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. Handicap parking signs are posted at the first two spots on the side parking lot closest to our front entrance. Two Yale parking lots north of the church on Whitney Ave. are also available to us - 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

1. 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.

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice,

Refrain

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light,

Refrain

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care,

Refrain

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one,

Refrain

PSALM 34 TASTE AND SEE

I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from ev'ry fear. Those who look on him are radiant. They'll never be ashamed, they'll never be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard me and saved me from my enemies.
The Son of God surrounds his saints.
He will deliver them, he will deliver them.

Magnify the Lord with me.

Come exalt his name together.

Glorify the Lord with me.

Come exalt his name forever.

O taste and see that the Lord is good.
O blessed is he who hides in him.
O fear the Lord, O all you saints.
He'll give you ev'rything, he'll give you ev'rything.

Chorus

Let us bless the Lord ev'ry day and night, never ending praise. May our incense rise. (repeat)

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

HEAL US

Heal us, Emmanuel here we are. We long to feel thy touch. Deep wounded souls to thee we fly; O, Savior hear our cry.

Our faith is feeble we confess, we faintly trust thy word; but will you pity us the less? Be that far from you, Lord! Chorus

Remember him who once applied, with trembling for relief; "Lord, I believe," with tears he cried; "O help my unbelief!"

Chorus

She, too, who touched you in the press, and healing virtue stole, was answered, "Daughter, go in peace; thy faith has made thee whole!"

Like her, with hopes and fears we come to touch you if we may; O send us not despairing home; send none unhealed away.

Chorus

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Participants may kneel or lean forward.

People: Loving Father, let me hear your gracious call—

not in prideful religiosity, comparing myself with others, but in desperate humility, casting myself on your mercy.

As I pray, "God, have mercy on me, a sinner," so may I live this day justified and free in the life-giving power of your Spirit. Amen.

(Adapted from the Westminster Confession, Chapter 10)

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able to save those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them." (Hebrews 7:23-25)

ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS I STAND

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day. There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

> I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land. I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore. Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.

Chorus

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed? When shall I see my Father's face and in his bosom rest?

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: Isaiah 44:21-23 New Testament: Philippians 3:7-16

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

Life In The Resurrection: He has Made Me His Own Rev. Jerry Ornelas Philippians 3:7-16

⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶ Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

SERMON NOTES

MEDITATION

Text SERMONQUESTION to 860-467-0010 and follow the prompts to submit your question. The pastor will be in touch this week and will have a chance to engage with it during our weekly podcast "Beyond the Sunday Sermon." You may also view a recorded version of the service or subscribe to our podcasts at podcasts.cpcnewhaven.org.

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

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

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 on the table 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

GLORIA PATRI (#735)

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.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

People: Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ is ascended

Christ will come again!

Leader: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS TOGETHER

COMING FORWARD TO RECEIVE COMMUNION

All baptized Christians who have professed faith publicly in a gospel-believing church are invited to come forward to receive Christ's body and blood by the Holy Spirit. If you have not professed faith publicly, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, simply indicate by crossing your arms across your chest.

We serve wine in the Lord's Supper, believing it to be the Biblical element used. We provide grape juice (in the outer rim) for those who, out of conscience or reasons of health, do not partake of wine. The communion bread is gluten free. Pre-sealed elements of juice and wafer are also available when you come forward.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

<u>Prayer for those searching:</u> 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.

<u>Prayer for belief:</u> 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.

TAKE MY LIFE

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use ev'ry power as you choose.

Here am I, all of me; take my life, it's all for thee.

Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at your feet its treasure store.

Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Here am I, all of me; take my life, it's all for thee.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 gentleness, with 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 HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME (#296)

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Crown him ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call: extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown him Lord of all; extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all; hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall, go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all; go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all; to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall; we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all; we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

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BENEDICTION

"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us." (Psalm 67:1)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HIGHLIGHTS

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

• 8:30am: Prayer in the Parlor

9:30am: Children's Sunday School

• 9:30am: Adult Sunday Studies - Next week: 'Redemption Applied' on Assurance and

Perseverance

10:30am: Worship Service12:00pm: Fellowship Lunch

NEWCOMERS LUNCH TODAY

After worship, grab lunch and join us in the 1st Floor Lecture Room to learn more about CPC, meet some of our leadership team, and give us a chance to get to know YOU!

COME TO THE MUSIC TEAM APRIL SONG SMASH!

Anyone who would like to join the worship musicians this coming Saturday, April 20th at 4:30 for our monthly rehearsal--where we try out new songs, sometimes practice different instruments, and literally "play around" with worship music together. No questions asked or musical abilities refused! And we promise there are no strings attached--unless you play the double bass! If you would like the music ahead of time, or need transpositions please contact Jennifer Cheng: jennifer@cpcnewhaven.org. Hope to see you there!

NEXT SUNDAY - ELDER ORDINATION

We are grateful for God's provision of two new Ruling Elders for the shepherding of our church. Next Sunday in the worship service Tyler Rice and Joshua Kebabian will be ordained to this sacred office. All members will be taking a vow as well. Praise God for His faithful undershepherds!

