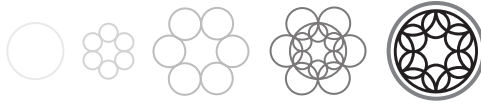


NEW CITY
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**THE LORD'S DAY:
SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024**



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.

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

Pslam 36:5-9

⁵Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
your judgments are like the great deep;
man and beast you save, O LORD.

⁷How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

⁸They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.

GATHERING HYMN

Are you thirsty, are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Tired and broken, peace unspoken,
Rest beside these living waters.

Christ is calling, find refreshing,
At the cross of living waters.
Lay your life down, all the old gone,
Rise up in these living waters.

*There's a river that flows with mercy and love,
Bringing joy to the city of our God.
There our hope is secure do not fear anymore,
Praise the Lord of living waters.*

Spirit moving, mercy washing,
Healing in these living waters.
Lead your children, to the shore line,
Life is in these living waters.

Are you thirsty, are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless,
Christ, He is our living waters.

Living Waters

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joel 2:23-29

²³ "Be glad, O children of Zion,
and rejoice in the LORD your God,
for he has given the early rain for your vindication;
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the latter rain, as before.

²⁴ "The threshing floors shall be full of grain;
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵ I will restore to you the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent among you.

²⁶ "You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I am the LORD your God and there is none else.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

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²⁸ "And it shall come to pass afterward,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

²⁹ Even on the male and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit.



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HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest,
And in our hearts take up Thy rest
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid
To fill our hearts which Thou hast made,
To fill our hearts which Thou hast made.

O Comforter, to Thee we cry,
Thou heavenly gift of God most high;
Thou fount of life, and fire of love,
And sweet anointing from above,
And sweet anointing from above.

*Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you,
Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you.*

Come Holy Spirit, through Thee alone,
Know we the Father and the Son;
Be this our firm unchanging creed,
That Thou dost from them both proceed,
That Thou dost from them both proceed.

Praise we the Lord, Father and Son,
And Holy Spirit with them one;
And may the Son on us bestow
All gifts that from the Spirit flow,
All gifts that from the Spirit flow.

Come, Holy Spirit, Creator Blest

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PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

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

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

OFFERTORY

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would gracious be;
and with words that help and heal
would Thy life in mine reveal;
and with actions bold and meek
would for Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would truthful be;
and with wisdom kind and clear
let Thy life in mine appear;
and with actions brotherly
speak my Lord's sincerity.

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

FOR TEXT & ONLINE GIVING

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

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



Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me

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Mighty Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would mighty be;
mighty so as to prevail
where unaided man must fail;
ever by a mighty hope
pressing on and bearing up.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would holy be;
separate from sin, I would
choose and cherish all things good,
and whatever I can be,
give to Him who gave me Thee!

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 14:15-31 (ESV)

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" ²³ Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.



"What Does The Holy Spirit Do?"

AUGUST 11

John 14:15-31

"What Does the Holy Spirit Do?"

AUGUST 18

John 15:1-11

"I am the True Vine"

AUGUST 25

John 15:12-17

"Who are Jesus' Friends?"





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

Galatians 4:4-7

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.

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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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CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our Father in Heaven, we humble ourselves before You in repentance, to confess our sins. We acknowledge our utter failure to keep Your commandments and hide Your word in our hearts, and thus we have failed to love You well. Lord, we have neglected the gifts of Your Word and Your Holy Spirit, choosing to follow our own desires instead of seeking and pursuing Your will. Naturally, we have become troubled and afraid, reactionary and impulsive, and often lacking peace. Forgive us, merciful Father, for our disobedience and self-reliance. Cleanse us from our sins and renew our hearts by Your Word and Spirit. Help us to walk in Your truth, and to live our lives in the peace Christ freely offers us. We put our hope and make our prayer in His holy and righteous name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalms 32:1-5

¹ Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

² Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit [...]

⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin..

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.

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

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HYMN AT THE TABLE

His Mercy Is More

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What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

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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

The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on the solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

*Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save faithful in love
My debt is paid, and the victory won
The Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flow'rs each promise of His word
When winter fades, I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting, times of need
When I know loss, when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days
The Lord is my Salvation

*Glory be to God, the Father
Glory be to God, the Son
Glory be to God, the Spirit
The Lord is our Salvation*

The Lord Is My Salvation

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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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Starting today, children participating in Kids' Bible Time will be coming forward for prayer, and KBT leaders will be waiting for them at the Sanctuary exit doors to take them to their classes.

We would like to remind parents that if your children need to expend some energy or just become unsettled during worship, you can make use of the Gathering Place where audio from the worship service will be available.



PASTORAL INTERN, ALEX KIESS' LAST DAY

Today is Alex Kiess' last Sunday with us. The elders express our gratitude for the many ways that Alex has humbly and passionately served our congregation this summer. Please pray for Alex as he returns to Westminster Seminary California to begin his final year of Masters of Divinity studies.



NEW CITY CHURCH PICNIC SIGN-UP

On **August 25th**, immediately following our worship service, everyone is invited to bring their lawn chairs and picnic blankets to enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship. We'll have bouncy houses for the kids, and some live music to enjoy! The church will provide hotdogs and burgers, and ***we are asking people to sign up to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share.*** In addition to bringing something to share, ***please consider serving for setup and cleanup!*** Don't miss this opportunity to relax, connect, and enjoy each other's company.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund Contributions as of 8/7/24 \$ 437,484

General Fund 2024 Annual Budget \$ 822,186

Mortgage Balance as of 8/7/24 \$ 136,122



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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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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.



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PRAYER

If you would like to share a prayer request with the elders or/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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