

Welcome to Christ Presbyterian Church of New Haven!

As a church committed to Greater New Haven, we hope to serve and reach both downtown New Haven and the surrounding edge towns. We believe that the gospel transcends all ethnic, social, and demographic boundaries. We are ambitious for the glory of God and aim to extend a Christ-centered gospel throughout Greater New Haven.



We want to connect with you so please take the time to fill out a Welcome Card located in the pews and place it in the offering basket or return it to the Welcome Table. You may also include a prayer request on the reverse side. Your requests are prayed for during the week. Also, visit the Welcome Table for a Welcome Brochure!



We value families worshipping together and welcome children of all ages to join us in worship at their parents' discretion (see the booklet "Together in God's Presence" at the children's ministry table). Childcare is available for parents who wish to take advantage of it. Look for this icon in the bulletin to know when to drop off and pick up your children. Supplementary children's sermon material is available in the foyer.



When parking on Sundays please reserve our parking lot for visitors, parents with small children, and those who need to park closer. Two Yale parking lots north of the church on Whitney Ave. are available to us also. Lot 16: Gibbs Lab at Whitney Ave. and Humphrey St., and the Whitney Ave. Garage located behind 221 Whitney Ave. For safety, exit our lot on the Bradley St. side only.



We highly recommend that you participate bodily in worship, however, when necessity or mercy requires, you may access a live stream video of our full service at cpcnewhaven.org/live. You may also view a recorded version or listen to our sermons at cpcnewhaven.org/sermons. We do believe that there is a mystical communion of Christ in heaven with the body of Christ on earth by the Holy Spirit when you participate in person in worship.

A Guide to Our Worship

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

As we enter into a service carefully patterned after the logic of the gospel and the ancient temple worship, we are invited into communion with God in Christ through his Holy Spirit. We will participate in the movements of worship - which are illustrated in Revelation 4-5 - as we praise God for who he is, fall to our knees as unworthy to be in his presence, receive the free reconciliation accomplished in Christ, and sing a “new” song. We are all personally invited to meet him as the Savior of sinners and gracious King of heaven and earth.

*After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven!
Revelation 4:1*

I: REDISCOVERING GOD’S GLORY

God’s desire initiates an invitation into His presence. Through worship, we rediscover the holy otherness of God in His glory revealed through creation and salvation.

And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here...At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne [...] And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures...and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

Revelation 4:1-2, 6-8

II: REDISCOVERING GOD’S GRACE

Entering God’s presence naturally leads us to face our sin, yet in Christ we do so both mournfully and courageously, with the knowledge that his abundant mercy awaits. God makes it safe to be honest, real, and transparent about our moral failures and brokenness because we have nothing to prove or hide in Christ.

Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals...“Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

Revelation 5:1-5

III: RENEWAL IN CHRIST'S WORD

The preaching of the Word of God is the Word of God, wherein it becomes the very Word of God proclaimed and received by the illumination of the Holy Spirit to believers. This is not a lecture based on a dead letter, or a self-help talk, but an encounter with the living God in the flesh of His people.

And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song...

Revelation 5:6-9

IV: RENEWAL IN CHRIST'S PRESENCE

In the Covenant Meal, we both remember the sacrificial life of Christ's atonement and partake of Christ's ascended presence by the Holy Spirit, wherein no extent of space separates us from the life-giving power of God. All Christians being united to Christ are united to each other in love and have communion in each other's gifts and graces.

...for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

Revelation 5:9b

V: RESTORED IN CHRIST'S SUPREMACY

From the throne of heaven, God's power and grace is with us. In reverence and awe, we worship an exalted King and receive a kingdom that cannot be shaken, going forth in his immeasurable power working within us.

...and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth. Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures... numbering myriads of myriads...saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

Revelation 5:10-13

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

MEDITATION

A time to quiet your heart and mind in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.

“We might say that the key to living in but not of the modern world lies in the recovery of the possibility of genuinely personal relationality, and thus in the recovery of our capacity for relating to the world, to others, and ultimately to God in such a way as not simply to reduce them all to objects potentially subject to our control.”

Craig Gay, The Way of the (Modern) World

“Pride gets no pleasure out of having something, only out of having more of it than the next person. We say that people are proud of being rich, or clever, or good-looking, but they are not. They are proud of being richer, or cleverer, or better-looking than others. If everyone else became equally rich, or clever, or good-looking there would be nothing to be proud about.”

