

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.

Our part, my dear brothers, is to be single-minded, firm in faith, and steadfast in courage, ready for God's will, whatever it may be. Banish the fear of death and think of the eternal life that follows. That will show people that we really live our faith.

*From 3rd Century Sermon by St. Cyprian
(Bishop of Carthage) during the "Cyprian Plague"*

I. REDISCOVERING GOD'S GLORY

CALL TO WORSHIP: Zechariah 9:9 and Matthew 21:9

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

People: **"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"**

KING OF THE NATIONS

**Come, let us worship Jesus, King of nations, Lord of all,
Magnificent and glorious, just and merciful
Jesus, King of the nations. Jesus, Lord of all.
Jesus, King of the nations. Lord of all.**

**Lavish our heart's affection, deepest love and highest praise.
Voice, race and language blending, all the world amazed.
Chorus**

**Bring tributes from the nations, come in joyful cavalcades.
One thund'rous acclamation, one banner raised.**

**Jesus, King of the nations. Jesus, Lord of all.
Jesus, King of the nations. Lord of all.
Lord of all.**

**Fear God and give him glory for his hour of judgment comes.
Creator, Lord Almighty, worship him alone.
Jesus, King of the nations. Jesus, Lord of all.
Jesus, King of the nations. Worship Him alone.**

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In a word or short phrase, you may share a praise to God quietly or out loud with someone you are worshiping with as directed by a liturgist.

II. REDISCOVERING GOD'S GRACE

JESUS CAST A LOOK ON ME

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

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

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

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

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

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Participants may kneel or lean forward.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their sins. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

(Based on The Book of Common Worship, second order)

Please bring your personal confessions to God at this time.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: “And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Acts 2:21)

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

**When peace, like a river,
attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot,
Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul
Chorus: It is well (it is well)
with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul**

**Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
Let this blessed assurance control,
That Christ has regarded
my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.**

Chorus

My sin, oh the bliss
of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross,
and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Chorus

And Lord haste the day
when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound,
and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

Chorus

III. RENEWAL IN CHRIST'S WORD

Old Testament: Habakkuk 1:2-3,12, 2:1-3

New Testament: Hebrews 10:35-39

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

SERMON

A Call To Patient Faith

Rev. Preston Graham

Hebrews 10:35-39

³⁵Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. ³⁶For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. ³⁷For,

“Yet a little while,
and the coming one will come and will not delay;
³⁸ but my righteous one shall live by faith,
and if he shrinks back,
my soul has no pleasure in him.”

³⁹ But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LAMENT: Psalm 137:4-6

How shall we sing the LORD's song
in a foreign land?
If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
let my right hand forget its skill!
Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth,
if I do not remember you,
if I do not set Jerusalem
above my highest joy!

EUCCHARIST: Psalm 133:1

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

You are invited to unmute and participate corporately at this time

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

People: **We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible, and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to the life in the world to come. Amen. (Nicene Creed, 325 AD)**

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.

Leader: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us remember the feast.

BRINGING OUR LIFE TO GOD: COLLECTION & PRAYERS

You are invited to take this time to reflect on Christ's sacrificial love for you and the conviction that because of his saving work on our behalf we are saved by grace through faith alone.

To give toward the collection or submit a personal prayer request that you would like to be shared with the congregation in a weekly email please go to:

cpcnewhaven.org/live

COMMUNION SONG: TAKE MY LIFE

**Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee**

**Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee
Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry power as You choose
Here am I all of me
Take my life it's all for Thee**

**Take my will and make it Thine
It shall be no longer mine
Take my heart it is Thine own
It shall be Thy royal throne
Take my love my Lord I pour
At Your feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee
Here am I all of me
Take my life it's all for Thee**

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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.

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

Pray for our Mission Anabaino churches in Metro Cleveland, Ohio, [Resurrection Presbyterian Church](#) in Strongsville and [The Heights Presbyterian Church](#) in Shaker Heights.

V. RESTORED IN CHRIST'S SUPREMACY

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: "I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:1-3).
The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

**Chorus: Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!**

**He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
To take away transgression, and rule in equity. (Chorus)**

**He comes in succor speedy to those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong.**

**To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in His sight. (Chorus)**

**He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth. (Chorus)**

**The tide of time shall never His covenant remove.
His Name shall stand forever, That Name to us is Love. (Chorus)**

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BENEDICTION

Leader: “May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!” (Psalm 29:11)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **CPC HOMEPAGE:** cpcnewhaven.org
Find quick links to our Live Stream worship page, COVID-19 Homepage, Online Giving, and to submit a request for prayer/pastoral visit!
- **COVID-19 HOMEPAGE:** cpcnewhaven.org/covid19
Here you'll find an archive of our congregational letters regarding COVID-19, Live Stream links, the prayer/pastoral visit request form, resources, and CPC's virtual ministry plan with online events you can join.
- **LIVE STREAM:** cpcnewhaven.org/live
This page is stocked with all the resources you need to participate in our worship service online. There you'll find options for how to view the worship service online, links to use during the service (giving, prayers, bulletin), and resources for after the service.

