

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 1:30 pm Monday-Friday. 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 at no cost online or are available upon request for \$3 per CD. To order a copy, please fill out a request sheet (located in the foyer) and place your payment into the container labeled Media Payments. Only orders accompanied by payment will be filled.

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.

August 24, 2008

9:30 AM

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Service Order 4

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

Opening Songs of Praise and Worship

Give Peace, O God, Give Peace

***O God of love, O King of peace,
Make wars throughout the world to cease;
The wrath of sinful man restrain;
Give peace, O God, give peace again.***

***Remember, Lord, your works of old,
The wonders that our fathers told;
Remember not our sin's dark stain;
Give peace, O God, give peace again.***

***Whom shall we trust, but you, O Lord?
Where rest but on your faithful Word?
None ever called on you in vain;
Give peace, O God, give peace again.***

***Where saints and angels dwell above,
All hearts are knit in holy love;
O bind us in that heav'nly chain;
Give peace, O God, give peace again.***

Liturgical Definitions:

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation:

A time to quiet your heart and mind in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.

"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." Psalms 46:10

** Congregation Standing
wherever indicated throughout
bulletin.*

*Note: Trinity Hymnal can be
found in pews for hymns
indicated with numbers*

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

*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.*

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*Invitational Songs of Prayers
for God's Presence*

*And I looked, and there in
heaven a door stood open.*

Revelation 4:1

WORSHIP THROUGH INVOCATION AND ADORATION

*Call to Worship: Psalm 68:17-19, 34-35 (ESV)

Leader: The chariots of God are twice ten thousand,
thousands upon thousands; the Lord is among them;
Sinai is now in the sanctuary.

People: *You ascended on high, a host of captives in your train and
receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that
the Lord God may dwell there.*

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is
our salvation.

People: *Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and
whose power is in the skies.*

Leader: Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of
Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to
his people.

People: *Blessed be God!*

Call to Worship

*And the first voice, which I had
heard speaking to me like a
trumpet, said, "Come up here,
and I will show you what must
take place after this." At once I
was in the spirit, and there in
heaven stood a throne, with one
seated on the throne!*

Revelation 4:2

*Song of Praise: *Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand*

*Ten thousand times ten thousand in sparkling raiment bright,
The armies of the ransomed saints throng up the steep of light:
'Tis finished, all is finished, their fight with death and sin:
Fling open wide the golden gates, and let the victors in.
Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! 'Tis finished, all is finished,
thou Prince and Savior, come.*

*What rush of alleluias fill all the earth and sky!
What ringing of a thousand harps bespeaks the triumph night!
O day, for which creation, and all its tribes were made;
O joy, for all its former woes, a thousandfold repaid!
Refrain*

*O then what raptured greetings on Canaan's happy shore;
What knitting severed friendship up where partings are not more!
Then eyes with joy shall sparkle, that brimmed with tears of late;
Orphans no longer fatherless, nor widows desolate.
Refrain*

*Bring near thy great salvation, thou Lamb for sinners slain;
Fill up the roll of thine elect, then take thy power, and reign:
Appear, desire of nations, thine exiles long for home;
Show in the heaven thy promised sign, thou Prince and Savior,
come.
Refrain*

Invocation and Praise

Day and night without
ceasing they sing,
"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord
God the Almighty, who was and
is and is to come."
Revelation 4:8

*Invocation and Prayer of Adoration

* Hymn of Doxology: *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.*

Old Testament Reading: Daniel 7:11-18

New Testament Reading: John 20:1-23

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Meditation: **Thy Word**

(Sing 2x - Instrumental meditation - Sing 2x)

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
And a light unto my path. 2x*

Hearing God's Word

A time to hear God's holy
Word, ultimately unveiled to
us in Christ by the Holy
Spirit.

*Then I saw in the right hand of
the one seated on the throne a
scroll written on the inside and
on the back, sealed with seven
seals. Revelation 5:1*

Meditation on God's Word

In stillness and meditation,
please take a moment to
reflect on the power and
privilege of hearing God's
Word.

WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Corporate Confession of Sin:

[Participants may kneel or lean forward]

Leader: Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much you love us.

People: You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves.

Leader: Lord, you know when we are indifferent to your Word, the Bible; how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to worship;

People: And yet we turn to you when we are in trouble.

