

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: From Psalm 150

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

People: **Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!**

PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?**

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
If with his love he befriend thee.**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again,
Gladly fore'er we adore him.**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

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

JIREH

**I'll never be more loved than I am right now
Wasn't holding You up
So there's nothing I can do to let You down
It doesn't take a trophy to make You proud
I'll never be more loved than I am right now**

**Going through a storm but I won't go down
I hear Your voice carried in the rhythm of the wind to call me out
You would cross an ocean so I wouldn't drown
You've never been closer than You are right now**

**Jireh! You are enough
Jireh! You are enough
I will be content in every circumstance
Jireh! You are enough
Forever enough
Always enough
More than enough**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Participants may kneel or lean forward.

Leader: Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin.

People: **Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Change our affections so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Feel free to offer up personal confessions to God.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"Then I called on the name of the Lord: O Lord, I pray, save my life. Gracious is the Lord, and righteous, our God is merciful." (Psalm 116:4-5)

I'm already loved

I'm already chosen

I know who I am

I know what You've spoken

I'm already loved

More than I could imagine

And that is enough

Jireh! You are enough

Jireh! You are enough

I will be content in every circumstance

Jireh! You are enough

Forever enough

Always enough

More than enough

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GRACE ALONE

**I was an orphan lost at the fall, / Running away when I'd hear you call
But Father you worked your will / I had no righteousness of my own,
I had no right to draw near your throne / But Father you loved me still
And in love before you laid the world's foundation
You predestined to adopt me as your own
You have raised me up so high above my station
I'm a child of God by grace and grace alone**

**You left your home to seek out the lost / You knew the great and terrible cost
But Jesus your face was set / I worked my fingers down to the bone,
But nothing I did could ever atone / But Jesus you paid my debt
By Your blood I have redemption and salvation
Lord you died that I might reap what you have sown
And you rose that I might be a new creation
I am born again by grace and grace alone**

**I was in darkness all of my life / I never knew the day from the night
But Spirit you made me see
I swore I knew the way on my own / Head full of rocks a heart made of stone
But Spirit you moved in me
And at your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone
Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken
Heaven's citizen by grace and grace alone
So I'll stand in faith by grace and grace alone
I will run the race by grace and grace alone
I will slay my sin by grace and grace alone
I will reach the end by grace and grace alone**

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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 34:1-10, 40:34-38

New Testament: John 1:1-18

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

SERMON

“Fullness of Grace & Truth: The Incredible Revelation of God’s Glory Tabernacling Among Us In Jesus”

Rev. Craig Luekens

John 1:1-18

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

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 worshipping 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.

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 God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment. I am a member of Christ by faith, and thus partake of his anointing. He is ordained of God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Ghost, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; and to be our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of his body, has redeemed us, and makes continual intercession with the Father for us; and also to be our eternal King, who governs us by his word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in that salvation, he has purchased for us.** (Heidelberg Catechism Questions 56, 31, 32)

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.

SATISFIED BY GRACE

**Once more, like children, we are come to banquet with our God;
May each one feel himself at home, and feast upon Your love.
While we receive the bread and wine, as emblems of Your death,
Lord, raise each soul above the sign, to feast on Christ by faith
We've come with starving hearts, and thirsty souls,
Satisfied by grace, Jesus, You've made us whole.
Jesus You've made us whole.**

**We would not come as strangers, Lord, who only see the sign,
But, as the objects of Christ's love, would feel were one in Him.
We've come with starving hearts, and thirsty souls,
Satisfied by grace, Jesus, You've made us whole.
Jesus You've made us whole.
And as we take and eat body and blood:
New! You're making us new, By Your Steadfast love,
Your steadfast love.**

**Like free-born sons, we would be free
From every legal chain.
Praise Him who brought our liberty,
And ever with Him reign. (Repeat)
We've come with starving hearts, and thirsty souls,**

**Satisfied by grace, Jesus, You've made us whole.
Jesus You've made us whole.
And as we take and eat body and blood:
New! You're making us new, By Your Steadfast love,
Your steadfast love.**

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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.

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

KING OF KINGS

**Praise the Father praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings**

**In the darkness we were waiting without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt
Chorus**

**To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake you died
Chorus**

**And the morning that you rose all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored**

**And the Church of Christ was born and the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me
Chorus**

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BENEDICTION

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (Ephesians 3:20-21)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Today! **Ice Cream After Worship:** Join us outside for ice cream hosted by our Children's Ministry.

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) or text VOLUNTEER to 860-467-0010.

September 18 | **Full Weekly Sunday Schedule Begins:**

- **9:30am SS Before Worship:** Sunday School resumes for children and Sunday Studies for Adults. Parents, see info about your classes online at cpcnewhaven.org/children or in the foyer. Adults, meet in the Fellowship Hall for Sermon Discussion (of the previous week's sermon). Life Group Leaders (facilitators, mercy coordinators, and outreach coordinators) will meet for their own training for 5 weeks in the Sanctuary.
- **12:00pm Lunches After Worship:** Weekly lunches begin! See the sign-up board in the foyer to help with set-up/clean-up this semester. It's a whole family affair and we can't wait for this special time of fellowship and connection on a weekly basis.

CPC Connect Board: Share an event or invitation with the whole congregation on our Connect Board in the foyer. For digital distribution, email Colleen (c.mccormack418@gmail.com). Our online Connect Board is coming soon!

Life Groups: Wanna join? Text LIFEGRUUPS to 860-467-0010 or see list in the foyer.

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 - including the weekly lunches. 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?

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 inside front cover of this bulletin for a list of all of our Life Groups. If you would like help discerning which group may be a good fit, contact Pastor Craig Luekens (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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 11 | **Sunday Funday** | After Worship

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!

October 1 | **20/30s Essex Steam Train and Hang** | 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).

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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).