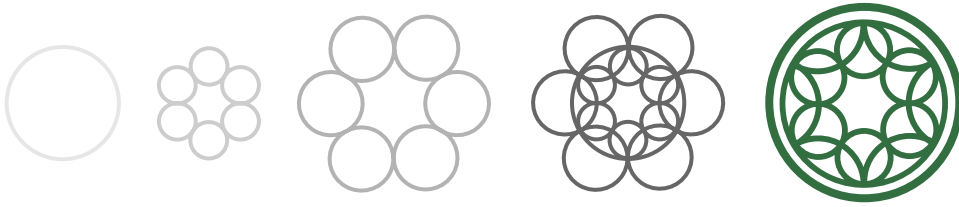




NEW CITY
presbyterian church

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

WELCOME TO NEW CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Welcome to our new house! We're delighted you've joined us this morning for our gathered service of worship on our front lawn.

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

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

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

As we gather to worship this morning, take a moment to reflect on these quotes as a way to prepare your heart and mind for an encounter with the living God.

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.

SILENT REFLECTION

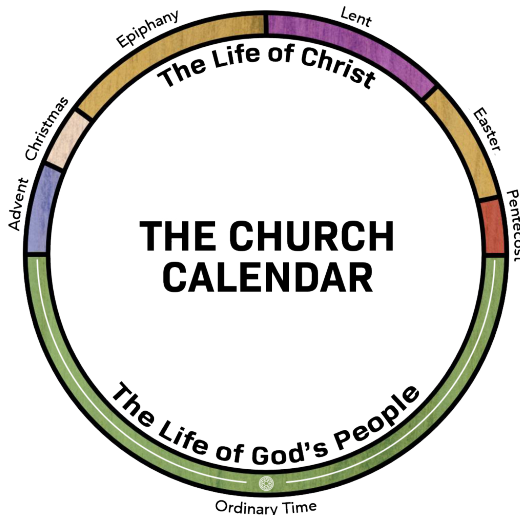
I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.
Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! | **Psalm 34:4-8**

What rule has God given to direct us how to glorify and enjoy him?

The Word of God, which consists of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how to glorify and enjoy him. | **Westminster Shorter Catechism Q2**

What do the Scriptures principally teach?

The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man. | **Westminster Shorter Catechism Q3**



Ordinary Time is about the mission of Christ. All the seasons lead up to this point between Pentecost and Advent. During Ordinary Time, the Church is empowered by the Holy Spirit and sent on mission to make disciples. It is the time and space where we seek to be the people of God living out the mission of God in ordinary, everyday life—in our homes, neighborhoods, communities, workplaces and to the ends of the earth.

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

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

THE SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Daniel Castro, born July 21st, 2020, son of Marcelo & Leticia Castro.

BAPTISMAL READING

Ephesians 3:20

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think,
according to the power at work within us

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

How Firm A Foundation

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BAPTISM SPECIAL

*Tu és Soberano sobre a Terra,
Sobre os céus tu és Senhor absoluto.
Tudo que existe e acontece
Tu o sabes muito bem.
Tu és Tremendo!*

*E, apesar dessa glória que tens,
Tu te importas comigo também.
E este amor tão grande
Eleva-me, amarra-me a Ti,
Tu és Tremendo!*

Tu És Soberano (You Are Sovereign)

You are Sovereign over the Earth
Over the heavens you are absolute Lord
Everything that exists and happens
You know it very well.
You are tremendous!

And despite all this glory of Yours,
You care about me too.
And this love so great,
It raises me and draws me close to You,
You are tremendous!

BAPTISM VOWS

PARENTAL VOWS:

Do you acknowledge your son'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 son, 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 son 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 Daniel, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of His church?

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

By Faith

Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend.
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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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

All we have is given to us by God. Our offerings express this joyful dependance, 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
or by scanning the QR code.



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.

1 Peter 2:4-8 (ESV)

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. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸ and

“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

Sermon Series: The Christian Life in a Confusing Land
A New Reason to Obey and a New Reputation

Rev. Ryan McVicar

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.

We will be coming forward to participate in Communion. Clear cups (perimeter of the tray) contain grape juice. Red cups (center of the tray) contain wine.

**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.

CALL TO REPENTANCE

What lies have led you to pursue obedience to God for the wrong reasons?
How have you wrongly lived for a worldly reputation instead of embracing the gift of God's new reputation give to you in Christ?

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.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Father, we confess that we have longed for the comforts and treasures of this world instead of longing for Your enduring Kingdom. We have restlessly sought after a reputation in this world rather than resting in the reputation we have in Your sight. We often love the gifts we receive from You more than we love You, the Giver. In your mercy, help us to see that the things we strive for are shadows, but You are the substance; We plead for your forgiveness through the riches of Jesus Christ. Accept His worthiness for our unworthiness, His sinlessness for our transgressions, His glory for our shame, His righteousness for our dead works, His death for our life. We confess our sins to you in Jesus' name, Amen.

MINISTER

As God's Word assures us of our forgiveness in Christ, we cannot but respond in praise to the grace, mercy, and peace offered to us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

1 Timothy 1:15

¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners



ALL

HYMN AT THE TABLE

O My Soul, Arise

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Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears
The bleeding sacrifice on my behalf appears
Before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands
My name is written on His hands

He ever lives above for me to intercede
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race
And sprinkles now the throne of grace

*O my soul, arise, behold the risen Christ
Your Great High Priest, Your spotless sacrifice
O my soul, arise, God owns you as His child
Shake off your guilty fears, my soul, arise*

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry
"Don't let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear
He owns me as His child; I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry

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 & BREAKING OF THE BREAD



SENDING HYMN

Beautiful & True

*Ryan McVicar, Josh Rodriguez.
2016, New City Music*

Your word is beautiful and true, All You've said can be fully trusted
But the world says to run, to abandon hope, But I will stand by faith in the wisdom of Your word
Not my ways, or my thoughts, not my wisdom, but Yours

Your work in Christ is beautiful and true, All You've done can be fully trusted
But my flesh says do more, to work harder, But I will rest by faith in the finished work of Christ
Not my works, or my goodness, not my blood, sweat, and tears, but Yours

Your kingdom is beautiful and true, Soon on earth as it is in Heaven
But the siren call I hear is seek first my will, But I will run by faith in the power of your Spirit
Not my name, not my fame, not my kingdom, but Yours

Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, All things made new, through the Father's Word
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, All things made new, through the reigning Son
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, All things made new, through the Spirit's power

BENEDICTION

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.

Visit our website at:
NEWCITYPC.ORG

Thank you for being part of our service today! Our *Worship On The Lawn* season marks the initial move of our congregation into our new home. We will be meeting here every Sunday until we are able to meet inside our new sanctuary. In the event of inclement weather, our livestream will still be available at newcitypc.org/worship.

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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.



COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Gathering in the midst of an pandemic brings unique challenges that shape the way we gather. We have put together a list of measures and recommendations for reducing the risk of contagion as much as possible. The use of face masks is strongly encouraged as well as social distancing (at 6ft apart) at all times. Please review these guidelines to help everyone stay safe.



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

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For most iPhone users, this technology is integrated into your camera app. Simply hover over the QR code using your camera app and wait for a pop-up notification that will open your web browser for you.

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