

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 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

August 12, 2007

9:30 AM

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

Opening Songs of Praise and Worship

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

#457

***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.***

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

*- Congregation Standing wherever indicated throughout bulletin.

**Lo! He Comes*

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*Now redemption long expected,
See in solemn pomp appear!
All his saints by man rejected,
Now shall meet Him in the air.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
See the day of God, appear!*

*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.*

WORSHIP THROUGH INVOCATION AND ADORATION

**Call to Worship: Psalm 135:1-7, 13*

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord; praise him, you servants of the Lord.

People: *You who minister in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.*

Leader: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant.

People: *For the Lord has chosen Jacob to be his own, Israel to be his treasured possession.*

Leader: I know that the Lord is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods.

People: *The Lord does whatever pleases him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths.*

Leader: He makes clouds rise from the ends of the earth; he sends lightning with the rain and brings out the wind from his storehouses.

People: *Your name, O Lord, endures forever, your renown, O Lord, through all generations.*

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**Invocation and Prayer of Adoration*

*Hymn of Praise: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

#76

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.*

*Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.*

*Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.*

*Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.*

*Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him with us the God of grace.*

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

*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 37:1-17*

New Testament Reading: *James 5:7-12*

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: *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:

“Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.”
Romans 8:33-34

Pastoral Prayer

[Participants may be seated]

Prayer for our Members: The Finch Family

Special Needs: 5th – 6th grade Sunday School class.

Mission to the World: Hong-Kong – Mr. & Mrs. James Buckner

*Song of Response: *By Grace Alone*

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

*Out of the depths I cry to You, Lord, hear my voice of pleading;
Bend down Your gracious ear, I pray, Your humble servant heeding.
If You remember each misdeed, And of each thought and word take heed,
Who can remain before You? Only by grace, by grace alone.*

*Your pardon is a gift of love, Your grace alone must save us,
Our works will not remove our guilt, The strictest life would fail us.
Let none in deeds or merits boast, But let us own the Holy Ghost
for He alone can change us: Only by grace, by grace alone.*

*Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, Our utmost need it soundeth.
Our kind and faithful Shepherd He, Who will set all His people free
From all their sin and sorrow: Only by grace, by grace alone.*

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon: Play the Field: Bagger Vance & James on the Same Golf Course

Rev. Tolivar Wills

[Sermon notes located on page 16]

7Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. 8You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. 9Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. 10As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. 12But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

James 5:7-12 (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: ***There is a Redeemer***

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

***There is a Redeemer, Jesus God's own son;
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank you, oh, my Father, for giving us your son,
and leaving your spirit 'til the work on earth is done.***

***Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.
Chorus***

***When I stand in Glory, I will see his face;
there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.
Chorus***

*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: What is your only comfort in life and death?

Congregation: That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with His precious blood has fully paid for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil, and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; moreover, that all things must work together for my salvation, and by His Holy Spirit, Christ also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready, henceforth, to live for Him.

[Heidelberg Catechism, #1]

*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

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.

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.

*Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the Head and Cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help for ever
And her confidence alone.*

*All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
In glad hymns eternally.*

*To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts today:
With thy wonted lovingkindness
Hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls alway.*

*Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
What they ask of thee to gain,
What they gain from thee for ever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in thy glory
Evermore with thee to reign.*

*Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory,
While unending ages run.*

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, even as one who by the power at work within you is able to accomplish abundantly for more than all we can ask or imagine. To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to every generation forever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20*

People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!

Postlude

Sermon Notes

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James 5:7-12

Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:

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