I HEART NEW HAVEN DAY JUNE 1ST

Mark your calendars for June 1st for Bridges of Hope's annual I Heart New Haven Day! This is an exciting day joining with other churches around the city to love the greater New Haven area with projects such as clean up, gardening, painting, and repair at places like soup kitchens, local schools, animal shelters and many other places. As always, we'll gather on the green for worship and prayer first, and then disperse out to our projects. Please register now!



ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR LUNCH DOWNSTAIRS

VISITORS EAT FREE

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DROP-IN TIME WITH PASTOR CRAIG: Fridays from 7am-10am. Anyone is invited to come to Craig's office, 2nd floor of the old building (ring the Bradley St. doorbell), for a casual time of discussion, Q&A, prayer, coffee, tea, really whatever you want to make it! Wondering what God is doing in a certain part of your life? Let's wonder together! Are you reading *The Soul of Shame*? Let's discuss! Have a tricky situation at home or work? Let's discern best steps! Want to just chat about nothing in particular? Come on in! If you have a more private or formal need, you're always welcome to set up a separate time with Pastor Craig (craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org), but this is meant to be a space where anyone can drop in. Confirm that Craig is there on any given week on the CPC calendar: cpcnewhaven.org/events.

PASTOR'S BOOK PICK - THE SOUL OF SHAME, by Curt Thompson. The Soul of Shame: Retelling the Stories We Tell About Ourselves underscores the all-too-often hidden ways in which shame controls and destroys us - at home, work, and church. Saturated with the liberating truths of the gospel, this book offers insightful ways to diagnose ourselves and bring healing to ourselves and our community. To those courageous enough to read this book, we hope it will unleash the power of the gospel among us. Read along with our Shepherd Leaders our winter Pastor's book pick! Copies are in the foyer; donate what you can.

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Receive Our Weekly Newsletter: Go to **cpcnewhaven.org** and select "Newsletter Sign-Up" on the home page. Our weekly newsletter goes out on Friday mornings with Sunday Service information, highlights, upcoming events, and useful links.



Sing at Home with Our YouTube Playlist: Enjoy the songs we regularly sing at CPC from home with our YouTube playlist. Visit **youtube.com/@CPCNewHaven/playlists** and select "CPC Sunday Morning Music".



NEW HERE?

- Text NEWHERE to 860-467-0010 or Submit a Welcome Card! We would love to connect with you. Please fill out a Welcome Card located in the back of the pews and return it either into the offering basket or to the Welcome Bar in the foyer. You may also text NEWHERE to 860-467-0010 to connect.
- 1. **CHECK OUT A SMALL GROUP!** Do you have a group for the New Year? If not, find one by texting SMALLGROUPS to 860-467-0010, or see the list at the end of this bulletin or in the foyer. Life Groups and Discipleship Groups are authentic and small gatherings where we experience and share Christ.
- 2. **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 admin@cpcnewhaven.org to begin the process.

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Discipleship Groups focus on the application of the gospel to every aspect of life. The very gospel that sets us free from the fear of divine and human condemnation is the same power that transforms our relationships, work, and worship. These groups focus on living and sharing truth through mutual accountability, study, and prayer.

- Men's TBD Schedule | David Taylor: david.taylor.finance@gmail.com
- Women's 1st and 3rd Mon. 7:30pm | Diane Miller: auntie.diane@comcast.net
- Mom's 2024 meetings: 1/30, 2/6, 2/27, 7PM-9PM | Meg Bogue: mhbogue@yahoo.com
- Young at Heart (60+) 2nd and 4th Tue. 10:30am | Stacy Roney: mrsprofdoc@icloud.com

MINISTRY GROUPS

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

College Students | We love students! Contact Pastor Jerry (jerry.ornelas@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

Life Groups are our way of doing church in the small with all sorts of people engaged in prayer, teaching, fellowship and care. They are the vehicle that we use to help all who participate, to continue to experience Christ outside of our worship gatherings and to impart the pastoral care that Christ provides through the love of his people. Thus, the worship, teaching, fellowship, and care for one another supply a more intimate and hands-on encounter with the living Christ.

Downtown New Haven Wednesday

Contact: Colleen Rice | colleenmmrice@gmail.com

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

East Rock Sunday

Contact: Kaitlyn Jessee | kaijessee@gmail.com Meets: 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month,

either mid or late afternoon.

Hamden Cheshire Sunday

Contact: Julie Walker | walkerfj@comcast.net Meets: 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 2pm at different members' homes.

Shoreline Saturday

Contact: Cliff Bogue | clifford.bogue@me.com Meets: 2nd Saturday of each month from

4:30pm-7:30pm.

Downtown New Haven Thursday

Contact: Alicia Kebabian | akebabian@gmail.com

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

West Side (Woodbridge/Westville) Sunday

Contact: Miranda Healy | mirandajrdn8@gmail.com

Meets: 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 4:30pm at different members' homes

Trumbull Saturday

Contact: Stacy Roney | mrsprofdoc@icloud.com

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

joint activity.