

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.

Christ the Lord is always himself present with his church... truly and actually... for the Lord is never absent from his church, but is always personally present, personally doing and performing everything in all things... ruling, leading and feeding it himself. But he effects and carries out this his rule and the feeding of his lambs in such a way as to remain always in his heavenly nature, that is, in his divine and intangible state, because he has left this world. Therefore it has pleased him to exercise his rule, protection and care of us who are still in this world with and through the ministry of his word which he does outwardly and tangibly through his ministers and shepherds.

Martin Bucer, On The True Pastoral Care and the Correct Shepherd-Service

I. REDISCOVERING GOD'S GLORY

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 148:1-2, 5-7, 11, 13

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!
Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.
He established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.
Praise the LORD from the earth...Kings of the earth and all peoples,
Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;
His glory is above earth and heaven.

MAJESTY OF HEAVEN

**Majesty of heaven
Your glory fills the skies
Light of the world
You are Lord of all**

**Humbled by Your presence
Amazed by who You are
Nothing compares
You are Lord of all
 To You the nations bow down
 To You creation cries out majesty
 All things You hold together
 Your name will stand forever
 Majesty You are majesty**

**Merciful and mighty
My heart is overwhelmed
You stand alone
You are Lord of all
 Chorus**

**Your name above all others
High and exalted
Your kingdom shall reign forever
High and exalted
(Repeat)**

**Chorus
You are majesty**

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WE PRAISE YOU LORD GOD OUR REDEEMER CREATOR

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
we lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name: glad praises we sing.**

II. REDISCOVERING GOD'S GRACE

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me. (Repeat)**

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord,
and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Participants may kneel or lean forward.

We cling to the values of a broken and fallen world. We pursue success, profit, and pleasures without regard to the consequences to our neighbors, our world, and ourselves. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: "This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."
(Acts 4:11-12)

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

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

**The King of Love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.**

**Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me;
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing brought me.**

**Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth.**

**And so through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.**

III. RENEWAL IN CHRIST'S WORD

Old Testament: Exodus 18:13-27 (sermon)

New Testament: Acts 20:17-35

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

SERMON

The Institution Of Eldership: An Ancient And Cherished Institution

Exodus 18:13-27

Rev. Preston Graham Jr.

¹³ The next day Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moses from morning till evening. ¹⁴ When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, and all the people stand around you from morning till evening?" ¹⁵ And Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God; ¹⁶ when they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make them know the statutes of God and his laws." ¹⁷ Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. ¹⁸ You and the people with you will certainly wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it alone. ¹⁹ Now obey my voice; I will give you advice, and God be with you! You shall represent the people before God and bring their cases to God, ²⁰ and you shall warn them about the statutes and the laws, and make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do. ²¹ Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. ²² And let them judge the people at all times. Every great matter they shall bring to you, but any small matter they shall decide themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. ²³ If you do this, God will direct you, you will be able to endure, and all this people also will go to their place in peace."

²⁴ So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said. ²⁵ Moses chose able men out of all Israel and made them heads over the people, chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. ²⁶ And they judged the people at all times. Any hard case they brought to Moses, but any small matter they decided themselves. ²⁷ Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went away to his own country.

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

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.

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!

IV. THE INSTALLATION OF ELDER

INTRODUCTION

QUESTION TO CANDIDATE

Ruling Elder: David Taylor

- 1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?*
- 2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?*
- 3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?*
- 4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?*

5. *Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?*

6. *Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?*

QUESTION TO CONGREGATION

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive this brother as a ruling elder , and do you promise to yield him all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which his office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles him?

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

PRONOUNCEMENT

EXHORTATION TO RULING ELDER

EXHORTATION TO CONGREGATION

PROCESSION: 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 AND PRAYER FOR RULING ELDER

V. 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

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

People: **I believe that our chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. I believe in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. I believe that God, out of his mere good pleasure from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, to deliver them out of sin and misery and to bring them into salvation by our redeemer, Jesus Christ. I believe in the life everlasting, where the souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness and do immediately pass into glory and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves until the final resurrection and the full enjoyment of God to all eternity.** (Selections from Westminster Standards)

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: MAKE OF OUR HEARTS (JOHN 15:5-8)

**Make of our hearts a unity,
the world, in us, your love to see.
You are our head, the truest vine,
make us your body, wholly thine.**

**Make us, Lord, your hands and feet,
to show your love to all we meet.
You are the source, your blood is life,
make us in yourself abide.**

**Make of our bodies vessels true,
filled with water living, new.
You are our fount, the sweetest wine,
make us springs of love divine.**

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.

VI. RESTORED IN CHRIST’S SUPREMACY

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION (#347)

**The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.**

**Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.**

**The church shall never perish, her dear Lord to defend.
To guide, sustain and cherish, is with her to the end.
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale;
Against a foe or traitor, she ever shall prevail.**

**Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.**

BENEDICTION

Leader: "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:8)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Summer Picnic Series Continues on Thursdays

Join us for four evenings this summer on Thursday at 6pm (7/11-8/1). 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).

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

July 25 | **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)
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!

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.

BRIDGES OF HOPE

MENTORS NEEDED



Bridges of Hope Mentors Needed

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

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

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 - Christians, non-Christians and everyone in-between welcome!

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).

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.

