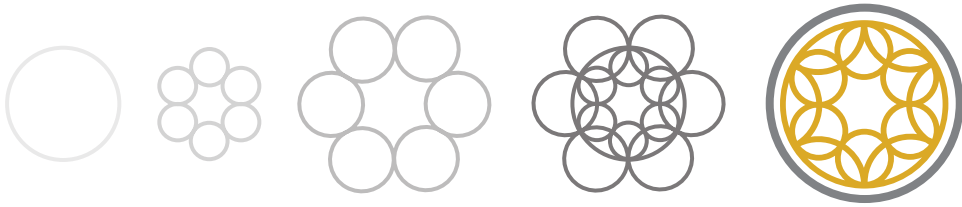




NEW CITY
presbyterian church

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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 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

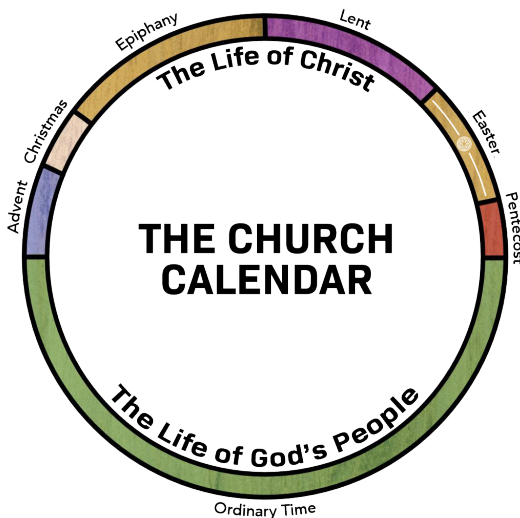
LITURGY FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

As we gather to worship this morning, take a moment to reflect on the significance of our current liturgical season, as a way to prepare for our encounter with the living God.

WORD ON WORSHIP

Easter tide

Beginning with Easter Sunday, this season lasts seven weeks. It is marked by two main events: first and foremost the resurrection of Christ and then the ascension of Christ. A season of joy and hope, it is a time to celebrate these events and their implications for the Christian life, from being dead in our sin and raised with Jesus to our future hope of resurrected bodies and a new heaven and a new earth. As we remember and rejoice in the Resurrection, our eternal hope in Jesus is made anew. Easter, a story of hope and victory, runs contrary to the false stories of our world that would make us believe that there is no hope, that there is nothing more than this life. The stories of secularism and cynicism that run rampant in our culture shape us and jade us, robbing us of joy and belief in the miraculous. Easter, though, weaves back into our lives the one true story of the Bible—that Jesus was crucified, dead and buried but, on the third day, rose again. As we enter this story, remembering our future hope in Christ and our miracle-filled, supernatural faith, we are reshaped and reformed to be the hopeful, joyful, spiritual people that God has called us to be as His sons and daughters.



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.

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 146:5-10

⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,
⁶ who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;
⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;
⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.
⁹ The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations.
Praise the LORD!



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GATHERING HYMN

Praise To The Lord The Almighty

*Joachim Neander, Tr. Catherine Winkworth.
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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 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.

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

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.

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Kings 5:8-14

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.



HYMN OF FAITH

Begone Unbelief

*John Newton.
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Begone unbelief, my Savior is near, and for my relief will surely appear:
By faith let me wrestle, with God in the storm
And help me my Savior, the faith to adorn,
And help me my Savior, the faith to adorn.

Though dark be my way, since He is my guide, 'tis mine to obey, and His to provide;
Though cisterns be broken, and creatures all fail,
The Word he has spoken will surely prevail,
The Word he has spoken will surely prevail.

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/// Begone unbelief, the Savior is here ///
Though cisterns be broken and creatures all fail,
The Word he has spoken will surely prevail,
The Word he has spoken will surely prevail.

Why should I complain, of want or distress, temptation or pain? He told me no less.
The heirs of salvation, I know from his word,
Through much tribulation must follow their Lord,
Through much tribulation must follow their Lord.

