

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.

"Forgiveness flounders because I exclude the enemy from the community of humans even as I exclude myself from the community of sinners. But no one can be in the presence of the God of the crucified Messiah for long without overcoming this double exclusion — without transposing the enemy from the sphere of monstrous inhumanity into the sphere of shared humanity and herself from the sphere of proud innocence into the sphere of common sinfulness. When one knows that the torturer will not eternally triumph over the victim, one is free to rediscover that person's humanity and imitate God's love for him. And when one knows that God's love is greater than all sin, one is free to see oneself... and so rediscover one's own sinfulness."

Miroslav Volf

"The pious fellowship permits no one to be a sinner. So everybody must conceal his sin from himself and from the fellowship. We dare not be sinners. Many Christians are unthinkable horrified when a real sinner is suddenly discovered among the righteous. So we remain alone with our sin, living in lies and hypocrisy. The fact is that we are sinners!"

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

I. REDISCOVERING GOD'S GLORY

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 107:8-9, 17-22

Leader: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

People: **For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.**

Leader: He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction. Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

People: And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING (#660)

**O God beyond all praising, we worship you today,
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**

**Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our king;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.**

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YOUR LOVE O LORD

**Your love O Lord reaches to the heavens
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains
Your justice flows like the ocean's tide**

**I will lift my voice to worship You my King
I will find my strength in the shadow of Your wings**

**Your love O Lord reaches to the heavens
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky**

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II. REDISCOVERING GOD'S GRACE

COME TO ME

**Come to Me all you who are weary and burdened
And I will give you rest**

**Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me
For I am gentle and humble in heart
Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me
You will find rest for your soul
You will find rest for your soul**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Participants may kneel or lean forward.

My Changeless God, under the conviction of your Spirit I learn that the more I do, the worse I am, the more I know, the less I know, the more holiness I have, the more sinful I am, the more I love, the more there is to love. O wretched person that I am! How little I love your truth and ways! I am too often the evangelical hypocrite, who sins more readily because grace abounds. Give me a broken heart that it may carry home the waters of your grace. For my hope is not in me, but in you through Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Adapted from "Paradoxes" in The Valley of Vision)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: "The redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins declares the Lord." (Isaiah 59:20)

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

SATISFIED

**All my life long I had panted for a drink from some cool spring
That I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within.**

**Chorus: Hallelujah! He has found me,
The One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings;
Through his blood I now am saved.**

**Feeding on the filth around me till my strength was almost gone
Longed my soul for something better, only still to hunger on.
Chorus**

**Poor I was and sought for riches, something that would satisfy
But the dust I gathered 'round me only mocked my soul's sad cry.
Chorus**

**Well of water ever springing, Bread of life so rich and free
Untold wealth that never faileth my Redeemer is to me.
Chorus (Repeat)
Through his blood I now am saved.
Through his blood I now am saved.**

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III. RENEWAL IN CHRIST'S WORD

Old Testament: Exodus 34:6-7
New Testament: Colossians 3:12-15 (sermon)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

SERMON

The Place of Forgiveness
Rev. Kevin Nelson
Colossians 3:12-15

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

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: God's message of forgiveness is not just located in the Bible, to be looked up by the guilty and broken in times of repentance; God's community also needs to be the place where forgiveness is found. Only a community that understands the depths of its own sin and the riches of God's grace can effectively extend the life-giving offer of forgiveness. When the church ignores the call to forgive, we feed a culture of fear, insecurity, and defensiveness that never permits a sinner in and keeps Christ at arm's length from all. What conditions do you place on your offer of forgiveness? What is your biggest fear in extending forgiveness to those who have hurt you?

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

Leader: Our hope is in you, Lord, our hearts belong to heaven.
Our hope comes from the gospel,
the word of the truth that you brought to us.

People: **May it bear abundant fruit in our lives.**
Let the whole world be filled with your hope!

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 CPC Fairfield, a Southern CT Mission Anabaino Congregation dedicated to the experience of God amongst His people as they authentically love each other and serve the world.

Pray for New Hope Church in Haiti, a Global Mission Anabaino Congregation.

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: **We believe that Jesus Christ has presented Himself in our behalf before the Father, to appease His wrath, by offering Himself on the tree of the cross, and pouring out His precious blood to purge away our sins. And therefore we always ascribe all the glory to God, humbling ourselves before Him, without presuming to trust in any merit of ours, relying and resting upon the obedience of Christ crucified alone, which becomes ours when we believe in Him. This is sufficient to cover all our iniquities, and to give us confidence in approaching to God; freeing our conscience of fear, terror, and dread. Wherefore we justly say with the apostle Paul that we know nothing save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified; we count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord, in whose wounds we find all manner of consolation.**

(Adapted from the Belgic Confession, 1561, Articles XX-XXII)

RECEIVING AND PRAYING

Leader: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

People: **Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again!**

Leader: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

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: HOW SWEET AND AWESOME IS THE PLACE (#469)

**How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.**

**While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast,
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue, “Lord, why was I a guest?”**

**“Why was I made to hear your voice, and enter while there’s room,
When thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?”**

**We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race,
May, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace.**

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 PRAISE TO GOD, WHO REIGNS ABOVE (#4)

**All praise to God, who reigns above, The God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, The God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills, The God who every sorrow stills,
To God all praise and glory!**

**What God's almighty pow'r hath made, His gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning dawn or evening shade, His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of his might, Lo, all is just and all is right,
To God all praise and glory!**

**The Lord forsaketh not his flock, His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand, He leads his own, his chosen band,
To God all praise and glory!**

**Ye who confess Christ's holy name, To God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's power proclaim, To God give praise and glory!
All idols under foot be trod, The Lord is God! the Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!**

BENEDICTION

Leader: “Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.” Amen. (2 John 1:3)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ARE YOU NEW TO CPC OR NEW HAVEN?

