

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.

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.

Sermon MP3's are downloadable free of charge online at the above website. Audio CDs are available upon request for \$3 per CD. To order a copy, please complete the request sheet (located in the display case in the foyer area) and place your payment into the container labeled Media Payments. Payments must accompany requests in order to be completed. Please allow two weeks delivery time.

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

April 29, 2007

10:30 AM

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

Paul nowhere sets forth a systematic presentation of "Christian Ethics." Instead... he is seeking to shape the life of a particular community in accordance with his vision... his letters should be read primarily as instruments of community formation... Indeed, the focus on community is a part of the gospel itself. How so? If we ask, "What is God doing in the world in the interval between resurrection and parousia?" the answer must be given, for Paul, primarily in ecclesial terms: God is at work through the Spirit to create communities that prefigure and embody the reconciliation and healing of the world.

Richard Hayes.

IN a time of increasing dissociation between church and society, the primary task of the church is not to baptize whatever elements of secular culture seem most religiously promising. Its task is to make greater Christian authenticity possible by socializing its members into a new way of life. This way of life is structured by the canonical texts of the community and the ways in which they recite the stories of Israel and the church. These stories, as they are read and followed by the church, have the communal power to shape belief, experience and action.

David Ferguson

Opening Songs of Praise and Worship

Be Still My Soul

#689

*Be still, my soul! The Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! Thy best, thy heavenly, Friend
Thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*

*Be still, my soul! Thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul! The waves and wind still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.*

*Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord.*

*When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*

*Be still, my soul: begin the song of praise
On earth, believing, to thy Lord on high;
Acknowledge Him in all thy works and ways,
So shall He view thee with a well-pleased eye.
Be still, my soul: the Sun of life divine
Through passing clouds shall but more brightly shine.*

* Come, Thou Almighty King

#101

*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.*

Note: Trinity Hymnal can be found in pews if desired.

*Congregation Standing

WORSHIP THROUGH INVOCATION AND ADORATION

*Call to Worship: Psalm 50:1-6

Leader: The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: *Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.*

Leader: Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a
devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

People: *He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his
people.*

Leader: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me
by sacrifice!"

People: *The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!*

*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 133*

New Testament Reading: *1 Peter 4:7-11*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Meditation: ***Bless the Lord***

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

Instrumental meditation – Sing 2x - Instrumental meditation

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's Holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

*Congregation Standing

WORSHIP THROUGH BAPTISM AND ABSOLUTION

Introduction to Christian Baptism

Corporate Confession:

[Participants may kneel or lean forward]

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

People: *Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their sins. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

[Based upon The Book of Common Worship, second order]

Private Confession

Absolution

Leader: Hear now God's assurance of pardon:

“And Peter said to them, “Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself.”

Acts 2:38-39

Baptismal Vows

Christian Baptism – Nathaniel David Bruce

Parental Vows

1. *Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?*
2. *Do you claim God's covenant promises in his/her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his/her salvation, as you do for your own?*
3. *Do you now unreservedly consecrate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him/her a godly example, that you will pray with and for him/her, that you will teach him/her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him/her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?*

Congregational Vows

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Pastoral Prayer

[Participants may be seated]

Prayer for our Members: The Bruce Family

Special Needs: *Nathan Paek* – continued recovery from Kawasaki Disease.

Rufus Howard – Praise God for his return home & continued recovery.

Shoreline Small Group

Mission to the World: *Belize* – Mr. & Mrs. David Arends, Ms. Sandy Bryan,

Mr. & Mrs. Garry Chambers, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Day, Ms. Nicole Fennig,

Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Gustafson, Mr. & Mrs. Craig Marshall, Mr. & Mrs. Wiley Smith,

Ms. Carla Stevens, Mr. & Mrs. Marc Summers

*Song of Response: *God Moves in a Mysterious Way*

#128

[A good time for children to leave for childcare - if so desired.]

*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.*

Note: Trinity Hymnal can be found in pews if desired.

*Congregation Standing

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon: *Let the Church Be the Church: A Missional Strategy for the End Times*

Rev. Preston Graham

[Sermon notes located on page 11]

The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. [8] Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. [9] Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. [10] As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: [11] whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. *1 Peter 4:7-11 (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: ***Be Thou My Vision***

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

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence thy light.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

*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* (vs.1)

#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.*

Note: Trinity Hymnal can be found in pews if desired.

*Confession of Faith

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

Congregation: *I believe that our chief end is to glorify God and enjoy*

Him forever, and that God and his will are revealed in the holy scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, which is our only rule of faith and practice. I believe that there is but one God only, the true and living God. I believe in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. I believe that God, out of his mere good pleasure from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, to deliver them out of sin and misery and to bring them into salvation by our redeemer, Jesus Christ. I believe in the life everlasting, where the souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness and do immediately pass into glory and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves until the final resurrection and the full enjoyment of God to all eternity.

[Selections from Westminster Standards]

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

All: *We lift them up to the Lord!*

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

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

*Prayer of Consecration

*Congregation Standing

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

Pastor: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Pastor: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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.

*Congregation Standing

*Closing Hymn: *Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord!*

#19

*Thee we adore, eternal Lord!
We praise Thy Name with one accord.
Thy saints, who here Thy goodness see,
Through all the world do worship Thee,
Through all the world do worship Thee.*

*Apostles join the glorious throng,
And prophets swell th'immortal song;
Thy martyrs' noble army raise
Eternal anthems to Thy praise,
Eternal anthems to Thy praise.*

*To Thee aloud all angels cry,
The heav'ns and all the powers on high:
Thee, holy, holy, holy King,
Lord God of hosts, they ever sing,
Lord God of hosts, they ever sing.*

*From day to day, O Lord, do we
Exalt and highly honor Thee!
Thy Name we worship and adore,
World without end, forevermore,
World without end, forevermore.*

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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: " May the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, himself restore, establish, and strengthen you. To him be the dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

I Peter 5:10-11

People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Sermon Notes

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Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:

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