C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

I. REDISCOVERING GOD’S GLORY

CALL TO WORSHIP: From Psalm 150

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

People: **Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!**

GOD WAS THERE

Chorus:
Alleluia, Alleluia,

Alleluia, Alleluia

When the winds of chaos blew,
When the world from nothing grew,
When the Primal dream came true, God was there.
When the earliest mortals talked,
When the virgin land was walked,
When emergent faith was rocked, God was there.
Chorus

While the tradesman was decried,
While the Savior was denied,
While His Son was crucified, God was there.
God was there but not in vain,
Shielding joy and sharing pain,
Raising life to live again, God was there!
Chorus

In each darkness, cloud, and fire,
In the quiet as words retire,
In our lost and best desires, God is there!
Not for what we are to do,
Not for what we've journeyed through,
But for all You call us to, God be there!
Chorus

COME AND REJOICE

Come with rejoicing, the Father is calling,
Those who would worship in spirit and truth;
Come with your singing, come with thanksgiving,
Jesus, our Savior, has made all things new.
Come and rejoice, O holy nation,
Come and sing praises to him;
Come and bow down, worship before him,
Jesus, the King of all Kings,
Jesus, the King of all Kings.

With the sound of the trumpet he summons the nations,

**Calling a priesthood to go in His name;
To show forth His power to this generation,
To worship before him, a kingdom of praise.
Chorus**

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II. REDISCOVERING GOD'S GRACE

THE GOSPEL SONG

**Holy God in love became,
Perfect Man to bear my blame.
On the cross He took my sin.
By His death I live again. (Three times)**

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Participants may kneel or lean forward.

Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others.

Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: "He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have

seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:10-14)

 *If so desired, during the next song is a good time for children to leave for childcare.*

THERE IS A REDEEMER

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus God's own son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.**

**Chorus: Thank you, oh, my Father, for giving us your son,
and leaving your spirit 'til the work on earth is done.**

**Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.**

Chorus

**When I stand in Glory, I will see his face;
There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.**

Chorus

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III. RENEWAL IN CHRIST'S WORD

Old Testament: Genesis 3:14-19

New Testament: Colossians 3:17-4:6 (sermon)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

SERMON

Christ in a World of Lords

Rev. Kevin Nelson

Colossians 3:17-4:6

¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. ²² Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. ²⁵ For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

² Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³ At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— ⁴ that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

⁵ Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. ⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

SERMON NOTES

Text your questions to 203-800-7689 and if comfortable please include your name. You may also view a recorded version of the service or subscribe to our sermon podcast at cpcnewhaven.org/sermons.

Takeaway: Society's pecking order encourages us to exert our lordship over everything: relationships, work, even family. We use others (by serving them or by making them serve us) in an effort to establish ourselves and gain self-worth, neglecting their good for our own. But, when Christ calls us to new life, he becomes Lord over all of it. If Christ is Lord over us and others, then we cannot make gods of others. If Christ is Lord over us and others, then we cannot be lord over them. Colossians challenges us to give up our efforts to use others and seek to please the one true Lord. In what ways do you manipulate others for your own advancement? Who do you serve (other than Christ) in order to be blessed?

MEDITATION

IV. RENEWAL IN CHRIST'S PRESENCE



During this time parents may retrieve their children to join them for worship. You may proceed directly to your seat from the nursery.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BRINGING OUR LIFE TO GOD: COLLECTION & PRAYERS

How would you like to experience the presence of Christ in your life right now? What are you anxious about? In order for your prayer requests to be shared with the congregation in a weekly email, please submit them using the prayer request cards and place in the offering basket, or email admin@cpcnewhaven.org.

Pray for David and Esther Taylor, Zach and Evan, through their move to Durham, NC.

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be
World without end, amen, amen.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

People: I believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ his Son. I believe that Jesus is the Son of God and saves us from our sins even as salvation cannot be found in anyone else; it is futile to look for any salvation elsewhere. I believe that the Holy Spirit is eternal God and that He has been given to me personally, so that, by true faith, He makes me share in Christ and all his blessings, comforts me, and remains with me forever.

RECEIVING AND PRAYING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

All Christians are invited to come forward to receive Christ's presence of bread and wine. For all Christians and non-communing participants desiring God's special intervention and blessing, gender-specific prayer teams are available during communion in the foyer. Please enter the Sanctuary for communion.

