

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.

Christian Worship is “the gift of participating through the Spirit in the incarnate Son’s communion with the Father. It means participating in union with Christ, in what he has done for us once and for all, in his self-offering to the Father, in his life and death on the cross. There is only one true Priest through whom and with whom we draw near to God our Father. There is only one offering which is truly acceptable to God, and it is not ours. It is the offering by which he has sanctified for all time those who come to God by him (Heb. 2.11; 10.10, 14).

“This is why the Reformers, in their critique of certain medieval concepts of priesthood, stressed the sole priesthood of Christ, and reinterpreted the church as a royal priesthood participating in the priesthood of Christ.

“Worship is fundamentally sacramental, but in a way that enshrines the gospel of grace—that God our Father, in the gift of his Son and the gift of the Spirit, gives us what he demands—the worship of our hearts and minds. He lifts us up out of ourselves to participate in the very life and communion of the Godhead, that life of communion for which we were created. In his love, the Father accepts us freely in the person of his beloved Son. The real agent in worship, in a New Testament understanding, is Jesus Christ who leads us in our praises and prayers, ‘the one true minister of the sanctuary.’”

- James Torrance, *Worship, Community, and the Triune God of Grace*

I. REDISCOVERING GOD’S GLORY

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 22:22, 27-28

Leader: I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the Lord, praise him!
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

People: **For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.**

ANCIENT OF DAYS

**Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto the Ancient of Days.
From ev'ry nation, all of creation, bow before the Ancient of Days.**

**Chorus: Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth, shall declare Your glory.
Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne in worship.
You will be exalted, O God, and Your kingdom shall not pass away,
O Ancient of Days.**

**Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto the Ancient of Days.
From ev'ry nation, all of creation, bow before the Ancient of Days.**

Chorus

**Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth.
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.
For none can compare to Your matchless worth.
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.**

Chorus

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (#100)

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

II. REDISCOVERING GOD'S GRACE

I LIFT MY EYES UP

Verse:

**I lift my eyes up to the mountains.
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from You,
Maker of heaven creator of the earth.
(Repeat)**

Chorus:

**Oh how I need You Lord.
You are my only hope.
You're my only prayer.
So I will wait for You.
To come and rescue me.
Come and give me life.
(Repeat)**

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Participants may kneel or lean forward.

Our merciful Father, to enrich us will not diminish your fullness; all your lovingkindness is in your Son. We bring our sin to you in the arms of faith; we call on his saving name as the one who died in our place. We plead his blood to pay for our debts of wrong.

Father, accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgression. His truth for our deceits, his meekness for our pride. His love for our enmity, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his holy life for our unchaste ways, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: “You are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and you did not forsake them.” (Nehemiah 9:17)

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

THE WONDERFUL CROSS

**When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died.
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**See from His head His hands His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown.**

**O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross,
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross;
All who gather here by grace, draw near and bless Your name.**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing so divine,
Demands my soul my life my all.**

Chorus

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III. RENEWAL IN CHRIST'S WORD

Old Testament: Exodus 40:32-38
New Testament: Hebrews 8:1-13 (sermon)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

SERMON

Becoming What We Worship: How God Is Re-Making Us Into The Image Of Christ

Rev. Craig Luekens

Hebrews 8:1-13

Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, ²a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. ³For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. ⁴Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. ⁵They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, “See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.” ⁶But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. ⁷For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second.

⁸For he finds fault with them when he says:

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord,
when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel
and with the house of Judah,

⁹not like the covenant that I made with their fathers
on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt.

For they did not continue in my covenant,
and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord.

¹⁰For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel
after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws into their minds,
and write them on their hearts,
and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

¹¹And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor
and each one his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’

for they shall all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest.

¹² For I will be merciful toward their iniquities,
and I will remember their sins no more.”

¹³ In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

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: In our culture, nothing seems as ancient and irrelevant as “worship.” Isn’t that what ancient societies did to appease their bloodthirsty gods? What could a “modern” person possibly gain from thinking about and even doing “worship”? The truth is that every person on the face of the earth worships someone or something. It is how we were made, and however we may distort it, we will never cease to worship. The question is what does the God of the Old and New Testaments want to “do” with worship? Well, nothing short of transformation and re-creation! As we engage this wonderful passage, consider how communing with Christ is actually meant to make us like Him individually and communally. Christ’s Priesthood secures once-for-all our forgiveness and enables our heartfelt knowledge and love. Following in the footsteps of our one true “worship leader”, we are invited into the very life of God.