Leader: Lord, you know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others. You see our anger and unfairness to our friends. You know how hard it is for us to forgive.

People: Forgive us and make us clean, so that we can obey your call to take up your cross and follow you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Private Confession

Absolution

Leader: Hear now God's assurance of pardon:

"The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities." *Psalms 103:8-10*

Confession of Sin

Because sin is so pervasive in both our corporate and individual lives, we are invited to come before God with honesty and transparency, confessing our brokenness and moral failures, asking for both forgiveness and healing through Jesus Christ. We confess corporately to show our unity even in our brokenness. We confess honestly because in Christ, we are safe to confess our sins without fear of condemnation and no longer in need of hiding in defensiveness and blame shifting.

And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "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 bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.
Revelation 2-4

Absolution

Christ has given the Church authority to declare the forgiveness of sins in his Name. This promise is for all who have been joined to Christ by faith as mediated through any gospel-believing church.

"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."
Matthew 16:19

Communal Prayer

[Participants may be seated]

Special Needs:

Prayer for our Members: The Bogue Family

Mission to North America:

Pray for **Anthony Thomas, Director of Mission Utah** (the PCA's Church Planting and Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) Movement in Utah) and his family **Denise, Alex and Sarah**. Praise God with them for affirmation received from many at the recent General Assembly including wonderful attendance at the Mission Utah Seminar. Pray for additional long term funding relationships to carry out the vision to plant 10 churches and several RUF's who will impact their communities of disenfranchised Mormons and nonbelievers, directly reaching several thousand souls every week.

Please pray for **MNA Hispanic American Ministries Coordinator Tim McKeown:**

- The annual MNA Hispanic Ministries Convocation took place prior to General Assembly June 9-10 in Dallas TX. About 45 men and women who are involved in Hispanic Ministries were in attendance. Thank you for your prayers. Feedback from the event has indicated that all were very encouraged in their ministries to reach Hispanics in North America with the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- Pray that all of our current ministries among Hispanics will capture a vision and implement strategies to train laborers for the harvest. Pray to the Lord of the Harvest to raise up laborers for Hispanic American Ministries in the PCA and that the rate of growth in the number of churches with Hispanic American ministries will multiply rapidly.

Please pray for **MNA Network of Portuguese Speaking Churches Coordinator Renato Bernardes:**

- Bridgeport CT Mission Church - pray for continued strength for Church Planter Henrique Rossi and his wife Marcia; for wisdom on the part of the Network as it assists and supports this work; for growth and stability of the work.
- Pray for the Network of Portuguese Speaking Churches Gathering in Stroudsburg PA, the Network's Annual Convocation over Labor Day Weekend, August 29 - September 1, 2008 - praise God for the early registration response and for the lineup of guest speakers. Pray for the impact it will have in the Northeast area churches. Pray for the many people who will be exposed to the Gospel message and for the many churches who will be revitalized.

Pastoral Prayers:

Our prayers are ultimately "in the name of Jesus Christ," which means that our trust is not in the power of our prayers, but in the power of Christ's prayers who prays for us as our "great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God... For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." *Heb. 4:14-16*

The four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. Rev. 5:8

*Song of Response: *All Must Be Well*

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

*Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well.
Free and changeless is His favor, All is well.
Precious is the blood that healed us;
Perfect is the grace that sealed us;
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us;
All must be well.*

*Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well.
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well.
Happy still in God confiding;
Fruitful if in Christ abiding;
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding;
All must be well.*

*We expect a bright tomorrow; All will be well.
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well.
On our Father's love relying;
Jesus every need supplying;
Yes in living or in dying;
All must be well.
On our Father's love relying;
Jesus every need supplying;
Yes in living or in dying;
All must be well.*

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon: *Ascension Rediscovered!*

Rev. Preston Graham

[Sermon notes located on page 17]

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. [2] So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." [3] So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. [4] Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. [5] And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. [6] Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, [7] and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. [8] Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; [9] for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. [10] Then the disciples went back to their homes.

[11] But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. [12] And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. [13] They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." [14] Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. [15] Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." [16] Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). [17] Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" [18] Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her. [19] On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." [20] When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. [21] Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." [22] And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. [23] If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

John 20:1-23 (ESV)

Sermon

A sermon is not just teaching for living a moral life; it is mainly a time when the living Christ Himself encounters His people through His Word bringing to us the full truth and grace of the gospel. Therefore, as you listen, pray to encounter the life-changing Christ.

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals, They sing a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth."

Revelation 5: 1,9-10

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: *Thy Mercy My God is the Theme of My Song*

*Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.*

*Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But through thy free goodness my spirits revive,
And he that first made me still keeps me alive.*

*Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by thy goodness I fall to the ground,
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.*

*Great father of mercies thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of thy crucified son;
All praise to the spirit whose whisper divine,
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!*

*At this time children will rejoin
their parents for worship,
escorted by nursery facilitators.*

*People were bringing even
infants to him that he might
touch them; and when the
disciples saw it, they sternly
ordered them not to do it. But
Jesus called for them and said,
"Let the little children come to
me, and do not stop them; for it
is to such as these that the
kingdom of God belongs."
Luke 18:15-16*

*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: *Doxology*

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*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!*

Communion Gifts

We give not as a payment for a service rendered nor out of compulsion to gain God's favor. The communion offering is symbolic of offering our whole lives and weekly vocations in consecration to God in spiritual service of worship! It is as if we join the holy procession of saints throughout history in offering ourselves as a living and holy sacrifice made acceptable to God by Christ who completes us by faith. Please give as an act of worship and only if you can give cheerfully as unto the Lord.

*The twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever; 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*

*Confession of Faith

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

People: *I believe that our chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. 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.*

The Eucharistic Sacrament of the Lord's Supper:

Eucharist means "the good grace" and "communion" implies a real participation in that grace. Therefore, the

Lord's Supper is both a thankful memorial service to remember Christ's sacrificial death on the cross and a life giving participation in that grace as we are being united to Christ in heaven by the Holy Spirit and received by faith. In short, Christ is really present in, with and through the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, even if not bodily but spiritually being united to the body of Christ in the church.

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"
Revelation 5:11-12

Note concerning the elements of the Lord's Supper

We serve 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.

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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.

***Prayers for those not
communing***

Those who have genuinely confessed their own brokenness in sin, received Christ by faith and have joined to Christ by means of joining any gospel believing church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. If you are not yet prepared to participate in the sacrament, please know that we are glad that you are here, even as we respect your sincerity for not participating at this time. We want CPC to be a safe place for you to be "in journey" and would not want you to feel any compulsion to partake until it is the right time as noted above. With you in mind, we have included some prayers if you would desire some aid in praying to God during this time.

*Closing Hymn: ***Crown Him With Many Crowns***

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***Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.***

***Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.***

***Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways;
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and
praise:***

***His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet;
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.***

***Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime;
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.***

***Hymns of Coronation and
Praise***

"Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped." Revelation 5:13-14

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 to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you without blemish before the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and for ever. Amen."

Jude 24-25

People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!

Postlude

Sermon Notes

Ascension Rediscovered!

John 20:1-23

Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:

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Scripture Meditation

- What is hopeful (good news) about this passage in light of our own brokenness and struggles?
- What are we led to believe from this passage?
- How does this passage help us to locate the sacred presence of Christ in our lives?
- How does this relate to the greatest commandment of loving God and one another?
- What from this passage is good news for the people and the world that you participate in?

*I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.
Psalm 119:15 (ESV)*

The CPC Weekly

August 24th, 2008

If you are visiting or you regularly attend CPC, we invite you to pick up our Welcome Booklet and Ministry Guide which can be found on the greeting table in the foyer.

TODAY

There are no CPC Cafés or Sunday Studies for the month of August. They will resume on September 7th.

Grad/Pro Lunch Today:

Following the service there will be a picnic lunch on the front lawn of our church for the Grad/Pro group. Lunch is \$2, but free for newcomers!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CPC Last Gasp Picnic:

Save the date for the annual CPC Last Gasp Picnic which will follow worship on Sunday, August 31st. Please join us at East Rock Park for fun, fellowship, food, and games at this potluck style picnic. Families and couples please bring 2 dishes to share. Singles please bring 1 dish. Undergraduate students are our guest.