We serve wine in the Lord's Supper, believing it to be the Biblical element used. We provide grape juice for those who, out of conscience or reasons of health, do not partake of wine. Grape juice is in the outer rim. The communion bread is gluten free.

COMMUNION SONG: DRAW NIGH

**Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the Victim and Himself the Priest.**

**He that His saints in this world rules and shields
To all believers life eternal yields,
With heavenly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**

**Approach ye, then, with faithful hearts sincere
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Judge of all, our only Savior Thou,
In this Thy feast of love be with us now.**

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PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

Prayer for those searching: Oh God, I am discovering that the more I have, the more I need to have, the more I am loved, the more I need to be loved, the more I achieve, the more I need to achieve. Nothing seems to satisfy me. “Nothing tastes.” Could it be, as someone once said, that “Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee.” Dear God, if this is true, and if as the Bible teaches there is life and life eternal in Christ alone, please guide me to Him. Open me to the reality of the One who alone can satisfy my restless heart. Give me the courage to believe that which I cannot see but can understand, feel and touch through the Word, sacraments and church family. Lord I want to believe, please help me in my unbelief! Amen.

Prayer for belief: Lord God, I now see that I am weaker and more flawed than I ever before believed, but in Christ, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. Even as I have not loved You or my neighbor with all of my heart, You have shown Your love for me in that while I am still sinning, Christ died for me and took upon Himself the condemnation that I deserve. I now know that You owe me nothing for my efforts, but You offer acceptance, love and blessing into all eternity because of Christ’s efforts on my behalf. I therefore ask that You would enable me to turn away from trusting in my own efforts to gain Your acceptance and forgiveness, and trust in the perfectly righteous efforts of Christ on my behalf in order to be accepted by You and entered into Your holy family. And just as You raised Christ from the dead, so too I ask that You would give me a new life in Christ, one that will lead eventually to Heaven itself. Thank you for Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit to believe in Him alone for my salvation. And as You have called us to follow You in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in Your church, grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with Your people, and live in the fullness of Your Spirit. Amen.

V. RESTORED IN CHRIST’S SUPREMACY

DAYS OF ELIJAH

**These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice in the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord
Behold He comes riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call
So lift your voice it's the year of Jubilee**

And out of Zion's hill salvation comes

**And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord
Chorus**

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BENEDICTION

Leader: "May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us." (Psalm 67:1)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Final Summer Picnic Series This Thursday

Join us for our final picnic this summer on Thursday at 6pm. When you encounter the body of Christ, you truly experience Him! This picnic series offers a fun and relaxed way to connect your friends and neighbors to the church without a program or lecture. Bring your own blankets and chairs. Contact Patty to help (patty.gantenbein@comcast.net).

Men's B-3 Event Next Sunday 8/4

The men and boys of CPC are getting together for our summer men's event. We will have food, yard games, and fellowship. Don't miss this opportunity – also, invite your friends for a non-threatening time of great Christian fellowship, food and fun! Head to the Boyers' house after worship at 40 Maplewood Rd, New Haven.

Congregational Meeting Next Sunday 8/4

All members are called to attend this brief meeting next Sunday 8/4 following worship.

Join Us for a 2019-2020 Ministry Preview on 8/18 Before Sunday Funday

We invite everyone to join us on Sunday 8/18 after worship (and right before our Sunday Funday festivities) for a brief congregational meeting to preview our ministry plan for 2019-20.

See below for upcoming CPC Service Opportunities, don't let your spiritual gifts lay dormant!

BRIDGES OF HOPE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Mentors Needed for BOH's Tutoring and Mentor Program

The mentoring program exists to serve families in designated New Haven housing development by providing the youth a safe environment for homework, enrichment, and supportive relationships with Christian mentors. Bridges of Hope (bridgesnewhaven.org) is a collaborative of New Haven area churches whose mission is to mobilize and transform New Haven for the glory of God and the common good of its people. In partnership with New Haven Housing Authority. Opportunities to mentor:

- Mondays 5-7pm, Valley Street near West Rock
- Tuesday or Thursdays 5-7pm, Ross Woodward School near Exit 8
- **There are many spaces for men left to fill, the spaces for women are almost full**

Contact Kathy Jennings (kathy.jennings@bridgesnewhaven.org or 860-272-6667).

Would You Be Our CPC Liaison for BOH's "I Heart New Haven Day"?

