

## 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](http://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**

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

Opening Songs of Praise and Worship

**How Lovely Shines the Morning Star**

*How lovely shines the Morning Star!  
The nations see and hail afar  
the light in Judah shining.  
Thou David's son of Jacob's race,  
my bridegroom and my King of grace,  
for thee my heart is pining. Lowly, holy,  
great and glorious, thou victorious,  
Prince of graces, filling all the heav'nly places.*

*Now richly to my waiting heart,  
O thou, my God, deign to impart  
the grace of love undying.  
In thy blest body let me be,  
e'en as the branch is in the tree,  
thy life my life supplying. Sighing, crying,  
for the savior of thy favor;  
resting never till I rest in thee forever.*

*Thou, mighty Father, in thy Son  
didst love me ere thou hadst begun  
this ancient world's foundation.  
Thy Son hath made a friend of me,  
and when in Spirit him I see,  
I joy in tribulation. What bliss is this!  
He that liveth to me giveth  
life forever; nothing me from him can sever.*

### Liturgical Definitions:

#### **Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation:**

A time to quiet your heart and mind in preparation to enter into the mediated and 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." Psa. 46:10*

#### **Invitational Songs of Prayers for God's Presence**

*And I looked, and there in  
heaven a door stood open.  
Rev. 4:1*

*\* Congregation Standing  
wherever indicated throughout  
bulletin.*

*Note: Trinity Hymnal can be  
found in pews if desired for  
various hymns indicated with  
numbers.*

*\*King of the Nations*

*Come, let us worship Jesus, King of nations, Lord of all,  
Magnificent and glorious, just and merciful.  
Jesus, King of the nations! Jesus, Lord of all!  
Jesus, King of the nations! Jesus, Lord of all!*

*Lavish our heart's affection, deepest love and highest praise.  
Voice, race and language blending, all the world amazed.  
Chorus*

*Bring tributes from the nations, come in joyful cavalcades.  
One thund'rous acclamation, one banner raised.  
Chorus*

*Come, Lord, and fill your temple, glorify your dwelling place  
till nations see your splendor and seek your face.*

*Jesus, King of the nations! Jesus, Lord of all!  
Jesus, King of the nations! Jesus, Lord of all!  
Lord of all.*

*Fear God and give him glory for his hour of judgment comes.  
Creator, Lord Almighty, worship him alone.  
Chorus*

WORSHIP THROUGH INVOCATION AND ADORATION

*\*Call to Worship: Psalm 145:1-7, 21*

*Leader: I will extol You, my God, O King; and I will bless  
Your name forever and ever.*

*People: Every day I will bless You, and I will bless Your name  
forever and ever.*

*Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His  
greatness is unsearchable.*

*People: One generation shall praise Your works to another, and  
shall declare Your mighty acts.*

*Leader: I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your  
majesty, and on Your wondrous works.*

*People: Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts, and I  
will declare Your greatness.*

*Leader: They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness,  
and shall sing of Your righteousness.*

*People: My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord,*

*Leader: And all flesh shall bless His holy name forever and  
ever.*

*\*Hymn of Praise: O God Beyond All Praising #660*

*O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.*

*Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor may serve you as our king;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.*

**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! Rev. 4:2*

\*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: *1 Kings 17:1-7; 18: 41-46*

New Testament Reading: *James 5:13-20*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Meditation: *Come and Fill*

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace.*

*You alone O Lord are holy.*

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace.*

*Alleluia.*

*(Sing 2x)*

**Invocation and Praise:**

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

**Hearing God’s Word:**

A time to hear God’s Holy  
and life breathing Word as  
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 Rev. 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:

*[Participants may kneel or lean forward]*

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

People: *We have sinned against you, O Lord, our Maker, our  
Defender, and our Redeemer. Our natures are corrupt and  
sinful, prone to fall away from you, sluggish to do good and  
swift to do evil. Vain thoughts have come upon us and found  
lodging within us, defiling and disquieting our minds, and  
keeping out good thoughts. We have burdened ourselves  
with that care which you have commanded us to cast upon  
you. We have failed in our duties one to another, and have  
provoked one another as much to folly and anger as to love  
and good works. We have been cold in our love to you, weak  
in our desires toward you, unsteady in our walking with you,  
and we are even at this time poorly prepared to serve you.  
We beseech you- forgive all our sins, for Christ's sake, and  
be at peace with us in Him who died to make peace and lives  
to make intercession for us. Amen.*

*(Adapted from Matthew Henry)*

**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.*

*Rev. 2-4*

Private Confession

Absolution

Leader: Hear now God’s assurance of pardon:

“He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.” *Isaiah 53:5*

Pastoral Prayer

*[Participants may be seated]*

**Prayer for our Members:** Family of Rufus Howard

**Special Needs:** Our Covenant children; back to school; Scott Wilhelm – vocational decision.

**Mission to the World:** Ireland – Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Tarter

**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 presently mediated through any gospel believing church. For only Christ is worthy to break the seals of judgment unto salvation.

