

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 worshiping 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 podcasts.cpcnewhaven.org. 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.

The Downstairs Sanctuary is reserved on Sundays for those who wish to wear masks during worship. Of course, you may also wear masks upstairs, but it is required when downstairs. Please feel free to make use of this space.

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

A PRAYER OF GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 145:1-7, 21

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

People: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

People: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

Leader: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

People: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

Leader: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

People: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

Chorus:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul.

I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning.

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me.

Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Chorus

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.

Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing.

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing.

The end draws near and my time has come.

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending.

Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Chorus

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Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul.

I'll worship Your holy name.

Worship Your holy name.

Lord I'll worship Your holy name.

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In a word or a phrase, lift up praises to the living God.

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

GRANT US THY GRACE

**Grant us Thy grace
Grant us Thy grace, Lord
Grant us Thy grace
Grant us Thy grace, Lord**

**Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God
Have mercy on each of us
(Repeat)**

**Grant us Thy grace
Grant us Thy grace, Lord
Grant us Thy grace
Grant us Thy grace, Lord**

**For the things we have done
And the things we have left undone
(Repeat)**

**Grant us Thy grace
Grant us Thy grace, Lord
Grant us Thy grace
Grant us Thy grace, Lord**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Participants may kneel or lean forward.

Leader: Righteous Father, we who own more than we use, proclaim more than we experience, and request more than we need.

People: We come asking your forgiveness.

Leader: We seek your salvation.

People: Then act like we save ourselves.

Leader: We beg your forgiveness.

People: And then repeat our sins.

Leader: We experience your grace.

People: Then act defeated.

Leader: We eagerly rely on your power in difficult times.

People: Reluctantly in prosperous times.

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

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

“The blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, [will] purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!”
(Hebrews 9:14)

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

**We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more**

**We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up
Chorus**

**In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, O how long?
O God of Jacob, be my strength
Chorus**

**Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
Starting from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom
Chorus**

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If so desired, now is a good time for children to leave for childcare.

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

Old Testament: Exodus 34:4-9, 27-29

New Testament: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Christ On Your Six: The Perfect, Patient, Prayer-Soaked Watch of the Lord Over His Bride and Her Mission”

Rev. Jefferson Bennett

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

¹Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, ² and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith.³ But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. ⁴ And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. ⁵ May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

“Your plans are still to prosper; you have not forgotten us. You’re with us in the fire and the flood. Faithful forever, perfect in love; you are sovereign over us... Even what the enemy means for evil you turn it for our good, you turn it for our good and for your glory.” - Sovereign Over Us by Aaron Keyes.

SERMON NOTES

Text SERMON QUESTION to 860-467-0010 and follow the prompts to submit your question, then the pastor will be in touch this week. You may also view a recorded version of the service or subscribe to our sermon podcast at podcasts.cpcnewhaven.org.

For families worshiping with young children, supplementary children’s sermon material is available in the pews and in the foyer.

MEDITATION

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*



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

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell in unity!
(Psalm 133:1)

COLLECTION AND PRAYERS:

If you have a personal prayer request that you would like to be shared with the congregation in a weekly email, please submit them using the prayer request cards and place them in the offering basket as it is passed, or the basket located in the back of the sanctuary.

You may virtually submit a prayer request or give toward the collection at cpcnewhaven.org/live. Or text GIVE or PRAY to 860-467-0010.

MEDITATION

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 there is but one God only, the living and true God. And there are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. I believe that we are justified as an act of God's free grace, wherein he forgives all our sins and accepts us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us and received by faith alone, and that we have a right to all the privileges of a child of God. I believe that believers are being renewed in the whole person after the image of God and are enabled more and more to die unto sin and live unto righteousness, and at their death the souls of believers are made perfect in holiness and do immediately pass into glory, and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection, and that at such day we are made perfectly blessed in the full enjoyment of God to all eternity.

(Taken from Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 5-6, 33-38)

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS TOGETHER

Leader: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

COMING FORWARD TO RECEIVE COMMUNION

All Christians are invited to come forward to receive Christ's presence of bread and wine. 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. (Pre-sealed elements of juice and wafer are also available.)

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.

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.

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

ONLY A HOLY GOD

**Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God**

**What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God**

**Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing, "holy!"
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God**

**What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God**

Chorus

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God
Chorus

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BENEDICTION

“May the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, himself restore, establish, and strengthen you. To him be the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.” (1 Peter 5:10-11)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HIGHLIGHTS

August 20 | **Jerry & Michelle's Wedding at 3pm:** You are invited to attend Jerry and Michelle's wedding ceremony August 20th at 3:00pm here at CPC. We are expecting a full house so come with adequate time to park. Please do not park in the lot at CPC, but park along Bradley Street or at the two Yale parking lots north of the church on Whitney Ave. that are available to us (Lot 16: Gibbs Lab at Whitney Ave. and Humphrey St., and the Whitney Ave. Garage: located behind 221 Whitney Ave.). *Enjoy light refreshments afterwards.*

Interested in Membership at CPC? We consider the church an essential element of the gospel, so joining CPC as a member is a way to truly join the body of Christ, in all its blessings and with all its flaws! Before joining, you'll first meet with a pastor to discuss membership, and then discuss how you've come to know Christ with the Shepherd Leaders. We'll have a Joining Sunday in the next two months. If you'd like to begin the process, reach out to Annie (annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org) and learn more at cpcnewhaven.org/membership.

