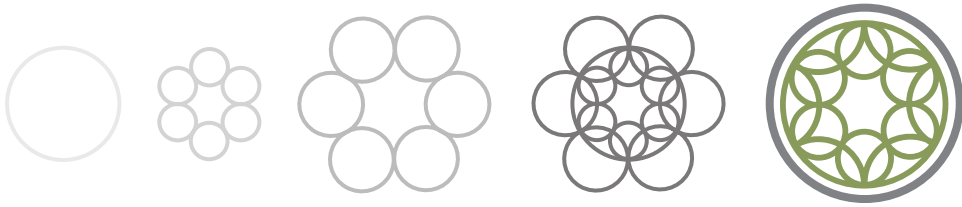




NEW CITY
presbyterian church

SEPTEMBER 10, 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 in that of those around us.

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

- ¹ Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
² sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!
³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! [...]"
⁵ Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

From Psalm 66:1-5

GATHERING HYMN

Come praise and glorify our God, the Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heavenly realms, His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight, He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through His Son eternally

To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves

Come praise and glorify our God, who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away, redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us, the mystery of His will
That Christ should be the head of all, His purpose to fulfill

Come praise and glorify our God, for we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal, the Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope, until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise, to God, the Three-in-One

Come Praise And Glorify

Tim Chester, Bob Kauffin.
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True worship is biblical worship. Throughout our worship service, we read, pray, and sing the words of Scripture.

The Prayer of Invocation is a humble yet earnest calling upon God to reveal Himself and bless us as we gather to worship.



READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 133

A SONG OF ASCENTS. OF DAVID.

¹ Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!

² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!

³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF TRUST

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

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

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love

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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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.

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Text dollar amount (e.g.: \$50) to 843-21

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scanning the QR code.

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OFFERTORY HYMN

How Rich A Treasure We Possess

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa.

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How rich a treasure we possess in Jesus Christ our Lord
His blood our ransom and defense, His glory our reward
The sum of all created things is worthless in compare
For our inheritance is Him, whose praise angels declare

How free and costly was the love displayed upon the cross
While we were dead in untold sin the Sovereign purchased us
The will of God the Father demonstrated through the Son
The Spirit seals the greatest work; the work which Christ has done

*For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory
Yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, Amen*

How vast and measureless the flood of mercy unrestrained
The penalty was paid in full, the spotless Lamb was slain
Salvation what a priceless gift received by grace through faith
We stand in robes of righteousness; we stand in Jesus' Name

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 we can follow-up with you.



PASTORAL INSTALLATION

This morning, Rev. Thomas Knox Myrick is being installed as Senior Pastor at New City Presbyterian Church. Thomas is a graduate of Westminster Seminary California. He has faithfully served in pastoral ministry at Fourth Presbyterian Church (EPC) in Bethesda, MD since 2012 – first as Pastoral Intern and then as Associate Pastor upon his ordination in 2016. The Great Lakes Presbytery has examined him and approved the transfer of his credentials into the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

Commission of the Great Lakes Presbytery to install Rev. Thomas Knox Myrick:

Teaching Elders:

Rev. Walter Lorenz – Pastor at Large, Great Lakes Presbytery

Rev. Matt Luchenbill – New City Presbyterian Church

Ruling Elders:

Randall MacArthur – Knox Presbyterian Church, Harrison Twp., MI

Jay Quint – Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Detroit, MI

Jeff Ammons, Scott Cairo, Oliver Jeromin, Mark Krieg, and Ken Reynolds – New City Presbyterian Church

QUESTIONS TO THE MINISTER

Are you now willing to take charge of this congregation as their Senior Pastor, agreeable to your declaration in accepting its call?

Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that, in taking upon you this charge, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church?

Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of a pastor to this congregation, and will be careful to maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a minister of the Gospel of Christ, agreeable to your ordination engagements?

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you, the people of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive Rev. Thomas Myrick, whom you have called to be your Senior Pastor?

Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love, and to submit to him in the due exercise of discipline?

Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?

Do you engage to continue to him while he is your pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

PRAYERS FOR THE MINISTER

Elders Mark Krieg &
Oliver Jeromin

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

WORDS OF DECLARATION

Elder Ken Reynolds

CHARGE TO THE MINISTER

Rev. Walter Lorenz

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Rev. Matt Luchenbill



DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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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.

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

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.

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.



PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Ephesians 4:4-16 (ESV)

⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

⁹ (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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.

Gifts of the Ascended Christ

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

Eternal and Gracious Father, we confess that we have allowed ourselves to be swayed by various philosophies and cultural tendencies, rather than resolving to be anchored in Your truth and love. We have often been lured by the cunning and deceit of this world, and even by our own hearts, and we have lacked the courage to stand firm in the faith and spiritual blessings You have gifted us. Forgive us, O Lord, and help us to cling to Jesus, and rely on the Holy Spirit's sanctifying work in us as we are equipped to support and uplift each other in truth, to strengthen our bonds in love, to exercise our faith, and to grow into the stature of Christ, in whose saving 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

2 Corinthians 5:17, 21

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. [...] ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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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

Feed us, Lord
Feed us, Lord
In the broken bread, be revealed again
Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.

Quench us, Lord.
Quench us, Lord
On this thirsty ground, may Your love flow down
Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.

Fill us, Lord
Fill us, Lord
With the bread and wine of the risen Christ,
Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.

Lead us, Lord
Lead us, Lord
Nourished here by Christ; given strength for life
Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

Feed us, Lord
Quench us, Lord
With the bread and wine of the risen Christ,
Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

Feed Us, Lord

Greg Scheer.

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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

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.

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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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.



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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!