Holy Week at CPC Begins Tomorrow

- **Daily Prayer Services at 7am and 9pm:** During this upcoming Holy Week, you are invited to join a prayer service daily Monday-Friday at 7am and/or 9pm (except the evening of Good Friday). [The link to join is here](#) and on our COVID-19 Homepage. The regularly scheduled men's and women's prayer groups will not meet this week so that all may be able to join these joint events.
- **Good Friday Service at 8pm:** Join us live at 8pm for a time of remembering Christ's death, in anticipation of His resurrection. [The link to join is here](#) and on our COVID-19 Homepage (or you can view live on YouTube). [Invite your friends via Facebook here!](#)
- **Easter Sunday at 10am:** Join us as usual online at 10am at cpcnewhaven.org/live and [share this opportunity](#) to connect with your friends and loved ones.

Visit Our COVID-19 Specific Mercy Homepage

As mentioned in the pastoral message this week, we now have a [COVID-19 Specific Mercy Homepage](#). Please use it to reference all of our opportunities to volunteer or submit a request for mercy assistance. For help coordinating, contact Jeff (jeff.hutchinson@anabaino.org) and Rog (rdhuitink@gmail.com).

Annual Planning Schedule Update - Key Leader Meeting Rescheduled to Thursday May 14

To all key leaders (elders, WLB, SLB, Staff, Team Leaders, Sunday School Teachers, Community Group Facilitators/Outreach Coordinators/Mercy Coordinators), we have moved our annual Key Leader Meeting to Thursday May 14th (TBD whether it will be in person at 6pm or online at 7:30pm). Please save the date and begin talking with your teams about plans and feedback for next year. You'll hear more information and instruction in the weeks to come.

Work Day Update - Stay Tuned for More!

While there was no regularly scheduled work day this weekend, the Facilities Team is working on an alternate plan to help meet the needs of our building. Stay tuned for more info!

Submit a Request for Prayer or a Pastoral Visit

During this time of social distancing, we want you to know that our pastors are still available to you. Our staff still meets weekly (all-be-it virtually) and prays over all of your prayer requests. Please continue to submit them. Also, if you would like to set up a virtual pastoral visit, or in person if appropriate and time/space permit, please [fill out this form](#). We'll be in touch to coordinate! (The same form is used for requests for prayer and pastoral visits).

Quarantine Induced School of Discipleship

Don't miss an excellent time to grow in your spiritual wisdom and understanding. The pastors recommend the following online seminars, two of which could be done in a relatively short period of time (course descriptions found on [CPC Discipleship \(All Classes\) homepage](#)):

- [CPC Membership Seminar](#)
- [CPC Bible Interpretation Seminar](#)

For a more long term project, you could begin:

- [Confessional Theology Seminar](#)

An Idea! Why not consider organizing a Facebook/Zoom virtual group classroom on your own. (CPC is happy to help you get the word out.)

CPC'S VIRTUAL MINISTRY PLAN

All in-person gatherings have been cancelled through April.
All links to the below events are found at cpcnewhaven.org/covid19.

- **Worship Service** (10-person max Sunday Live Stream)
- **Holy Week**
 - **Good Friday Service** 4/10 at 8pm
 - **Monday-Friday Prayer Services** at 7am and 9pm (except evening of Good Friday)
- **Prayer Groups** (Women's and Men's Prayer Rooms - except during Holy Week)
- **Life Groups** (regular meetings and "happy hours")
- **Ministry Groups**
 - Children's Sunday School Classes Weekly

- Grad: Weekly Group
- College: Weekly Digging Deep Group
- Youth:
 - “GroupMe” groupchat for daily sharing life together
 - “Skribbl.io” games together after SS, other games (Jack-in-the-Box, etc.)
 - Shared “Minecraft” server for building digital “LEGOs” together
 - Distance “Movie Nights”
- **Virtual “Socials”** (open events hosted by congregants)
 - Pastor Luekens’ Facebook Live “C⁴ Hangout”, Nightly at 8:00pm
- **Mercy** (Submission Form for Mercy Requests and/or Volunteers)
- **Boards/Staff**
 - Weekly Virtual Session Meetings (joint with WLB TBD)
 - Weekly Virtual Pastors Prayer Meetings
 - Weekly Staff Meetings
 - SLB as Scheduled
 - Key Leader Meeting Thursday May 14th (Time and Virtual Status TBD)