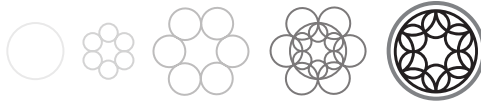


NEW CITY
presbyterian church

**THE LORD'S DAY:
SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025**



WELCOME TO NEW CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are grateful to have you with us as we worship God today. This bulletin is intended to help guide you through the elements of our worship service, including explanations of why we do what we do in corporate worship. We invite you to prepare your heart to come into the presence of our Triune God.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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 96:7-9

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!



GATHERING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Immortal, invisible, God only wise
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love

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



NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 1:1-4

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

HYMN OF GLORY

○ Worship The King

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O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space.
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn You above,
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall lisp to Your praise.

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 & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Scott Cairo

Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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

Praise His Name (Psalm 148)

Marc Willerton, Nathan Stiff.
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Reaches of heaven, starry heights
Lights of the evening dancing in silent skies
Brilliance of morning, breaking day
O let them praise Him, praise His name

*O praise His name, O praise His name
Let all His wondrous works declare His praise*

Mightiest mountains, peaceful plains
Snowfall and fire, thundering ocean waves
Kings and their kingdoms, age to age
O let them praise Him, praise His name

King enthroned in majesty, all things made by His decree
Hear creation’s melody, “Praise Him! Praise Him!”
Everything with life and breath, everywhere from east to west
Every heart raised from the dead, praise Him, praise Him
Angels echo the refrain, “Jesus, Lamb for sinners slain!”
Name above all other names, praise Him

Preschool-age children are welcome to stay in the Sanctuary with their parents, or will be invited forward at this time for a prayer and dismissal to Kids' Bible Time.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER & DISMISSAL



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

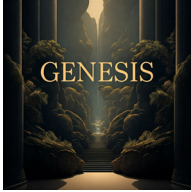


THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Genesis 1:1-2 (ESV)

¹ In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

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.



JANUARY 5

Genesis 1:1-2

"In The Beginning, God"

JANUARY 12

Genesis 1:3-5

"And God Said"

JANUARY 19

Genesis 1:6-25

"A Good Creation"

JANUARY 26

Genesis 1:26-31

"The Uniqueness of Man"

FEBRUARY 2

Genesis 2:1-3

"The Sabbath Day"

FEBRUARY 9

Genesis 2:4-9

"From The Dust Of The
Ground"

FEBRUARY 16

Genesis 2:10-17

"Adam, Do This"

FEBRUARY 23

Genesis 2:18-25

"The First Wedding"

Sermon Discussion Questions

- 1.** As we begin a new sermon series in the Book of Genesis, what are your general impressions of the book? Is there anything in particular that you are looking forward to hearing and studying?
- 2.** What does it mean, to you, that God dwells outside creation and exists "unto himself"?
- 3.** Where is Jesus in Genesis 1:1-2?
- 4.** Consider together several implications from Genesis 1:1-2 for the Christian life. How is it a "prologue" to the law and the gospel? In what ways does it lay the foundations for everything else that follows? How might it be helpful for us as a church to go back to the beginning?



DOXOLOGY

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!

Glory be to the Father,
Glory be to the Son,
Glory be to the Spirit; Three in One.
As it was in the beginning
It will be forever.
Amen, amen, amen.

Gloria Patri
Anonymous.
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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

- Q.** What do you believe when you say, 'I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?'
- A.** That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and all that is in them, and who still upholds and governs them by His eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ the Son.

Heidelberg Catechism, Q.26

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

Heavenly Father, Maker of all that is seen and unseen, we confess our pride and ingratitude. Though You spoke the universe into existence, we often live as though we sustain ourselves. Forgive us for trusting in created things rather than the Creator; Forgive our idolatry, when we have exalted ourselves, our possessions, and our desires above You; We have not honored Your holiness, nor have we loved You with our whole hearts, and we repent. Lord, meet us with Your mercy and turn our eyes to Christ, in whom we find our being, our cleansing, and restoration. We pray in His saving name alone, Amen.

