

# 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](https://cpcnewhaven.org/live). You may also view a recorded version or listen to our sermons at [cpcnewhaven.org/sermons](https://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*

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# DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

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## MEDITATION

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

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## I. REDISCOVERING GOD'S GLORY

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### CALL TO WORSHIP: Revelation 5:11-14

Leader: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 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,

**People: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"**

Leader: And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

### AGNUS DEI

**Alleluia alleluia**

**For the Lord God Almighty reigns**

**Alleluia alleluia**

**For the Lord God Almighty reigns**

**Alleluia**

**Holy holy**

**Are You Lord God Almighty**

**Worthy is the Lamb**

**Worthy is the Lamb**

**You are holy holy  
Are You Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb  
Worthy is the Lamb  
Amen**

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**ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE**

**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.**

**Chorus:**

**Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise.  
Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise.  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.**

**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.**

**Chorus**

**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!**

**Chorus**

**My God is reconciled his pardning voice I hear.  
He owns me for his child I can no longer fear.  
With confidence I now draw nigh.  
With confidence I now draw nigh,**

**And “Father, Abba, Father!” cry.  
Chorus**

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## II. REDISCOVERING GOD’S GRACE

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JESUS CAST A LOOK ON ME

**Jesus cast a look on me, give me sweet simplicity.  
Make me poor and keep me low, seeking only Thee to know.**

**All that feeds my busy pride, cast it evermore aside.  
Bid my will to Thine submit, lay me humbly at Thy feet.**

**Make me like a little child, of my strength and wisdom spoiled.  
Seeing only in Thy light, walking only in Thy might.**

**Leaning on thy loving breast, where a weary soul can rest  
Feeling well the peace of God, flowing from his precious blood**

**In this posture let me live, and hosannas daily give  
In this temper let me die, and hosannas ever cry**

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### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Participants may kneel or lean forward.*

Eternal God, we confess that we have often failed to be an obedient church: we have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: “Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.” (Micah 7:18-19)

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

## FAITHFUL

**Faithful forever You are faithful  
Father to the fatherless  
You uphold the one who feels forsaken  
You are faithful God**

**Faithful forever You are faithful  
Lover of the wounded heart  
You defend the poor and the forgotten  
You are faithful God**

**And I will sing to the Maker of heaven and earth  
God You reign forever and Your love will endure  
Faithful and true is the name of the Lord  
You are faithful God**

**Faithful forever You are faithful  
Shelter for the fragile soul  
You lift us up You hold us all together  
You are faithful God**

**Chorus**

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# III. RENEWAL IN CHRIST'S WORD

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Old Testament: Genesis 17:1-7 (sermon)

New Testament: Romans 4:14-25

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## MEDITATION

## SERMON

### **Covenant Life Explored Part 1: The Means and Ends**

Rev. Preston Graham

Genesis 17:1-7

<sup>1</sup> When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup> that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." <sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup> "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup> And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

## **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](http://cpcnewhaven.org/sermons).*

## **MEDITATION**

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## IV. RENEWAL IN CHRIST'S PRESENCE

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*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](mailto:admin@cpcnewhaven.org).*

Leader: Gracious and loving Father,  
May your heavenly kingdom be established on earth,  
and may it reign over our hearts,  
by reconciling the nations unto yourself,  
and producing in us the fruit of charity and justice  
and a holy love for you our God,  
that we would be a harvest of righteousness  
when your Son comes to fulfill his kingdom.  
For this, O Lord, we pray

People: **In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ  
who is seated above every power and dominion,  
And by the power of the most Holy Spirit of God.  
Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pray for CPC's College Ministry to Yale, led by Craig Luekens.

Pray for The Heights Presbyterian Church in Shaker Heights, OH, a Global MA congregation dedicated to preaching the Word with vigor, praising God with passion, and serving their community with dignity.

Pray for Tyler and Laura Smith and their son Jack as they move to Atlanta.