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 our guest lecturer today, Farhana Nazir, who is part of the visiting scholar program at the OMSC.

Pray for the Nelsons as they transition to life in Gainesville, FL and praise and thanks for their ministry to our congregation over the past 10+ years.

GLORIA PATRI

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

People: I believe that Christ makes intercession for us, by his appearing in our nature continually before the Father in heaven, in the merit of his obedience and sacrifice on earth, declaring his will to have it applied to all believers; answering all accusations against them, and procuring for them quiet of conscience, notwithstanding daily

failings, access with boldness to the throne of grace, and acceptance of their persons and services. And I believe that Christ will be exalted in his coming again to judge the world, in that he, who was unjustly judged and condemned by wicked men, shall come again at the last day in great power, and in the full manifestation of his own glory, and of his Father's, with all his holy angels, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, to judge the world in righteousness.

(Westminster Larger Catechism Questions 55 & 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: MIGHTY GOD WE THANK AND PRAISE YOU

Mighty God we thank and praise you

For this meal, this Bread of Life;

Precious blood and body, broken,

From your Son our Savior, Christ.

In these mysteries you assure us

We are members of your Son;

Heirs of your eternal Kingdom,

With all faithful people, One.

**Humbly now we ask you, Father,
In your grace, to make us strong,
That, with all the saints before us,
In good works we may press on!
Send us out to love and serve you!
Send us out to sing your praise!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Pow'r and glory to your name!**

Amen

Words: Wendell Kimbrough, 2012, based on the Book of Common Prayer; Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824. CCLI Song #7023049

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 HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME! (#296)

**All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.**

Text: Edward Perronet, John Rippon Music: Oliver Holden

BENEDICTION

Leader: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." Amen. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Catered Lunch Today with Guest Pakistani Lecturer

You're invited to a special lunch and lecture with Farhana Nazir, who is part of the visiting scholar program at the OMSC, today following worship! Farhana studied at Princeton Seminary and Edinburgh University Divinity School and is now working on the book "Lay Hands Suddenly on No One." This research is based on a historical view of the Presbyterian Mission of North America in Pakistan and its critical implications in Pakistan today on Christian converts. She is looking at early converts from poor untouchable castes, their struggle to keep the faith, and becoming role model leaders in history. The struggle of that time is different from the struggle we face today, but its implications and principles are profound.

Meet Our Ministry Leaders in the Foyer

For the next three weeks we'll have eight ministries represented at the tables in the foyer. Please introduce yourself and meet our leaders! We'd love for you to learn more about the ministries at CPC and to find out how you can be involved. Visit the foyer to see these ministries: Music, Life Groups, School of Discipleship, Children's, Youth, College, Graduate, 20/30s.

Key Leader Kick Off This Wednesday 8/28 at 5:30pm

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'll fellowship over a catered dinner at 6pm, with a reception on the patio at 5:30pm.

First Friday Begins in Two Weeks on 9/6 at 6pm

TGIF! "But I'm tired and I'm NOT looking forward to making dinner." Good news - You don't have to! Refresh. Connect. Fellowship. An evening together with no agenda except to enjoy one another's company. With many of us exhausted once Friday comes around, here's a chance to relax and not have to prepare a meal! Come to eat, greet, and pray with your brothers and sisters. Dinner will be provided, kids are welcome.

Two Services Resume in Two Weeks on 9/8 with Brunch in Between

The weekend following Labor Day, on Sunday 9/8, we resume our two worship services at 9am and 11:30am, with a pancake brunch in between!

Nelson's New Address

As the Nelson's move to Florida, they would like to provide their new address for those who would like to stay in contact. 5333 SW 75th St. Apt. D32., Gainesville, FL 32608.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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September 6 | First Friday | 6pm | CPC Fellowship Hall

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September 8 | Two Services Resume | 9:00am and 11:30am

The weekend following Labor Day, on Sunday 9/8, we resume our two worship services at 9:00am and 11:30am, with a pancake brunch in between!

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 Students

Contact Pastor Craig, craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org, to plug into the ministry activities, including Life Group, Bible studies, socials, and discipleship time. Stay tuned for Life Group beginning in the Fall!

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.