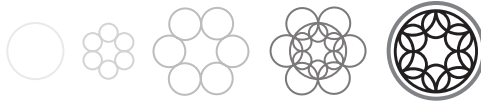


**NEW CITY**  
presbyterian church

**THE LORD'S DAY:  
SUNDAY, MAY 19, 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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Psalm 36:5-9

<sup>5</sup>Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

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

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

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

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

## GATHERING 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*

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## The Lord Is My Salvation

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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

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

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

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

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Daniel 12:1-3

<sup>1</sup> "At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. <sup>2</sup> And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup> And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

How bright these glorious spirits shine!  
Whence all their white array?  
How came they to the blissful seats  
of everlasting day?  
Lo! these are they from suff'rings great  
who came to realms of light!  
and in the blood of Christ have washed  
those robes which shine so bright.

Now, with triumphal palms, they stand  
before the throne on high,  
and serve the God they love, amidst  
the glories of the sky.  
His presence fills each heart with joy,  
tunes ev'ry mouth to sing:  
by day, by night, the sacred courts  
with glad hosannas ring.

*Receive our praise, from now till evermore  
For You alone are worthy, God of glory  
Jesus, Lord of Lords.*

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## How Bright These Glorious Spirits Shine

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Hunger and thirst are felt no more,  
nor suns with scorching ray;  
God is our sun, whose cheering beams  
diffuse eternal day.  
The Lamb which dwells amidst the throne  
shall o'er us still preside,  
feed us with nourishment divine,  
and all our footsteps guide.

'Mong pastures green he'll lead his flock  
where living streams appear;  
and God the Lord from ev'ry eye  
shall wipe off ev'ry tear.  
To him who sits upon the throne,  
the God whom we adore,  
and to the Lamb that once was slain,  
be glory evermore!

## 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.

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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.

## CHOIR OFFERTORY

Holy Spirit, living breath of God  
Breathe new life into my willing soul  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord  
To renew my heart and make me whole  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me  
Give me faith for what I cannot see  
Give me passion for Your purity  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit, come abide within  
May Your joy be seen in all I do  
Love enough to cover every sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude  
Kindness to the greatest and the least  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace  
Turn my strivings into works of grace  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do

## CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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.

### 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.



## Holy Spirit, Living Breath Of God

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Holy Spirit, from creation's birth  
Giving life to all that God has made  
Show Your power once again on earth  
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ  
Will be clear for all the world to see

I bind unto myself the Name  
The strong Name of the Trinity  
By the invocation of the same  
The Three in One and One in Three  
Of whom all nature hath creation  
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word  
Praise to the Lord of my salvation  
Salvation is of Christ, the Lord

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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 11:1-16 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup> Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup> So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." <sup>11</sup> After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." <sup>13</sup> Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, <sup>15</sup> and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup> So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."



**"Lazarus Has Fallen Asleep"**

**MAY 19**

John 11:1-16

"Lazarus Has Fallen Asleep"

**MAY 26**

John 11:17-27

"I Am The Resurrection  
And The Life"

**JUNE 2**

John 11:28-37

"Jesus Wept"

**JUNE 9**

John 11:38-44

"Lazarus, Come Out!"

**JUNE 16**

John 11:45-57

"The Plot And The Twist"

**JUNE 23**

John 12:1-19

"The Anointed One"

**JUNE 30**

John 12:20-43

"Sir, We Wish To See Jesus"







## DOXOLOGY

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Romans 11:33-36

*Javier Contesse*

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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!

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable are all of His judgments, inscrutable His ways!  
For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.  
And To Him be glory forever. Amen.



## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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Heidelberg Catechism, Q.42 & 43

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.** Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?
- A.** Our death does not pay the debt of our sins. Rather, it puts an end to our sinning and is our entrance into eternal life.
- Q.** What further benefit do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?
- A.** By Christ's power our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but that instead we may offer ourselves as a sacrifice of gratitude to him.

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

Almighty God, we confess that too often we live as though bound by the graveclothes of our sin, forgetting the power of Your resurrection. We have feared death, we have failed to embrace the promise of eternal life, and as a result we have faltered in our faith. We have failed to live as people of hope, we have become consumed by our troubles and afflictions, we have misconstrued reality or failed to see it in Your eyes, and we have rested in our ignorance. Forgive us our tendency to become oblivious to the assurance of our salvation, and the abundant life we enjoy in Christ. Empower us with your Spirit to run with hope and perseverance the race marked out for us, looking unto Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, in whose merciful name we trust and pray, Amen.

*MINISTER*

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

1 Corinthians 15:21-22

<sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

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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.

## MINISTER

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****Christ Our Hope In Life And Death**

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What is our hope in life and death?  
Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence?  
That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah!  
Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?  
God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?  
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord,  
Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy,  
When Christ is ours forevermore.

**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

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### We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

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We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the Lord our God  
We are not consumed by the flood  
Upheld protected gathered up

*We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more*

In the dark of night before the dawn  
My soul be not afraid  
For the promised morning oh how long  
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together bring shalom

## BENEDICTION

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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.

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# NEW CITY NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



## NC KIDS' SUMMER NIGHTS

Our first Kids' Summer Night is coming up! **Join us May 24th** (other dates posted on the registration) 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 games, activities, songs, teaching, and a pizza dinner. Scan QR Code for more information and registration

***Volunteer Meeting TODAY following worship service (Room 101)!***



## LANDSCAPE WORK DAY

Calling all green thumbs! We're seeking volunteers to help beautify our gardens in preparation for the upcoming Summer season on **Saturday, June 1st 9am-2pm**. Everyone is invited to participate, and we especially encourage families to join in on this fun and rewarding time of work and fellowship. *Please sign up by scanning the QR code!*



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund Contributions as of 5/15/24	\$ 253,227
General Fund 2024 Annual Budget	\$ 822,186
Mortgage Balance as of 5/15/24	\$ 205,313

# 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](https://newcitypc.churchcenter.com).



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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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