## DOXOLOGY (#733)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

**Leader:** Christians, what do you believe?

**People:** **I believe that there is but one God only, the living and true God. And there are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. I believe that we are justified as an act of God's free grace, wherein he forgives all our sins and accepts us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us and received by faith alone, and that we have a right to all the privileges of a child of God. I believe that believers are being renewed in the whole person after the image of God and are enabled more and more to die unto sin and live unto righteousness, and at their death the souls of believers are made perfect in holiness and do immediately pass into glory, and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection, and that at such day we are made perfectly blessed in the full enjoyment of God to all eternity.**

(Taken from Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 5-6,  
33-38)

## RECEIVING AND PRAYING

*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: WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS (#261)**

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

**To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on!**

## **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.

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## V. RESTORED IN CHRIST'S SUPREMACY

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### O WORSHIP THE KING (#2)

**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.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail.  
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.**

### BENEDICTION

Leader: "Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come." (Revelation 1:4)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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# HIGHLIGHTS

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## **Congregational Meeting Today After Worship**

All members are called to attend this brief meeting today following worship. There will be an opportunity to review next year's budget and serving opportunities.

- If you have questions concerning the budget, elders will be up front following the meeting to answer them personally.
- Please review carefully the opportunities for service and contact the appropriate person by August 15.

## **Men's B-3 Event Today After the Brief Congregational Meeting**

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.

## **Grad/Pro Pool Party at the Graham's Tomorrow Monday 8/5 at 6:30pm**

You are invited to Preston and Lisa Graham's house. It will be a fun time of cooking out on the grill, enjoying the pool and hot tub, as well as talking about the vision for the graduate and young professional ministry for the upcoming year. **Please make an effort to come.** Even if you haven't been involved much, we would **love and value your input.** The Graham's address is 56 Roger Rd., New Haven.

## **Small Group Facilitators Meeting Next Sunday 8/11 Following Worship**

All community group and discipleship group facilitators are asked to join a meeting next Sunday 8/11 following worship in preparation for the coming year. If you are unable to attend, please make sure that a representative from your group can be there (such as an Outreach Coordinator or Mercy Coordinator - they are also invited to attend in addition to the facilitator).

## **Potluck to Celebrate Kevin and His Future Call with Us on Thursday 8/15 at 6pm**

Come out for an evening of celebration in honor of Associate Pastor Kevin Nelson as he prepares to accept a new call as Sr. Pastor in Gainesville, FL. Please bring entrees and sides to share that are ready-to-serve, and a memory or two, at our outdoor potluck.

## **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 2019-2020.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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*Our official calendar can be found at [cpcnewhaven.org/calendar](http://cpcnewhaven.org/calendar).*

**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](mailto:cameron.costen@gmail.com)). Bring blankets, lawn chairs, and favorite games.

**August 28 | Key Leader Kick-Off | 5:30pm | CPC Patio and Fellowship Hall**

All Key Leaders (Elders, WLB, SLB, Sunday School Teachers, Small Group Facilitators, Outreach Coordinators, Mercy Coordinators, Team Leaders, Staff) are invited to attend the Key Leader Kick-Off. We will fellowship over a catered dinner at 6:00pm, with a reception on the patio at 5:30pm.

# MINISTRIES

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**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](mailto: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**

We are heading to the Graham's house (56 Roger Rd) this Monday at 6:30pm for a pool party and vision conversation. The graduate and young professional group typically meets every Monday at 7pm for study and prayer in the Fellowship Hall (use the rear entrance). Contact Marney ([marney.walker@gmail.com](mailto:marney.walker@gmail.com)).

# ARE YOU NEW TO CPC OR NEW HAVEN?

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## **Visit the Welcome Bar**

Please visit our CPC Welcome Bar in the foyer for coffee and to pick up our welcome materials. Also, fill out a **Welcome Card**, located in each pew, and return it to the Welcome Bar or basket in the back of the sanctuary. You'll receive our weekly e-newsletter to stay up to date.

## **Join Us Online**

CPC uses Church Community Builder (CCB) to connect our congregation through groups, team serving schedules, and with a directory. To sign in, visit **cpcnewhaven.org** and click the link for CCB on the bottom left hand corner of the homepage.

## **Receive Our Weekly Newsletter**

Each week we send an e-newsletter out to the congregation with information regarding upcoming events, our Sunday Schedule, announcements, and other helpful links (to groups, Sunday Studies classes, etc). To sign up to receive the newsletter, visit our website **cpcnewhaven.org** and click the sign-up link on the bottom left hand corner of the homepage.