

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 for more information or calendar events.

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

CD's of sermons are downloadable online or 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

February 11, 2007

10:30AM

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

Opening Songs of Praise and Worship

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandr'ing heart to thee.
Prone to wander Lord, I feel it-prone to leave the God I love:
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

* Lo! He Comes

1. *Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for our salvation slain;
Thousand, thousand saints attending,
Swell in triumph of His train.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.*
2. *Every eye shall now behold Him,
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him,
Pierced, and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.*
3. *Now redemption long expected,
See in solemn pomp appear!
All his saints by man rejected,*
4. *Yea, amen! let all adore Thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory,
Claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly, O come quickly;
Alleluia, come, Lord, come.*
5. *Yea, amen! Let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly, O come quickly;
alleluia! come, Lord, come.*

*Congregation Standing

WORSHIP THROUGH INVOCATION AND ADORATION

*Call to Worship: Isaiah 52:9-10

Leader: Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem; for the
LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

People: *The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the
salvation of our God.*

*Hymn of Praise: *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!*

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*Hail, Thou once despised Jesus! Hail, Thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us; Thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, Thou universal Savior, Who hast borne our sin and shame!
By Thy merits we find favor; life is given through Thy Name.*

*Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on Thee were laid;
By almighty love anointed, Thou hast full atonement made.
Every sin may be forgiven through the virtue of Thy blood;
Opened is the gate of Heaven, reconciled are we with God.*

*Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory, there forever to abide;
All the heavenly hosts adore Thee, seated at Thy Father's side.
There for sinners Thou art pleading; there Thou dost our place prepare;
Thou for saints art interceding till in glory they appear.*

*Worship, honor, power and blessing Christ is worthy to receive;
Loudest praises, without ceasing, right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits, bring your sweetest, noblest lays;
Help to sing of Jesus' merits, help to chant Emmanuel's praise!*

*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!*

Old Testament Reading: *Psalm 106:1-12*

New Testament Reading: *John 3:15-21*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

*Congregation Standing

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 Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge unreservedly before your holy majesty that we are sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption, prone to do evil, incapable of any good relative to your character, and that in our depravity we transgress your holy commands without end or ceasing, wherefore we purchased for ourselves, through your righteous judgment, our ruin and punishment. O God and Father most gracious and full of compassion, have mercy upon us in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Magnify and increase in us day by day the grace of your Holy Spirit, that as we acknowledge our unrighteousness with all our heart, we may be moved by that sorrow which shall bring forth true repentance in us, putting to death all our sins and producing in us the fruits of righteousness and innocence which are pleasing to you through Jesus Christ. Amen!*

(Adapted from John Calvin, Geneva 1542)

Private Confession

Absolution

Leader: Hear now God's assurance of pardon:

"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

Pastoral Prayer

[Participants may be seated]

Prayer for our Members: The Washburn Family

Special Needs: The Ministry of Word at CPC (*Preaching, Small Groups, Sunday School and Bible Interpretation Seminar*)
Thursday Grad/Prof Community Group
RUF Retreat

Mission to the World:

Slovak Republic - Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Emerson, Ms. Miriam Grady, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Gregoire, Mr. & Mrs. John Lesondak,
Ms. Megan Stehle, Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Talley

*Song of Response: *In Christ Alone*

*In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand*

*In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live*

*There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost it's grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Brought with the precious blood of Christ*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand*

*Congregation Standing

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon: *I Believe?*

[Sermon notes located on page 15]

Rev. Preston Graham

15that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God So Loved the World 16"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. 20For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God." John 3:15-21 (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

Collection Hymn: *My Jesus I Love Thee* (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

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

*My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
For thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.*

*I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death;
And praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath;
And say, when the deathdew lies cold on my brow;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

*In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

***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 in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic† Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen* [Apostles' Creed]

†That is, the true Christian church of all times and all places.

***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

***Congregation Standing**

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.

**Closing Hymn: Worship Christ, The Risen King*

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*1. Rise O Church and lift your voices
Christ has conquered death and hell
Sing as all the earth rejoices
Resurrection anthems swell
Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the Risen King*

*2. See the tomb where death had laid Him
Empty now its mouth declares
Death and I could not contain Him
For the throne of life He shares
Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the Risen King*

*3. Hear the earth protest and tremble
See the stone removed with pow'r
All hell's minions may assemble*

*But cannot withstand His hour
He has conquered He has conquered
Christ the Lord the Risen King*

*4. Doubt may lift its head to murmur
Scoffers mock and sinners jeer
But the truth proclaims a wonder
Thoughtful hearts receive with cheer
He is risen He is risen
Now receive the Risen King*

*5. We acclaim Your life O Jesus
Now we sing Your victory
Sin or hell may seek to seize us
But Your conquest keeps us free
Stand in triumph stand in triumph
Worship Christ the Risen King*

**Congregation Standing*

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: "Peace be to the whole community, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. " Amen. *Ephesians 6:23*

People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Sermon Notes

I Believe?
John 3:15-21

Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences: