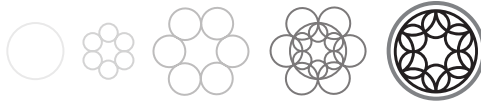


**NEW CITY**  
presbyterian church

**THE LORD'S DAY:  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024**





## 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.

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# 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

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Isaiah 25:6-9

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

<sup>7</sup> And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.

<sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day,  
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.  
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."



## GATHERING HYMN

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Resurrection Hymn  
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See, what a morning, gloriously bright  
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem  
Folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light  
as the angels announce Christ is risen!  
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead

See Mary weeping, "Where is he laid"?  
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;  
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
Will sound till he appears, For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty  
Honour and blessing, glory and praise  
to the King crowned with power and authority!  
And we are raised with Him, death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;  
And we shall reign with Him for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

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Hosea 6:1-3

<sup>1</sup> "Come, let us return to the LORD;  
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;  
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.  
<sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.  
<sup>3</sup> Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;  
his going out is sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us as the showers,  
as the spring rains that water the earth."

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



## HYMN OF PRAISE

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### I Want To Know You

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I've tried in vain a thousand ways  
My fears to quell, my hopes to raise  
But what I need, Your word has said  
Is ever, only, Jesus

You died, you live, you reign, you plead  
There's love in all your words and deeds  
This weary heart finds all it needs  
In ever, only, Jesus

*I want to know you, Jesus my Lord  
King of the Heavens, King of my soul  
I trade my treasure and all my rewards  
Jesus to know you, then know you more*

Though some should curse me for your name  
I have no fear, I have no shame  
You stand with me for all my days  
My ever, only, Jesus

Like wave after wave on the ocean  
Like all of the sand on the shore  
Your beauty and glory are endless  
O Jesus I must know you more

## PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Ken Reynolds

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.

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.

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

Come let us return  
He has torn us into pieces  
He has injured us  
Come let us return to the Lord  
  
He will heal us  
He will bandage our wounds  
In just a short time He'll restore us  
In just a short time He'll restore His Church  
  
So we might live  
We might live in His presence  
In His presence  
  
Oh that we might know the Lord  
Oh that we might know the Lord  
Oh that we might know the Lord  
Let us press on to know Him  
Let us press hard into Him  
Then as surely as the coming of the dawn  
He will respond

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

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Hosea

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# 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.

## John 20:1-18 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup> So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to their homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup> And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup> Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.



**"Jesus Appears To Mary"**

**NOVEMBER 10**

John 20:1-18

"Jesus Appears to Mary"

**NOVEMBER 17**

John 20:19-31

"Jesus Appears to the Disciples"

**NOVEMBER 24**

John 21

"Déjà Vu"

*ADVENT SERIES:*  
**"THE CANTICLES OF CHRISTMAS"**

**DECEMBER 1**

Luke 1:46-55

"The Magnificat"

**DECEMBER 8**

Luke 1:68-79

"The Benedictus"

**DECEMBER 15**

Luke 2:14

"The Gloria In Excelsis"

**DECEMBER 22**

Luke 2:29-32

"The Nunc Dimittis"

**DECEMBER 24**

Luke 1:46-55

"Te Deum Laudamos"

**DECEMBER 29**

Revelation 15:3-4

"The Song Of Moses  
And Of The Lamb"



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## Sermon Discussion Questions

- 1)** Jesus' grave clothes were folded (v. 7) compared to Lazarus', which were still on him (11:44). What is this meant to tell us about Jesus' resurrection?
- 2)** Must someone believe in the physical, bodily resurrection of Jesus in order to be saved? See also Rom. 10:9, 1 Cor. 15:12-22.
- 3)** What does the bodily resurrection of Christ prove? See also WLC Q&A 52 (lists multiple things).
- 4)** Had the disciples and Mary been told that Jesus would rise from the dead? If so, why didn't they understand (vv. 9, 13)? In our lives, what are ways that we fail to understand the resurrection of Christ or its significance? See also Col. 3:1-4, Rom. 6:5-11.



## DOXOLOGY

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Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow  
*Thomas Ken. 1551, Public Domain*

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

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Westminster Confession of Faith, Article, 8.4

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.

This office [of mediator and surety] the Lord Jesus did most willingly undertake; which that He might discharge, He was made under the law, and did perfectly fulfill it; endured most grievous torments immediately in His soul, and most painful sufferings in His body; was crucified, and died, was buried, and remained under the power of death, yet saw no corruption. On the third day He arose from the dead, with the same body in which He suffered, with which also He ascended into heaven, and there sitteth at the right hand of His Father, making intercession, and shall return, to judge men and angels, at the end of the world.

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

## CALL TO REPENTANCE

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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.

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, we come before You acknowledging our unbelief, our self-deception, and our lack of faith. We have failed to trust Your promises. We have allowed our skepticism to fuel our thoughts and actions. Our eyes have been blinded, and our hearts have become calloused, preventing us to believe in Your empty tomb, and live in such reality. Forgive us for our lack of faith and for relying on our own understanding. Help us to hear Your voice and respond to Your call. By the power of Your Spirit, Renew our hearts and minds, that we may embrace the hope of the resurrection and live in the light of Your everlasting grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, we pray. 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

Romans 4:23-25

<sup>23</sup> But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for [Abraham's] sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, <sup>25</sup> who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

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# 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

## MINISTER

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**

Arise My Soul, Arise (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****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.

**MINISTER****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.



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## SENDING HYMN

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### In Christ Alone

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In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This Gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid: Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death; This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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## 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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# NEW CITY NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



## 2024 NOMINATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Session of New City Presbyterian Church invites all communicant members to prayerfully consider and nominate fellow church members for the office of elder or deacon, and make recommendations for commissioned assistants to the deacons.

**Please submit your nominations and recommendations before December 1st.**



## DECK THE HALLS

On **Sunday, November 24th**, following our worship service, join the New City staff for a quick lunch and a time of preparing and decorating our church building for the Advent and Christmas seasons!



## NC WOMEN'S COOKIES & CAROLS

All New City Women are invited to gather for an evening of embracing the joy and wonder of Christmas at our Cookies & Carols event on **December 3rd, from 6:30-8:30pm**. Come and enjoy singing the dear carols that shape our heart with the truth of Christ's incarnation; bake, share, and taste some delicious cookies; and enjoy this sweet time to connect with other women in our church family. This is a great way to kick off the Advent and Christmas seasons together! Sign up by scanning the QR Code.



## ADVENT SEASON – SAVE THE DATES:

December 15th, 9am – NC Kids' Christmas Program

December 24th, 5pm – Christmas Eve Worship Service



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund Contributions as of 10/16/24           \$ 575,161

General Fund 2024 Annual Budget                   \$ 822,186

Mortgage Balance as of 10/16/24                   \$ 107,707



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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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### VISITORS & GUESTS

If you are new to New City, we would love to be able to welcome you personally. 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

To access our calendar, register for events, join a small group, request prayer, schedule a baptism, give online, or access the membership directory, download our app at [newcitypc.churchcenter.com](http://newcitypc.churchcenter.com).



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### PRAYER

If you would like to share a prayer request with the elders and prayer team, please scan this QR code to share it with us. It would be our privilege to pray with you and for you.

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