

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 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 138:1-5

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise.

People: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

Leader: For you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

People: On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

Leader: All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth,

People: And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

GOD WAS THERE

**Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**When the wind on chaos blew;
when the world from nothing grew;
when the primal dream came true, God was there.
When the earliest mortals talked;
when the virgin land was walked;
when emergent faith was rocked, God was there.**

Chorus

**While the tradesman was decried;
while the Savior was denied;
while his Son was crucified, God was there.
God was there but not in vain,
shielding joy and sharing pain;
raising life to live again, God was there!**

Chorus

**In each darkness, cloud, and fire;
in the quiet as words retire;
in our lost and best desires, God is there!
Not for what we are to do,
not for what we've journeyed through,
but for all you call us to, God be there!**

Chorus

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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

I LAY MY SINS ON JESUS

**I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God;
he bears them all, and frees us from the accursed load:
I bring my guilt to Jesus, to wash my crimson stains
white in his blood most precious, till not a spot remains.**

**I lay my wants on Jesus, all fullness dwells in him;
He heals all my diseases, he doth my soul redeem:
I lay my griefs on Jesus, my burdens and my cares;
he from them all releases, he all my sorrows shares.**

**I rest my soul on Jesus, this weary soul of mine;
his right hand me embraces, I on his breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
like fragrance on the breezes his name abroad is poured.**

**I long to be like Jesus, meek, loving, lowly, mild;
I long to be like Jesus, the Father's holy child:
I long to be with Jesus amid the heav'nly throng,
to sing with saints his praises, to learn the angel's song.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Participants may kneel or lean forward.

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

People: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

In a word or short phrase, you may share a confession to God quietly or out loud, as directed.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." (2 Corinthians 5:21)

LORD ENTHRONED IN HEAVENLY SPLENDOR

**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor, first begotten from the dead:
You alone, our strong defender, now lift up your people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia:
Jesus, true and living Bread. Jesus, true and living Bread.**

**Here, our humblest homage pay we; here, in loving reverence bow.
Here, for faith's discernment pray we, lest we fail to know you now.
Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia;
You are here, we ask not how. You are here, we ask not how.
Behold the Lamb of God, who takes our sins away!
Risen, ascended, glorified: We worship you, we worship you!
You reign on high in never ending day!
Risen, ascended, glorified: We worship you, we worship you!**

**Paschal Lamb, your offering finished once for all when you were slain;
in its fullness, undiminished, shall forevermore remain.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Cleansing us from every stain. Cleansing us from every stain.**
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: Zechariah 12:7-13:9

New Testament: John 19:31-42

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

“Jesus’ Burial: Finding Life in the Death of the King”

Rev. Craig Luekens

John 19:31-42

³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. ³² So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵ He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶ For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” ³⁷ And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

³⁸ After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. ³⁹ Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰ So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹ Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴² So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

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 and will have a chance to engage with it during our weekly Sermon Discussion. You may also view a recorded version of the service or subscribe to our podcasts 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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

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!**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

**People: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

(Nicene Creed, 325 AD)

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 baptized Christians who have professed faith are invited to come forward to receive Christ's body and blood by the Holy Spirit.

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.

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME (#611)

**I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

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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

ANCIENT OF DAYS

**Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto the Ancient of Days;
from ev'ry nation, all of creation bow before the Ancient of Days.
Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth shall declare your glory,
ev'ry knee shall bow at your throne in worship;
you will be exalted, O God, and your kingdom shall not pass away,
O Ancient of Days.**

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

Chorus

**Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth,
sing unto the Ancient of Days;
for none can compare to your matchless worth,
sing unto the Ancient of Days.**

Chorus

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

SUMMER PICNIC SERIES THURSDAYS IN JULY AT 6PM - STARTS THIS WEEK

When you encounter the body of Christ, you truly experience Him! This picnic series offers a fun and relaxed way to connect your friends and neighbors to the church without a program or lecture. Bring your own blankets and chairs. Contact Elena to help (gerard.elena@gmail.com), Life Groups will take turns hosting each Thursday.

BRIDGES OF HOPE MENTORING PROGRAM

Please see the following page for BOH's call for mentors for the 2023-2024 school year.

IMPACT SUMMER SIGN-UPS

Learn more and sign-up to volunteer at: cpcnewhaven.org/impact

:::: Loving Our Neighbors at CPC New Haven

The summer is a unique time for us to come together in service of one another in our congregation and our local community.

- **Begins 7/8 | Playground Outreach:** every other Wed. & Sat. on the CPC playground 9:30am-11:30am (7/8, 7/12, 7/22, 7/26, 8/5, 8/9).
Kids and families are welcome to come participate in the play anytime, see flyers in the foyer and share with those you know!
- **Ongoing | Mercy Projects:** various times and locations throughout the summer.
 - Phinney Project | Sand Paint Off Deck | Thu. 7/6, Thu. 7/13, Fri. 7/14 | 9am-12pm
 - Bach Project | Lift Heavy Mattress | Sat. July 22 | 10:30am
 - Smith Project | Touch-Up Living Room | Fri. July 28 | Time TBD
 - White Project | Clean-Out Basement | Mon. July 31 | 9am-12pm

:::: Loving Our Town with CPC in the Hill

As a church community we volunteer to help our sister church CPC in the Hill with several of their important summer ministries. This includes:

- **Begins 7/5 | "In His Midst" BBQs:** every Wed. 5pm-7pm at Trowbridge Park.
- **Begins 7/22 | Children's Read Out Loud:** select Sat. 1pm-4pm at Maxine's house.

