

# Welcome to Christ Presbyterian Church of New Haven!

*We are delighted that you have chosen to join us in worship this Lord's Day.*

*It is our sincere hope and prayer that you will know the saving presence, power, love and authority of our King and Savior Jesus Christ as a result of our time spent together in worship.*

*We would also like to get more acquainted with you, so please take the time to **fill out the register** as it comes down your row during the announcements. Please use the prayer card located in the inside pocket of the register or the back of pews to communicate your prayer requests or other concerns and place it in the basket on the back table as you leave the worship service. Your requests are prayed for during the week.*

*We also hope you will join us for **coffee & tea following the worship service.***

*As a church, we value family worship, and therefore children of all ages are welcome to join us in the worship service at their parents' discretion. However, **childcare** is available (off of the foyer area - Children's Education Wing) for parents who wish to take advantage of it (there is no age restriction). Please do not hesitate to ask a greeter for assistance.*

**Introduction and Welcome to CPC** - please pick up your free copy on the table located at the foyer entrance.

**Our Offices are adjacent to the sanctuary.** Core office hours at CPC are from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm Monday-Thursday. Should you need to use our facilities, please call our Administrator to make arrangements. We are currently building a unique library and reading room containing various selections of books, journals, children's literature and tapes (library is located in our balcony area). Selections may be checked out or you are welcome to drop by for a reading break from your busy schedule.

**Parking - On Sundays**, please reserve the on-site parking lot for our visitors & parents with small children. In courtesy to our neighbors, please do not park in front of Bradley St. homes, but use the RIS parking lot located next door. **During the week**, please contact our administrator for parking information as most of our spaces are rented out during the week. And, for safety reasons, exit the lot on the Bradley Street side only. Thank you.

**Log onto: [christpresnewhaven.org](http://christpresnewhaven.org) for more information or calendar events.**

**You may also call 777-6960 and press 5 to hear weekly events.**

**CD's** of sermons are available upon request for \$3 per CD. To order a copy, please fill out a request sheet (located in the Media Center/Reading Room in the Fellowship Hall) and place your payment into the container labeled Media Payments.

*As a church committed to Greater New Haven, we meet in the middle of the region we hope to serve and reach, which consists of 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 reuse bulletin covers - if you do not need one - please place covers on the foyer table as you leave.**

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
Service Order 4

January 28, 2007

10:30AM

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

Opening Songs of Praise and Worship

*Alleluia (South African)*

*Sing 3 times*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

*\*O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!  
Rolling as a mighty ocean  
In its fullness over me!  
Underneath me, all around me,  
Is the current of Thy love  
Leading onward, leading homeward  
To Thy glorious rest above!*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Spread His praise from shore to shore!  
How He loveth, ever loveth,  
Changeth never, nevermore!  
How He watches o'er His loved ones,  
Died to call them all His own;  
How for them He intercedeth,  
Watcheth o'er them from the throne!*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Love of every love the best!  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,  
'Tis a haven sweet of rest!  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
'Tis a heaven of heavens to me;  
And it lifts me up to glory,  
For it lifts me up to Thee!*

\*Congregation Standing

## WORSHIP THROUGH INVOCATION AND ADORATION

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 147:1-7

Leader: Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise Him!

People: *The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel.*

Leader: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

People: *He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.*

Leader: Great is our Lord and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit.

People: *The Lord sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground.*

Leader: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God on the harp.

People: *Praise the Lord.*

\*Hymn of Praise: *Come, Thou Almighty King*

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*Come, thou Almighty King,  
help us thy name to sing, help us to praise.  
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.*

*Come, thou Incarnate Word,  
gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.  
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word Success;  
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.*

*Come, Holy Comforter,  
thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.  
Tho who almighty art, now rule in every heart,  
and ne=er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.*

*To the great One in Three  
eternal praises be, hence evermore.  
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,  
and to eternity love and adore.*

\*Invocation and Prayer of Adoration

\*Doxology (#733)

*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;  
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

\*Congregation Standing

Old Testament Reading: *Deuteronomy 7:6-16*

New Testament Reading: *Matthew 20:1-6*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People:** *Thanks be to God!*

