

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.

I. REDISCOVERING GOD'S GLORY

CALL TO WORSHIP: Revelation 7:9-12

Leader: After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb" All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

People: **"Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God forever and ever. Amen!"**

OUR GOD SAVES

**In the Name of the Father. In the Name of the Son.
In the Name of the Spirit, Lord we come.
We're gather'd together, to lift up Your Name.
To call on our Savior, to fall on Your grace
Hear the joyful sound of our offering.
As Your saints bow down as Your people sing.
We will rise with You Lifted on Your wings.
And the world will see that...**

**Chorus:
Our God saves, our God saves.**

**There is hope In Your Name.
Mourning turns to songs of praise.
Our God saves, our God saves.**

(Repeat)

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WE WILL GLORIFY

**We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb;
We will glorify the Lord of lords, He is the great I Am.**

**Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before His throne;
We will worship Him in righteousness, we will worship Him alone.**

**He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live;
He is Lord above the universe, all praise to Him we give.**

**Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb;
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, He is the great I Am.**

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II. REDISCOVERING GOD'S GRACE

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

CONFESSION OF SIN

Participants may kneel or lean forward.

Righteous Father, we come asking your forgiveness.

We seek your salvation. Then act like we save ourselves.

We beg your forgiveness. And then repeat our sins.

We experience your grace. Then act defeated.

We eagerly rely on your power in difficult times. Reluctantly in prosperous times.

We are a rebellious people and have become confused, misguided and broken by our sin and idolatry.

Forgive our every defection. Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust, through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope, the truth of God, and the life of love, now and always. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: And Peter said to them, “Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself.”
(Acts 2:38-39)

THE SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Jacob Edmund Rye (*parents Rebecca and Bryan Rye*)

Parental Vows

- 1. Do you acknowledge your child’s need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?*
- 2. Do you claim God’s covenant promises in his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?*
- 3. Do you now unreservedly consecrate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God’s appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?*

Congregational Vow

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

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

IN CHRIST ALONE

**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.**

III. RENEWAL IN CHRIST'S WORD

Old Testament: Genesis 17:9-21 (sermon)

New Testament: Galatians 3:7-18

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

SERMON

Covenant Life Explored Part 2: Salvation by Offspring

Rev. Preston Graham

Genesis 17:9-21

⁹ And God said to Abraham, "As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations. ¹⁰ This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. ¹¹ You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. ¹² He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised. Every male throughout your generations, whether born in your house or bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring, ¹³ both he who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money, shall surely be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant. ¹⁴ Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant."

¹⁵ And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." ¹⁷ Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" ¹⁸ And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!" ¹⁹ God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. ²⁰ As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make

him into a great nation. ²¹ But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year.”

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.

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 Renewal Fellowship Church in Zambia, a Global Mission Anabaino Congregation.

Pray for Vertical Church, a Bridges of Hope congregation dedicated to reaching people with the life-giving message of Jesus so that they can become fully devoted followers of Him.

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: **In all my distress and persecution, I turn my eyes to the heavens and confidently await as Judge the very One who has already stood trial in my place before God and so has removed the whole curse from me. I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature which I need to**

struggle against all my life. Rather in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

(Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 52 & 56)

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: O THE DEPTH OF LOVE

**O the depth of love Divine, the vast unmeasured grace
Who shall say how bread and wine God into us conveys
How the bread His flesh imparts, how the wine transmits His blood,
Fills His faithful people's hearts with all the life of God!**

**Let the wisest mortal show how we the grace receive,
Weak, these elements bestow a power not theirs to give.
Who explains the wondrous way, how through these the virtue came?
These the virtue did convey, yet still remain the same.**

**How can heavenly spirits rise, by earthly matter fed,
Drink herewith Divine supplies, and eat immortal bread?
Ask the Father's Wisdom how, Christ that did the means ordain!
Angels round our altars bow to search it out in vain.**

**Sure and real is this your grace, the manner be unknown ;
Come and meet us in Thy ways, and perfect us in one.**

**Let us taste the heavenly powers; Lord, we ask for nothing more:
Thine to bless, 'tis only ours to wonder and adore.**

Words: Charles Wesley; Music: Jared Mckenna

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

ALL GLORY AND PRAISE

**All glory and praise to the Ancient of Days,
Who was born and was slain to redeem a lost race.
Salvation to God, Who carried our load,
And purchased our lives with the price of His blood.
And shall He not have The lives which He gave
Such an infinite ransom forever to save?**

**Yes, Lord, we are Thine,
And gladly resign
Our souls to be fill'd with the fulness Divine.
 Because Christ has died,
 Christ is Risen,
 Christ will come again**

**We yield Thee Thine own, we serve Thee alone,
Thy will upon earth as in heaven be done.
How, when it shall be
We cannot foresee;
But oh! let us live, let us die unto Thee.
 Chorus**

Words: Charles Wesley, 1745 Music: Zac Hicks, 2011 ©2011 Unbudding Fig Music (ASCAP)

BENEDICTION

Leader: "According to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you." (1 Peter 1:2)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Congregational Photo Today after Worship

Please stay to take a congregational photo after worship today! We will be gifting a copy to Pastor Nelson and all will have a chance to sign the matte frame on Thursday at the potluck.

Lunch in Fellowship Hall for Meetings Scheduled Today

If you are part of the Welcome Team meeting or small group Facilitators meeting today after the service, please join us for lunch first in the Fellowship Hall to all eat together!

Potluck to Celebrate Kevin and His Future Call This 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.

2019-2020 Ministry Preview and Sunday Funday Next Sunday 8/18

Next Sunday stay after service for a brief Ministry Preview of the 2019-2020 year, and our Sunday Funday starting at noon (see more details in “Upcoming Events.”)

Catered Lunch 8/25 at Noon with Guest Pakistani Lecturer

You’re invited to a special lunch and lecture with Farhana Nazir, part of the visiting scholar program at the OMSC, on Sunday 8/25 following worship!

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).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Our official calendar can be found at 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). 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

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 Students | Getting Ready for the Fall

Our Summer Group has come to an end, but if you're here for the Fall, stay tuned for much activity at Yale and SCSU! Contact Pastor Craig, craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org, to plug in.

Graduate & Young Professional Group: Not Meeting this Week

Graduate Students

Contact Pastor Craig, craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org, to plug into the ministry activities, including Life Group, Bible studies, socials, and discipleship time.

ARE YOU NEW TO CPC OR NEW HAVEN?

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.