We take a moment to search our hearts and confess specific ways we have offended God and transgressed His Holy Law

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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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 PARDON

2 Corinthians 5:17

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

"Our Lord Jesus, on the night that he was betrayed, instituted the sacrament of his body and blood, called the Lord's Supper, to be observed in his church, unto the end of the world, for the perpetual remembrance of the sacrifice of himself in his death; the sealing all benefits thereof unto true believers, their spiritual nourishment and growth in him, their further engagement in and to all duties which they owe unto him; and, to be a bond and pledge of their communion with him, and with each other, as members of his mystical body.

In this sacrament, Christ is not offered up to his Father; nor any real sacrifice made at all, for remission of sins of the living or dead; but only a commemoration of that one offering up of himself, by himself, upon the cross, once for all: and a spiritual oblation of all possible praise unto God, the alone propitiation for all the sins of his elect.

The Lord Jesus hath, in this ordinance, appointed his ministers to declare his word of institution to the people; to pray, and bless the elements of bread and wine, and thereby to set them apart from a common to an holy use; and to take and break the bread, to take the cup, and (they communicating also themselves) to give both to the communicants; but to none who are not then present in the congregation."

Westminster Confession of Faith 29.1-3

We welcome all who trust in Jesus Christ for salvation and are members of a local church to partake of the Lord's Supper. We ask that children refrain from taking communion until they have met with the elders to make a profession of faith in order to be admitted to the table.

You will be directed to one of the four stations in our sanctuary where you will receive the bread and the wine or juice. Gluten-free crackers are available. Please take both elements back to your place so that we may all partake together as one body in communion with 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

HYMN AT THE TABLE

O Fount Of Love

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa.

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O Fount of love divine that flows
from my Savior's bleeding side
Where sinners trade their filthy rags
for His righteousness applied
Mercy cleansing every stain
now rushing over us like a flood
There the wretch and vilest ones
stand adopted through His blood

O well of joy is mine to drink,
for my Lord hath conquered death
Victorious forevermore,
the ancient foe is laid to rest
Hallelujah, Christ is King!
Alive and reigning on the throne!
Our tongues employed with hymns of praise,
"glory be to God alone!"

O mount of grace, to Thee we cling,
from the law hath set us free
Once and for all on Calvary's hill,
love and justice shall agree
Praise the Lord! The price is paid,
the curse defeated by the Lamb
We who once were slaves by birth,
sons and daughters now we stand

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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.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We praise the Lord and
thank Him for His provision
in Christ and the means by
which we encounter Him
and are strengthened by His
sanctifying presence.



SENDING HYMN

All Glory Be To Christ

Dustin Kensrue.

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Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn; all glory be to Christ

*All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ*

His will be done, His kingdom come on earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet all glory be to Christ

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful, and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light
And we shall ever his people be, all glory be to Christ

BENEDICTION

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



WINTER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – THE LORD’S PRAYER

Beginning on Sunday, January 19th at 9 am, we will once again have a combined Winter Adult Sunday School Class in the Gathering Place taught by Pastor Tommy. (Students in middle and high school are encouraged to attend as well.) Our topic will be “The Lord’s Prayer.” If we’re honest, all of us struggle in prayer. Perhaps we’re not quite sure how to begin or what to say. The Lord Jesus knows that we need help, so in Matthew 6 he himself teaches all his disciples how to pray. English Puritan Thomas Watson (1620-1686) once wrote “The Lord’s Prayer is a heap of massive gold, not a vain repetition, but a model of supplication.” If you want to grow in your prayer life, then we invite you to come study with us and discover the riches of Christ in prayer.



2024 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

We praise God for providing financially for our church through your faithful giving.

2024 General Fund	\$ 822,186
2024 General Fund Giving	\$ 769,517
Mortgage Balance	\$ 57,268



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New City exists to be a church in awe of God, made new by the gospel, for the sake of all people.

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PRAYER

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