Meditation

*[Please take a moment to reflect on the reading of God's Word]*

## WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Corporate Confession:

*[Participants may kneel or lean forward]*

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

**People:** *O most great, most just, and gracious God, your eyes are more pure than to behold sin.*

*You condemn the ungodly, unrepentant, and unbelievers, but have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all that repent and believe in Him. We confess that we were conceived in sin, and are by nature children under your anger. We remember not our Creator in the days of our youth. We have neglected and abused your holy worship, your holy name, and your holy day. We have dishonored our superiors, and neglected our inferiors. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have not sought first your Kingdom and righteousness, and have not been contented with our daily bread. We seek your pardon and salvation as offered to us in the wonderful love of Jesus Christ.*

(From Richard Baxter, the Savoy Liturgy)

Private Confession

Absolution

Leader: Hear now God's assurance of pardon:

The blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:7-9*

Pastoral Prayer

*[Participants may be seated]*

**Prayer for our Members:** The Tarantino Family

**Special Needs:** Rev. Preston Graham & family – father's death.  
College Fellowship  
Westville Community Group

**Mission to the World:**

Romania - Ms. Nena Cadiente

*God moves in a mysterious way  
His wonders to perform;  
He plants His footsteps in the sea  
And rides upon the storm.*

*Deep in unfathomable mines  
Of never failing skill  
He treasures up His bright designs  
And works His sovereign will.*

*Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;  
The clouds ye so much dread  
Are big with mercy and shall break  
In blessings on your head.*

*Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,  
But trust Him for His grace;  
Behind a frowning providence  
He hides a smiling face.*

*His purposes will ripen fast,  
Unfolding every hour;  
The bud may have a bitter taste,  
But sweet will be the flower.*

*Blind unbelief is sure to err  
And scan His work in vain;  
God is His own interpreter,  
And He will make it plain.*

## WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon: *It's All Right to Be Little-Bitty*  
[Sermon notes located on page 16]

Rev. Clay Daniel

1"For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' 5So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. 6And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' 7They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' 8And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' 9And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. 10Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. 11And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, 12saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' 13But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?' 14Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. 15Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' 16So the last will be first, and the first last."  
*Matthew 20:1-16 (ESV)*

## WORSHIP THROUGH SACRAMENT

Introduction to the Lord's Table

The Collection of the Communion of the Saints

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

*2 Corinthians 8:9*

\*Congregation Standing

[A good time to retrieve your children from childcare to experience the Lord's Table, if so desired.]

*As longs the hart for flowing streams,  
So longs my soul for You, O God  
My soul does thirst for the living God  
When shall I come to see Your face?*

*My tears have fed me day and night,  
While some have said, "Where is your God?"  
But I recall as my soul pours dry  
The days of peace within Your house.*

*Why do I mourn and toil within,  
When it is mine to hope in God?  
I shall again sing praise to Him,  
He is my help, He is my God.*

\*Presentation of Gifts

[Please stand as we present our lives and gifts to Christ at His banquet table.]

...and they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

*Revelation 4:10-11*

\*Processional Hymn: *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* (#1)

*All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with fear, his praise forth-tell,  
come ye before him and rejoice.*

\*Confession of Faith

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

**Congregation:** *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, Question #56, 31, 32]

\*Congregation Standing

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Pastor: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**All:** *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

\*Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Lord's Table

*[We use 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.]*

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*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 of 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.

*The Head that once was crowned with thorns  
Is crowned with glory now;  
A royal diadem adorns  
The mighty Victor's brow.*

*The highest place that heaven affords  
Is His, is His by right,  
The King of kings and Lord of lords,  
And heaven's eternal Light;*

*The Joy of all who dwell above,  
The Joy of all below  
To whom He manifests His love  
And grants His name to know.*

*To them the cross, with all its shame,  
With all its grace, is given;  
Their name an everlasting name,  
Their joy the joy of heaven.*

*They suffer with their Lord below,  
They reign with Him above,  
Their profit and their joy to know  
The mystery of His love.*

*The cross He bore is life and health,  
Though shame and death to Him:  
His people's hope, His people's wealth,  
Their everlasting theme.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*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!*

\*Benediction

Leader: Now may the Lord bless you according to the riches of his glory and strengthen you with the power of his Spirit that you may be filled with all the fullness of God in Christ. Amen. *Ephesians 3:16ff*

**People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!**

Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

## **Sermon Notes**

*It's All Right to Be Little-Bitty*  
*Matthew 20:1-16*

Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:

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