Welcome!
Please use this card to tell us how we can serve you.

Name: _____
 This is my first time attending CPC.

Email: _____
 I would like to receive CPC's weekly newsletter.

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Please update my contact information.

Prayer requests may be shared on the back of this card.

Please place completed card in the offering basket or in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.

Visit the Welcome Bar

We're so glad you joined us today. We want to help you get connected with our community at church and in the city.

Please visit our CPC Welcome Bar in the foyer for a cup of coffee after worship and to pick up a **Welcome Brochure**, or a **Welcome to New Haven Folder** if you're new to the city. Please take a minute to 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.

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Join Us Online

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



"That CHRIST might be FIRST in ALL THINGS." -Col. 1:18

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 community 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.

HIGHLIGHTS

Join Us for a CPC Cafe Lunch after Worship

Today we'll be having lunch after worship, please join us and enjoy fellowship with one another.

Youth Families: Full-family-beach-and-cookout fun -- TODAY!

Come join us at Hammonasset beach for some fun, and a cookout afterward hosted by the Birds! Coordinate with Aaron or Josh+Amenda Bird for details. Siblings and parents welcome!

College Summer Group Launches This Week! 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 - Christians, non-Christians and everyone in-between welcome!

Lawn Cutters Needed at CPC - Reach Out by Today

Our grass is growing again and yes we enlist volunteers from our congregation to cut it. If interested please contact Arnie Monahan, who will be glad to give you the details and find a place for you on the schedule. Email him at arnie.monahan@cpcnewhaven.org or text him at 203-442-3762. Please reach out by today if you can help!

Update on Our Summer Mission Trip to Haiti

As many of you know, there has been a continued Level 4 Travel Advisory from the U.S. Embassy in Haiti which states "Do not travel to Haiti due to crime and civil unrest." This status has not changed for several months and as such the session has decided to cancel our 2019 Mission Trip. We may plan to travel again in the summer of 2020, but more info will come about that next year and another round of signups.

SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

All course webpages and registration links can be found at cpcnewhaven.org/current-classes.

Next Week 6/2 | Sunday Studies 10:30am | You Are What You Love

Based on the book of the same title, by acclaimed Calvin College professor James K. A. Smith, we will be taking a broader look at how our hearts and minds are shaped by our experiences and culture, rather than assuming that Christian growth is only done by forcing the right theology into our brains. Since we are primarily worshipers and lovers, not just thinkers, we need to discern all the competitors for our heart's affections. *Meet in the Fellowship Hall.*

This Week 5/29 (Final Class) | Wednesday Night 6:30pm | Confessional Theology

This is the final “Confessional Theology” class of the season. Come at 6pm for a light catered meal (Heresies and Errors course has ended.) *Meet in the Fellowship Hall.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

June 09 | **Graduation Sunday** | During Worship

Join us as we pray for our high school and college graduates during worship, and send them on to their next step.

June 09 | **Leadership Celebration and Cafe Lunch** | During and After Worship

On this Sunday we celebrate all of the leaders at CPC who serve in various ways - from Sunday School Teachers to Team Leaders and Board Members. Kids, consider taking a moment to write a special note of thanks to your Sunday School teacher this year. Join us for a special lunch after morning worship.

June 23 | **Impact Week Cookout and Welcome/Training** | 5pm-7pm | CPC Front Lawn

Volunteers from all CPC S. CT congregations participating in Impact Week will meet for an evening of training and unity before our week of service begins.

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 to Launch May 30th: Thursdays | 8pm | CPC Parlor

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College Student-Leader Internship: Bridging the Church-Campus Gap | Sign Up Now!

Open to any undergrads and grads interested in more training, involvement, and church-based discipleship. Following an apprenticeship model, we will *study* and then *do* alongside church leaders. Coordinated with monthly theological readings, the students will have the opportunity to evangelize on their campus, lead activities like Sunday School, and attend CPC leadership board's meetings. See handouts in foyer, and contact craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org for info.

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).

UPCOMING SMALL GROUP SCHEDULES

Community Groups | cpcnewhaven.org/community-groups

- *Leaders submit your schedules to annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org!*

Discipleship Groups | cpcnewhaven.org/discipleship-groups

Men:

- Wed. 6:30pm (2x/month) | CPC | Preston (preston.graham@cpcnewhaven.org)
- Thu. 7pm (2x/month) | CPC | Doug (rdouglasbruce@mac.com)

Women:

- Tue. 7pm (2x/month) | New Haven Residence | Diane (auntie.diane@comcast.net)
- Wed. resumes in the fall | CPC w/ childcare | JoAnn (joann.kupiec@gmail.com)

Over-50s (Co-Ed):

- Tues. 10am (2x/month) | CPC | Alan (phillipsalanr@gmail.com)

Support Groups | cpcnewhaven.org/supportgroups

Visit the website above to see our life-on-life support groups, and contact a leader to join.

Prayer Societies

Join with fellow Christians throughout the week in prayer on Friday mornings (contact Jennifer: jenandjen@att.net) or on Sunday afternoons (contact Elena: gerard.elena@gmail.com).