

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.

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 148

Leader: Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

People: Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts!

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

People: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created. And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

People: Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,

Leader: Fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

People: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Beast and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

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! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.**

GOD IS GOOD

**Even when it seems the answer's no
The promises of God all find their yes
In Christ who worked the Father's will below
That all who run to Him would find their rest
And even when it seems He hides His face
And darkness seems to be our only friend
We look to Christ who suffered in our place
That one day all our suffering would end
 God is good all of the time
 All of the time God is good
 God is good all of the time God is good**

**And even when it seems He pays no mind
We have a guarantee of His great love
In Christ who came and left His crown behind
That one day we would reign with Him above
 Chorus**

**Lord we believe but help our unbelief
Lord we believe but help our hearts to sing (repeat)
 You are good all of the time
 All of the time You are good
 You are good all of the time You are good**

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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

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL

**Blessed are the merciful / Blessed are the merciful
Blessed are the merciful / For they shall receive mercy mercy**

Forgive us as we forgive / Those who sin against us
(Repeat)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Participants may kneel or lean forward.

Leader: Our God and Savior, help us. We are slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb; we are in the foothills when we long to be on the heights.

People: **We are pained by our graceless hearts, our prayerless days, our poverty of love, our sloth in the heavenly race, our sullied conscience, our wasted hours, our unspent opportunities.**

Forgive us as we forgive / Those who sin against us
(Repeat)

Leader: We are blind while the light shines around us: take the scales from our eyes, grind to dust our heart of unbelief.

People: Make it our highest joy to study you, meditate on you, gaze on you, sit, like Mary, at your feet, lean, like John, on your breast, appeal, like Peter, to your love, count, like Paul, all things but dung. We believe, help our unbelief. Amen.

Lord have mercy on us / Show Your mercy through us
(Repeat)

Mercy

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ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

“You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.” (1 Peter 1:18-19)

SOVEREIGN OVER US

**There is strength within the sorrow
There is beauty in our tears
And You meet us in our mourning
With a love that casts out fear**

**You are working in our waiting
Sanctifying us
When beyond our understanding
You're teaching us to trust**

**Your plans are still to prosper
You've not forgotten us
You're with us in the fire and the flood
Faithful forever perfect in love
You are sovereign over us**

**You are wisdom unimagined
Who could understand Your ways
Reigning high above the heavens
Reaching down in endless grace**

**You're the lifter of the lowly
Compassionate and kind
You surround and You uphold me
And Your promises are my delight
 Your plans are still to prosper
 You've 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
Even in the valley You are faithful
You're working for our good
You're working for our good
And for Your glory (repeat)
 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: Genesis 1:1-5

New Testament: John 1:1-5

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Where do you find life? God, Jesus, and the Light of the Whole World
Rev. Craig Luekens
John 1:1-5

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

SERMON NOTES

Text SERMONQUESTION 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.

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

People: 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)

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.

JESUS I AM RESTING, RESTING

**Jesus I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.
Thou has bid me gaze upon Thee, and Thy beauty fills my soul,
For by Thy transforming power Thou hast made me whole.**

**O how great Thy loving kindness, vaster, broader than the sea.
O how marvelous Thy goodness lavished all on me.
Yes, I rest in Thee Beloved, know what wealth of grace is Thine,
Know Thy certainty of promise; Thou hast made it mine.**

**Jesus I am resting, resting
In the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart**

**Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, I behold Thee as Thou art,
And Thy love, so pure, so changless, satisfies my heart;
Satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its every need,
Compasseth me round with blessings: Thine is love indeed!**

**Jesus I am resting, resting
In the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart**

Whole!

We are whole!

**We are whole when our eyes are filled with Christ our Lord
(repeat)**

**Ever lift Thy face upon me as I work and wait for Thee;
Resting 'neath Thy smile Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with Thy grace
Chorus**

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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

ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST

**Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ
All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ**

**His will be done His kingdom come, on earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ
Chorus**

**When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e're his people be
All glory be to Christ
Chorus**

BENEDICTION

“Now may the Lord bless you according to the riches of his glory and grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God in Christ.” Amen.

(Adapted from Ephesians 3:16 & 19)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HIGHLIGHTS

August 28 | **Congregational Meeting After Worship:** All are invited, and members are especially encouraged to attend, for a review of our 2022-2023 Ministry Plan and Budget! Zoom link at cpcnewhaven.org/live. Childcare (no nursery) available at the playground with Isaac and Serrae.

September 1 | **Graduate Student Meet & Greet at 7pm:** Calling all graduate students - those returning and those new to the area! We're going to be hosting a meet and greet on Thursday 9/1 to reconnect after the summer and welcome newcomers. We'll also have a chance to discuss our Grad group plans for the coming year with light snacks and refreshments. All grad students are welcome! We'll be in the Fellowship Hall; enter through the back door.

September 11 | **Sunday Funday After Worship:** Join us for our fall kickoff event! Stick around after church to enjoy a time of connection over food and drink and fun and games! There will be activities for kids and adults alike, and a chance to connect with a local CPC Life Group. If you'd like to serve, contact Anna (asgraham07@gmail.com).

Sunday Service Opportunities

- **CPC's Nursery Team** is staffed by volunteer church members and regular attendees. We believe that everyone should rotate though serving in the nursery as a special way to love our families. You don't have to have any experience, and you'll be with a team leader when you serve. Worship throughout the Bible included families with children, but we know that infants and young children can be a deterrent to a parents' attention and experience of worship, so we've created our nursery. To help serve our families and join the rotation, contact Phoebe (phoebe.kebajian@gmail.com).
- **CPC's Food Service Team** focuses on hospitality and creating opportunities for fellowship around food. This team plans and prepares meals - whether home-cooked, catered, or potluck - engages the congregation, and serves the food as a witness to the community. Contact Elena (gerard.elena@gmail.com) to serve.

NEW HERE?

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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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Just what it sounds like! Think all kinds of outdoor games for kids, a dunk tank, 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

September 23 | **Women's Happy Hour** | Save the Date!

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.

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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”).



MINISTRY GROUPS

Youth | Contact: Jerry.Ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org

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).