:::: Loving Our City with Bridges of Hope

"I Heart New Haven Day" is Saturday August 26th! Join with other churches throughout Greater New Haven in a day of service to our city and unity amongst ourselves.



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE GROUPS: Do you have a group for the new year? If not, to find one text LIFEGROUPS to 860-467-0010 or see a list in the foyer. Life groups are authentic and small gatherings where we experience and share Christ.

CONNECT BOARD: Want to join or share some fun this summer? Text CONNECT to 860-467-0010 (or go to connect.cpcnewhaven.org). On the website, click the “Get Notified” button to receive weekly emails and to send new event details out in real time. This is your way to share an event or invitation with the whole congregation! You can also post it on the physical connect board in the foyer. Questions? Email Colleen Rice (c.mccormack418@gmail.com).

BRIDGES OF HOPE (BOH) ANNOUNCEMENTS

MENTORING PROGRAM | 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR: Are you looking for a way to love our city? Invest in the life of a New Haven child and their family! Our vision is to provide a safe place for students from low-income families to receive academic help and grow emotionally and spiritually alongside a caring adult. Volunteers should be over 18 and willing to commit one night a week to spending time with a 1st-8th grader. We meet from 5:15-7pm. Duties will include homework help, short devotions, and small group recreation. Mentors agree to attend at least 4 hours of training and orientation in early September and again in January. Volunteers will also be responsible to communicate regularly with their mentee's parents. If you are more administratively gifted and not interested in directly mentoring a child, we have opportunities to support the mentoring program in other ways! Complete the initial application at bridgesnewhaven.org/mentoring or contact Rafa (rafael.luna@bridgesnewhaven.org).

ONGOING WEEKLY

Sundays | 9:30am | Prayer in the Parlor: Join with fellow members before worship to pray.

Various Times | 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. Sign-up confidentially at cpcnewhaven.org/pastoral-counseling or text PASTORCONSULT to 860-467-0010.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All 2022-2023 events can be found at cpcnewhaven.org/events.

06 July | **Summer Picnic Series** | Thursdays in July at 6pm

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16 July | **Fellowship Lunch** | Following Worship

Join us for a fellowship lunch after worship! Suggested donation of \$5 per meal, maximum of \$20 per household (guests and kids eat free). *Don't let costs hinder you from joining, we'd love to have you come anyway!*

19 August | **Men's Sea/River Kayak Outing** | Save the Date!

Contact Pat Clendenen (pat.clendenen@gmail.com) for more information.

NEW HERE?

1. **Text NEWHERE to 860-467-0010 or Submit a Welcome Card!** We would love 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 NEWHERE to 860-467-0010 to connect.
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). Or you can text LIFEGROUPS to 860-467-0010
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 meet one-on-one with a pastor and then discuss how you've come to know Christ with the Shepherd Leaders. Contact Annie McHugh (annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org) to begin the process.

MINISTRY GROUPS

Youth | Youth ministry at CPC takes place through our Sunday School lessons and one-on-one discipleship with youth pastor Jerry Ornelas (Jerry.Ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org), along with special events and seasonal activities.

College Students | We love students! Contact Pastor Craig, craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org.

Graduate Students | We have several different weekly options. If interested in Graduate student ministry, please contact Pastor Craig (Craig.Luekens@cpcnewhaven.org).

LIFE GROUPS

Downtown New Haven Life Group

Contact: Colleen Rice

c.mccormack418@gmail.com

Meets: Weekly on Thursdays at 7pm, location varies from week to week.

Hamden Cheshire Life Group

Contact: Julie Walker

walkerfj@comcast.net

Meets: 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 2pm at different members' homes.

East Rock Life Group

Contact: Kaitlyn Jessee

kaijessee@gmail.com

Meets: 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, either mid or late afternoon.

Shoreline Saturday Life Group (Madison)

Contact: Lisa Tweed

blueprintlearns@gmail.com

Meets: 2nd Saturday of each month from 4:30pm-7:30pm.

Shoreline Sunday Life Group (Guilford)

Contact: Peggy Kebabian

kebabianp@gmail.com

Meets: Twice monthly, 2nd Wed. at 7:30pm via Zoom, and the 4th Sun. at 1pm in person.

Trumbull Life Group

Contact: Stacy Roney

mrsprofdoc@icloud.com

Meets: Twice monthly, once on the 2nd Saturday at 6pm, and another time for a joint activity.

West Side Life Group (Woodbridge/Westville)

Contact: Miranda Healy

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Meets: 2nd Sunday of each month at 4pm.