*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.” Mt. 16:19*

*And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?... See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.” Rev. 5:2, 5*

**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: I Will Glory in My Redeemer**

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

*I will glory in my Redeemer  
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails  
And hung Him on that judgment tree  
I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who crushed the power of sin and death  
My only Savior before the Holy Judge  
The Lamb Who is my righteousness  
The Lamb Who is my righteousness*

*I will glory in my Redeemer  
My life He bought, my love He owns  
I have no longings for another  
I’m satisfied in Him alone  
I will glory in my Redeemer  
His faithfulness my standing place  
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me  
My feet are firm, held by His grace  
My feet are firm, held by His grace*

*I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who carries me on eagle’s wings  
He crowns my life with lovingkindness  
His triumph song I’ll ever sing  
I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who waits for me at gates of gold  
And when He calls me it will be paradise  
His face forever to behold  
His face forever to behold*

## WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon: Homeopathic Medicine for the Soul      Rev. Clay Daniel

[Sermon notes located on page 16]

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. [14] Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. [15] And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. [16] Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. [17] Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. [18] Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

[19] My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, [20] let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

James 5:13-20 (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*

### 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."*

Rev. 5:1, 9-10

Right after the sermon is a good time to retrieve your children from childcare to experience the Lord's Table, especially on the weeks we come forward in order to receive God's blessing for his covenant children.

*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

Collection Hymn: *O Lord, Most High, Eternal King*

*O Lord Most High, eternal King,  
by thee redeemed thy praise we sing.  
The bonds of death are burst by thee,  
and grace has won the victory.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Ascending to the Father's throne  
thou claim'st the kingdom as thine own;  
and angels wonder when they see  
how changed is our humanity.  
Refrain*

*Be thou our joy, O Mighty Lord,  
as thou wilt be our great reward;  
let all our glory be in thee  
both now and through eternity.  
Refrain*

*O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
all praise to thee let earth accord,  
who art, while end-less ages run,  
with Father and with Spirit, One.  
Refrain*

**\*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.*

**\*Confession of Faith**

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

**Congregation:** *I believe in the one eternal God, Creator and Lord of the world, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who governs all things according to the purpose of His will. I believe that God has been calling out from the world a people for Himself, the church, and sending His people back into the world to be His servants and witnesses for the extension of His Kingdom and for His glory. I believe in the divine inspiration, truthfulness and authority of both the Old and New Testament Scriptures in their entirety as the only written word of God, and in the power of God's word to accomplish His purpose of salvation. I believe that there is only one Savior, Jesus Christ, and that He will return personally and visibly, in power and glory, to consummate His salvation and His judgment. I believe in the Holy Spirit whom the Father has sent to bear witness to His Son, believing that conviction of sin, faith in Christ, new birth, and Christian growth are all His work.*

*[Adapted from The Lausanne Covenant, 1974]*

**Communion Gifts:**

We give not as a payment for a serviced 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."*

*Rev. 4:10-11*

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**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**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**

**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 the grace of

Christ's once and accomplished by 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 as 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!" Rev. 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

*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 confess their own brokenness in sin, receive Christ by faith and have are 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 perhaps you would desire some aid in praying to God during this time.

\*Closing Hymn: *Join All The Glorious Names*

*Join all the glorious names  
Of wisdom, love, and power,  
That ever mortals knew,  
That angels ever bore:*

*All are too poor to speak His worth,  
To poor to set my Savior forth.*

*Great Prophet of my God,  
My tongue would bless Thy Name,  
By Thee the joyful news  
Of our salvation came,  
The joyful news of sin forgiv'n  
Of hell subdued, and peace with Heav'n.*

*Jesus, my great High Priest,  
Offered His blood, and died;  
My guilty conscience seeks  
No sacrifice beside:  
His powerful blood did once atone,  
And now it pleads before the throne.*

*Thou art my Counselor,  
My Pattern, and my Guide,  
And thou my Shepherd art;  
O keep me near thy side:  
Nor let my feet e'er run astray  
To wander in the crooked way.*

*My Savior and my Lord,  
My Conqueror and my King,  
Thy scepter and Thy sword,  
Thy reigning grace I sing:  
Thine is the power; behold I sit  
In willing bonds beneath Thy feet.*

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**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. Rev.*

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: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace  
in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the  
power of the Holy Spirit. *Romans 15:13*

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

Postlude

## Sermon Notes

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*James 5:13-20*

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Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:

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