Sunday Service Opportunities

- **CPC's Welcome Team** serves as visitors' first point of contact to the local body of Christ. We carry out our mission by thoughtfully coordinating CPC's entryway before and after Sunday morning services to ensure that visitors feel welcomed and wanted. Would you join us in welcoming visitors during this season, especially when so many newcomers are moving to town? Contact Von Jessee to get involved (vfjessee@gmail.com). If you are wondering if the team still needs members - yes, we need you!
- **CPC's Worship Administration Team** stewards the communion table. We prepare the Lord's Supper before service and clean the table afterward. We serve on a rotation, one person per week, and need to fill several spots. Contact Lauri (volkertlaura@yahoo.com).

Fall Kick-Offs

- **Sunday 8/28 | After Worship | Congregational Meeting:** All are invited to attend, and members are especially encouraged, to hear a review of our 2022-2023 Ministry Plan and Budget. Zoom option will be available.
- **Sunday 9/11 | After Worship | Sunday Funday:** Just what it sounds like! Think all kinds of outdoor games for kids, bounce house, food, face painting, crafts. If you'd like to serve contact Anna Graham (asgraham07@gmail.com).
- **Sunday 9/18 | 9:30am | Sunday School Resumes:** for both adults and children.

BRIDGES OF HOPE

August 27 | **Sign up for BOH's I Heart New Haven Day:** Join members of Bridges of Hope churches and the wider New Haven community to love our city through service! There are projects for diverse ages and abilities, and families are welcome! Please register each individual separately as a waiver is needed for each person. Register at **bridgesnewhaven.org** or text **VOLUNTEER** to **860-467-0010**. We have a goal of sending at least 50 volunteers from CPC!

2022-2023 School Year | **BOH's Mentoring Program:** You've been hearing about BOH's mentoring program these last few weeks, now is the time to sign up in preparation for the fall! Visit **bridgesnewhaven.org/mentoring** or text **VOLUNTEER** to **860-467-0010** for all the information and details. We have a goal of sending at least 5 volunteers from CPC!

NEW HERE?

1. **Submit a Welcome Card!** We want to connect with you, please take the time to fill out a Welcome Card located in the pews and place it in the offering basket (at the back of the Sanctuary or when it's passed) or return it to the Welcome Bar in the foyer. Or you can text CONNECT to 860-467-0010 to get connected.
2. **Check Out a Life Group!** See the front cover of this bulletin for a list of all of our Life Groups and when they are meeting. If you would like help discerning which group may be a good fit, contact our Interim Lead Pastor Craig Luekens (203-500-7115 or craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org).
3. **Learn about Membership!** We consider the church an essential element of the gospel, so joining CPC as a member is a way to truly join the body of Christ, in all its blessings and with all its flaws! Before joining, you'll listen to an online membership seminar, meet with a pastor, and discuss how you've come to know Christ with the Shepherd Leaders. Contact Annie McHugh (annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org) to begin the process.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 27 | **I Heart New Haven Day** | 9am-1pm | New Haven Green and Various Locations
Join members of Bridges of Hope churches and the wider New Haven community to love our city through service! This year we will be gathering at the New Haven Green for worship at 9am and then dispersing to sites across the city for service from 10:30am until approximately 1pm. There are projects for diverse ages and abilities, so please note any special requirements or skills that you may have--families are welcome! Please register each member of your family separately as a waiver is needed for each one. Register at bridgesnewhaven.org or text **VOLUNTEER** to **860-467-0010**. We have a goal of sending at least 50 volunteers from CPC!

August 28 | **Congregational Meeting** | After Worship
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September 11 | **Sunday Funday** | After Worship
Just what it sounds like! Think all kinds of outdoor games for kids, bounce house, food, face painting, crafts. If you'd like to serve, contact Anna (asgraham07@gmail.com).

September 18 | **Sunday School Resumes for Adults and Children** | Before Worship at 9:30am

June 16-18 2023 | **CPC's 30th Anniversary Celebration Weekend**
We're planning a very special weekend celebration for CPC's 30th anniversary and we want you there! This is an opportunity to celebrate God's goodness and providence to our church over 30 years, and we also hope that many CPC alumni will return for a reunion weekend. If you are interested in joining the celebration committee, contact the chair: Meg Bogue (mhbogue@yahoo.com).

ONGOING WEEKLY

Pastoral Counseling Available: Would you like to speak one-on-one with a CPC pastor? We desire to connect the truths of scripture to the realities of life. Whether you are going through suffering or just need wisdom, the pastoral staff is dedicated to being available to meet. Interested persons should sign-up confidentially at cpcnewhaven.org/pastoral-counseling or text PASTORCONSULT to 860-467-0010.

KEYWORDS TO TEXT CPC AT: 860-467-0010

- **PRAY** | Submit prayers to be prayed for weekly by staff and sent out to the congregation.
- **PASTORCONSULT** | Meet with a pastor to discuss anything from a spiritual issue to interest in membership.
- **SERMONQUESTION** | Send the pastors your sermon questions and they'll answer.
- **GIVE** | Set up an account to be able to give solely through interactions in your text app.

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Sing at Home with Our New YouTube Playlist: Enjoy the songs we regularly sing at CPC from home with our new YouTube playlist. Visit **youtube.com/c/CPCNewHaven** and select "Playlists" to find it (it's called "CPC Sunday Morning Music").



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College | Contact: Craig.Luekens@cpcnewhaven.org

Graduate Students | Contact: Craig.Luekens@cpcnewhaven.org

LIFE GROUPS

See the inside front cover of the bulletin for a list of groups and contact info, or contact Craig for help connecting (Craig.Luekens@cpcnewhaven.org).