Each year, Bridges of Hope members gather together to serve our city for our annual "I Heart New Haven Day"! This past year we contributed to over 70 service projects throughout New Haven with over 1,000 volunteers. CPC is looking for a representative from our church to join in pre-planning meetings with the other member church liaisons and to help us stay connected. Reach out to Annie for more info and to volunteer (annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org).

CPC SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Do You Know Video Editing or Would You Like to Learn?

The AV Team is seeking an individual (or individuals) who has a basic working knowledge of video editing (importing clips, trimming clips, adding transitions, adding titles, exporting) to join the team. If you have editing software that's great, but if not it can be provided (likely iMovie or Adobe Premiere). Or if this is a skill you've always wanted to learn, this is the perfect opportunity! Your skill will help CPC to become more video forward in communicating with the congregation, and help to produce course content from our live School of Discipleship classes. Contact Laura Rowe (justinlaurarowe@gmail.com).

Would You Like to Serve in Setting Up the Worship Experience?

2-3 Volunteers are needed for the Worship Administration team. Both services need extra people. Morning service volunteers set up the sanctuary and the Lord's supper for both services. They are also responsible for cleaning the sanctuary for the next service. Second service volunteers are responsible for cleaning up the sanctuary and cleaning and putting away the Lord's supper trays. Please contact Evan Finch (levanfinch@gmail.com), Gary Bach (gbach20@yahoo.com), or Barbara Battista (barbbattista@yahoo.com) if interested.

Jam Session August 14

The Music Team will be having an open jam session on August 14 from 6-8pm in the sanctuary. This is a great time for anyone thinking about joining the music team to sit in and play or sing with us. Bring your instrument and/or voice and make a joyful noise with us! We will be rediscovering old favorites and reading through some new songs on this night. Let Trevor and Emily (trevor.babb@cpcnewhaven.org & emily.boyer@cpcnewhaven.org) know if you'll attend.

Call for New Songs

Is there a song you love that you don't hear at CPC in our worship? Please send suggestions to Trevor and Emily (trevor.babb@cpcnewhaven.org and emily.boyer@cpcnewhaven.org). Song titles, artist names, and YouTube links are helpful. We are especially gathering new songs for our jam session on August 14, though we always welcome contributions from the congregation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our official calendar can be found at cpcnewhaven.org/calendar.

July 31 | **Wonderful Wed.: Shoreline Trolley Museum** | 11am | 17 River Street, East Haven
Let's meet at the Museum (shorelinetrolley.org) and ride a trolley! After that, if the weather is nice, bring a picnic and we'll drive to Lighthouse Point Park in New Haven. There is a park, beach and rocky beach to explore. As a preparation for the trolley, it might be fun to read "The Moffits" by Eleanor Estes with your children. There are many references to the trolley in the book, as the author is from New Haven! Contact Susan White at 214-406-7378 or susankeilwhite@gmail.com.

August 1 | **Summer Picnic Series** | Thursdays 7/11-8/1 | 6pm | CPC Lawn
See "highlights" for more info.

August 4 | **Men's B-3 Event** | After Worship | The Boyers (40 Maplewood Rd, New Haven)
See "highlights" for more info.

August 18 | **Sunday Funday** | After Worship | CPC Lawn
Join us for a cookout and "Sunday Funday" on the lawn following worship. This will be a wonderful afternoon of fun and fellowship, including games and grilling out (and a few surprises for the kids!). Feel free to invite friends and family. If you're interested in helping out with games, food, music, and logistics, get in touch with Cameron (cameron.costen@gmail.com). Bring blankets, lawn chairs, and favorite games.

MINISTRIES

Youth Group Crossroads: Last Sunday of the Month | 5pm | CPC Fellowship Hall

Crossroads Youth Group meets the last Sunday of each month to share food, fun, faith, and fellowship, for junior and senior high students. Contact aaron.rathbun@cpcnewhaven.org.

College Summer Group: Thursdays | 8pm | CPC Parlor

Summer is often a wonderful time to grow spiritually. We'll walk through a book of the Bible as we engage each other honestly, and with a view to life in college. Feel free to bring a friend!

Graduate & Young Professional Group: Mondays | 7pm | CPC Fellowship Hall

The graduate and young professional group meets every Monday at 7pm for study and prayer in the Fellowship Hall (use the rear entrance). Contact Marney (marney.walker@gmail.com).