Since all that I meet will work for my good, the bitter is sweet, the medicine food;
Though painful at present, will cease before long,
And then, O how glorious, the Conqueror's song,
And then, O how glorious, the Conqueror's song!

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Ken Reynolds

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

FOR TEXT & ONLINE GIVING

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

Give online through Church Center by scanning the QR code.

Alternatively, A dropbox is available in the Welcome Area for cash or check offerings.



The Offertory accompanies the giving of Tithes & Offerings with the purpose of guiding our minds and hearts as we continue in worship.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Amazing Grace

John Newton.

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Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Then when we've first begun.

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.

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

John 9:1-12 (ESV)

¹ As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ² And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷ and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰ So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹ He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." ¹² They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

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.

SERMON SERIES

The Gospel Of John

Rev. Tommy Myrick



"Siloam, Spit, & Sight"

APR 14

John 9:1-12
"Siloam, Spit, & Sight"

APR 21

John 9:13-41
"The Aggravating Truth"

APR 28

John 10:1-10
"I Am The Door Of The
Sheep"

MAY 5

John 10:11-21
"I Am The Good Shepherd"

MAY 12

John 10:22-42
"I And The Father Are One"

MAY 19

John 11:1-16
"Lazarus Has Fallen Asleep"

MAY 26

John 11:17-27
"I Am The Resurrection
And The Life"





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.



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession Of Faith, Ch. XIVb

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, along with biblical confessions.

By the grace of faith, a Christian believes to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word, for the authority of God himself speaking therein; and acts differently upon that which each particular passage thereof contains; yielding obedience to the commands, trembling at the threatenings, and embracing the promises of God for this life and that which is to come. But the principal acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.

The Call To Repentance is an invitation to privately examine and prepare our hearts to confess our sins.

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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.

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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.

CALL TO REPENTANCE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, prompted by Your Word we confess our spiritual blindness; We have chosen to suppress Your truth, we have walked in darkness, we have overlooked the needs of our neighbors, and in choosing self-reliance over Your guiding light, we have also strayed. Forgive our neglect, Lord, and illuminate our hearts. Grant us the courage to embrace Your truth, even as it reveals our sin, that it may be confessed and forgiven. Clothe us in Your righteousness, empower us to reflect Your holiness, and may we rejoice as we live to proclaim our hope in Christ. May our lives bear witness to His light and freedom, by which we make our prayer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 1:18

¹⁸ Come now, let us reason together,' says the LORD: 'though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

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.**

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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

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**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

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom, And Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, Nor man's empty praise
Thou my inheritance now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, My Treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

Be Thou My Vision

Mary E. Byrne, Eleanor H. Hull.
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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.

BENEDICTION

NEW CITY NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



PRAYER TIME

Our Sunday morning time of prayer will be moved to the Garden Room for the weeks of April 14 and 21.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All New City Women are warmly invited to embark on an enlightening expedition into the heart of deliverance and divine devotion as displayed in the book of Exodus. Together, we are exploring the timeless truths and enduring love of God that resonate through the Scripture, drawing closer to understanding how the exodus foreshadows the ultimate redemption brought forth in Christ.



NC KIDS' SUMMER NIGHTS

During the Summer months (May-Aug), on select Fridays from 5-8pm, our NC Kids will become olympiads training to grow in Christlikeness by strengthening their grip on the truths of the gospel! All children grades K-5th, are invited to join us for these Summer Nights for games, activities, songs, teaching, and a pizza dinner. Scan QR Code for more information and registration – *Volunteers, please register too!*



FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund Contributions as of 4/11/24	\$ 191,639
General Fund 2024 Annual Budget	\$ 822,186
Mortgage Balance as of 4/11/24	\$ 211,586

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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.



CHURCH CENTER

Church Center is our hub for all things New City. From knowing what's happening next, to signing up for an event or small group, to requesting baptism or prayer, to online giving, all your next steps for getting involved at New City are there at **newcitypc.churchcenter.com**



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!