



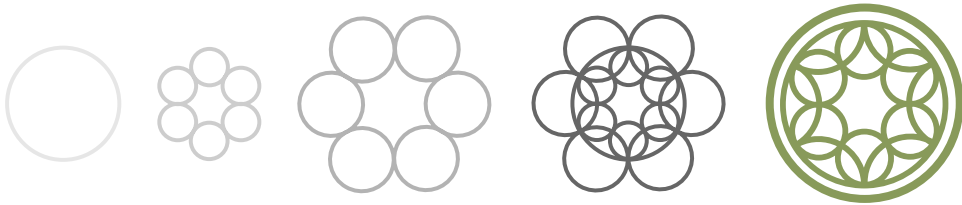
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NEW CITY
presbyterian church

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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.

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

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 Psalm 25

We trust in you, O God, for you are faithful.

*Show us your ways and teach us your paths.

We wait for you.

Lead us in your paths of truth.

Do not remember our failures.

Out of your merciful grace, forgive us.

You are faithful, O God. Your love is steadfast.

We lift up our souls to you,

and praise you always.

*Congregation reads underlined phrases



GATHERING HYMN

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning new mercies I see

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father

There is no shadow of turning with Thee

Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not

As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth

Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow

Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas O. Chisholm, William M. Runyan.

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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

THE SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Today, we are delighted to celebrate the baptism of *Ria Grace Kooy*, daughter of Kent and Vicky Kooy, born November, 30th 2019

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 her 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 her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of the Christian Faith, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOWS:

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

BAPTISMAL READING

Psalm 37:23-24

²³ The LORD makes firm the steps
of the one who delights in him;
²⁴ though he may stumble, he will not fall,
for the LORD upholds him with his hand.

BAPTISMAL PRAYER PASTORAL 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.



CHRIST HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus

*August Heinrich Hoffmann von Fallersleben, Joseph August Seiss.
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Fairest Lord Jesus! ruler of all nature!
O Thou of God and man the Son!
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Oh my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows; fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine.

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.

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

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 that we can follow-up with you.



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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.



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



DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*Thomas Ken.
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The word "doxology" comes from the Greek translation of the Old Testament word for worship. Throughout our service, we respond to the gospel of God's grace with songs of praise!

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.



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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts,
As we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen.



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.

Revelation 2:8-11 (ESV)

⁸ "To the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again. ⁹ I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

¹⁰ Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

¹¹ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.

PREACHER
ALL

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

Revelation: A Picture Book For Our Present Conflict
A Sermon for Heavy-Hearted People



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.

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.

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

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*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*

CALL TO REPENTANCE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, rich in mercy to all those who call upon You; hear us as we confess our sins and implore Your forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life; through the merit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

2 Corinthians 8:9

⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION



HYMN AT THE TABLE

Let us love and sing and wonder,
Let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame;
He has washed us with his blood,
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us,
Pitied us when enemies,
Called us by his grace, and taught us,
Gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with his blood,
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation
Threaten hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqueror's crown;
He who washed us with his blood,
Soon will bring us home to God.

Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

John Newton.
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Let us wonder; grace and justice
Join, and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is,
Justice smiles, and asks no more:
He who washed us with his blood,
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted him before us,
Now their praises fill the sky:
"You have washed us with your blood;
You are worthy, Lamb of God!"

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

Blessed Assurance

Jaywan Maxwell, Michael Farren, Nathan Singh, Rhyan Shirley.
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All my attempts to be satisfied were vain and empty
Until the moment You rescued me and your love filled me
My soul sings; Now my soul sings

*What blessed assurance
I've found in You, I've found in You
I won't be shaken I will not be moved
How steadfast your strong hand
Is keeping me, is keeping me
I won't be shaken I will not be moved
Oh blessed assurance*

No other love that I've ever known compares to You, God
No other love that I've ever found has done what you've done
My soul sings; Now my soul sings

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

BUILDING MAP

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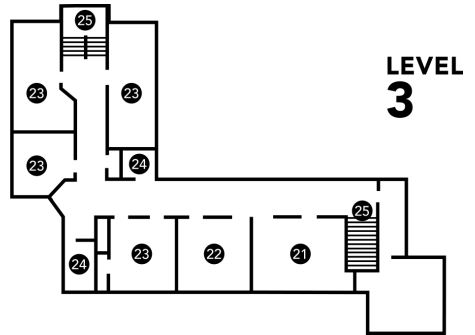
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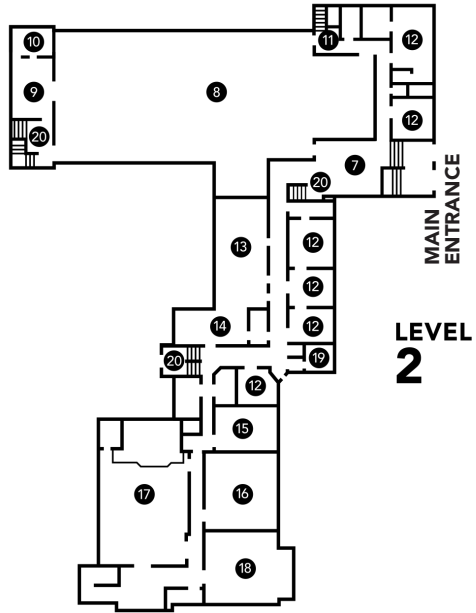
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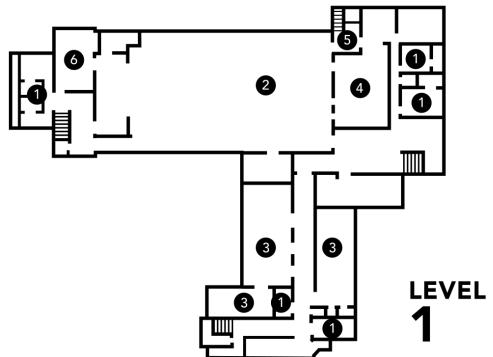
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- 2 GATHERING PLACE
- 3 NC KIDS
- 4 KITCHEN
- 5 ELEVATOR
- 6 BACKSTAGE ROOM



LEVEL 3



LEVEL 2



LEVEL 1

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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.



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**



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!