2nd Annual New Haven Road Race/Labor Day Barbecue:

All are invited to the 2nd annual New Haven Road Race/Labor Day barbecue on Monday, September 1st starting around 10:30 am at CPC. The lawn is a fantastic place to cheer on road racers as they near the end of their 5k and 20k runs. Meat and drinks will be provided. Side dishes and desserts are welcome. Please email Leah Kelley at leah0220@yahoo.com with questions. If you will be driving, check for street closures due to the Road Race.

Grad/Pro Open House: 8pm on Friday, September 5th at CPC. The perfect introduction to the upcoming school year, small groups, events, as well as a chance to meet our new pastor of university ministries.

Annual Congregational Meeting Coming Up: CPC's annual congregational meeting will be held on September 14th at 5:30pm. We will be having a fellowship meal together and a time of vision sharing and budget presentation.

Nursery Volunteers Needed:

Due to the loss of some of our workers because of graduation, moving, and job commitments, the nursery is in need of a number of volunteers. The commitment typically involves work in the nursery, either during the Sunday School hour or the Worship Service, once every 5 or 6 weeks. The nursery provides a wonderful opportunity to minister to the youngest members of our congregation. If you are interested, please contact Karen Peck at kitkaren@optonline.net. Thanks in advance.

Looking For Volunteers: We are in need of some volunteers to help watch our children during the Moms' Book Study on Tuesdays during the school year from 10:30-11:30 AM. Even if you are only able to volunteer once/month, your help would be greatly appreciated! Please contact Heather Woolbert at heather@woolbert.com or (203) 375-1414 if you are interested. Thank you!

GOT ANNOUNCEMENTS? WILL POST!
Communicate with the congregation: events, job opportunities, housing, other non-sponsored church activities, etc.
E-mail your information to cpc.ad@snet.net.
Look for these announcements in the weekly email and on the Parlor bulletin board.
(Postings must be received by noon on Wednesday to be guaranteed in the next Weekly.)

Get Connected at CPC

CPC Prayer Groups

- 1) Women’s prayer group meets every Thursday morning from 9:00 to 9:45 am at Peggy Kebabian’s home in Guilford. For more information contact Peggy Kebabian at 453-6965 or Jennifer Cheng at 457-9825.
- 2) Coffee and prayer with the pastors in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 to 8:00 am every Tuesday morning.
- 3) Weekly prayer request email – sent out every week. If you would like to receive our weekly prayer requests and participate in CPC’s concert of prayer just email the administrator at cpc.ad@snet.net and we will add you to our prayer email list.

CPC Community Groups

Groups meet throughout the month - if you would be interested in joining a community group or for more information, please contact Tolivar Wills at cpctolivar@snet.net or call 777-6960.

CPC Sunday Nursery Schedule

Please contact Karen Peck at kitkaren@optonline.net for Sunday scheduling.

8/24: No SS
Worship: Keri Cocchiola, Benny Finch, Laura Derksen, Russell Bogue

8/31: No SS
Worship: Stephanie Lim, Lei Chen, Kristy Lamb, Arijana Lempke

9/7 SS: Sam Wills, Kit Schmeisser
Worship: Joanne Donovan, Karen Peck, Leah Kelley, Katherine Bogue

9/14 SS: Julie Bruce, Steve Woolbert
Worship: Valerie Rogotzke, Martha Olson, Sandy Cassella, Phoebe Kebabian

9/21 SS: Evan Finch, Megan Paek
Worship: Paul Wildey, Hannah Chen, Nancy Shields, Anna Graham

9/28 SS: Kit Schmeisser
Worship: Peggy Kebabian, Molly and Tim Gribble, Gwen Hawkes

10/5 SS: Karen Peck
Worship: Katherine Routenberg, Keri Cocchiola, Heather Woolbert, Ellen Kebabian

10/12 SS: Leah Kelley, Valerie Rogotzke
Worship: Benny Finch, Kristy Lamb, Lei Chen, Vivian Cheng

10/19 SS: Sam Wills, Steve Woolbert
Worship: Joanne Donovan, Laura Derksen, Stephanie Lim, Hailey Wills

10/26 SS: Julie Bruce, Evan Finch
Worship: Sandy Cassella, Hannah Chen, Paul Wildey, Yvonne Lempke
