

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 31, 2008

9:30 AM

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Service Order 4

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

Opening Songs of Praise and Worship

One Church

*Your hand O God has guided,
Your church from age to age.
The tale of love is written,
For us on ev'ry page.*

*Our fathers knew Your goodness,
And we Your works record.
And each of these bear witness,
One church, one faith, one Lord.*

*Chorus: One church, one faith, one Lord of life.
One Father, one Spirit, one Christ.
One church, one faith, one Lord of life.
One heavenly King Lord of all.*

*Your mercy never fails us,
Or leaves Your work undone.
With Your right hand to help us,
The victory shall be won.
And then with heaven's angels,
Your name shall be adored.*

*And they shall praise You singing,
One church, one faith, one Lord.
Chorus*

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

***Like a River Glorious**

*Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
Over all victorious in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth full of ev'ry day,
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.*

Chorus:

*Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.*

*Hidden in the hollow of his blessed hand,
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
Not a blast of hurry, touch the spirit there.*

Chorus

*Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above,
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love.
We may trust him fully all for us to do;
They who trust him wholly find him wholly true.*

Chorus

** Congregation Standing
wherever indicated throughout
bulletin.*

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

WORSHIP THROUGH INVOCATION AND ADORATION

***Call to Worship: Psalm 63:1-5**

Leader: O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you;

**People: My soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and
weary land where there is no water.**

**Leader: I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your
power and your glory.**

**People: Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify
you.**

**Leader: I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I
will lift up my hands.**

**People: My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.**

***Hymn of Praise: O God Beyond All Praising**

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*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!*

Revelation 4:2

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

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

Revelation 4:1

*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: Jonah 1: 1-2:10
New Testament Reading: Mark 4: 35-41
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God!

Meditation: **Bless the Lord**
(Instrumental meditation – Sing 2x - Instrumental meditation)

*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who brings me into life. 2x*

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

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: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Congregation: Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin against you. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken and fallen world. We pursue success, profit and pleasures without regard to the consequences to our neighbors, our world and ourselves. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Private Confession

Absolution

Leader: Hear now God's assurance of pardon:

“Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.” *Isaiah 1:18*

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: David Boyer and Emily Engle

Mission to North America:

Please pray for **Michael Langer**, apprentice and pastor of church planting and evangelism at **Grace Presbyterian Church in St. Charles IA**. Pray for Michael and his wife, **Tess**, as they are preparing to plant a church in Iowa City IA. Please pray for continued partners for the Iowa City plant and for their efforts in raising the \$325,000 needed for the work over 4 years. In addition, pray for more prayer partners. Continue to pray for the thousands in Iowa City and Cedar Rapids who have been affected by the floods, for the lives turned upside down and the sorrow yet to come. Pray for safety for the volunteer workers and for good cooperation between all the churches coming into the area to bring the love of the Gospel to people affected by this disaster. Pray that in SEEING the Gospel, they might believe it!

Pray for **Church Planter Leonard Liu** and **Sycamore Presbyterian Church in Midlothian VA**. Pray for the centrality of prayer in everything that they do. Please pray for **MNA Church Planting Wives Ministry (Parakaleo) Director Shari Thomas** and her staff **Tami Resch** and **Leanne Downing**: Pray for the Church Planting Wives Ministry as they prepare to write new training materials September 5-7. Wives are requesting training in areas that, to this point, have not been addressed in any printed material. The Parakaleo team has been working this past year to develop training that addresses these concerns. Please pray for wisdom and clarity. Praise God that this past year they have developed a tool kit which is now in use for wives in church planting!

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: *On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand*

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

*On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, Where my possessions lie.*

*All o'er those wide extended plains, Shines one eternal day.
There God, the Son forever reigns, And scatters night away.
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the promised Land.*

*No chilling winds nor poisonous breath, Can reach that healthful
shore,
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, Are felt and feared no more.
Chorus*

*When shall I reach that happy place, And be forever blest,
When shall I see my Father's face, And in his bosom rest.
Chorus (repeat)*

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon: Kevin Nelson

Hard Lessons in God's Mercy: Mercy for Rebels

[Sermon notes located on page 17]

[1] Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, [2] "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me." [3] But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD. [4] But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. [5] Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. [6] So the captain came and said to him, "What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish." [7] And they said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. [8] Then they said to him, "Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" [9] And he said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." [10] Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them. [11] Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. [12] He said to them, "Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you." [13] Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. [14] Therefore they called out to the LORD, "O LORD, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you." [15] So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. [16] Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows. [17] And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

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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

[1] Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, [2] saying, "I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.[3] For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me.[4] Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.' [5] The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head [6] at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O LORD my God. [7] When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. [8] Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love.[9] But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the LORD!" [10] And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

Jonah 1:1-2:10

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: *There is a Redeemer*

There is a Redeemer

*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

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.

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!*

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 the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ his Son. I believe that Jesus is the Son of God and saves us from our sins even as salvation cannot be found in anyone else; it is futile to look for any salvation elsewhere. I believe that the Holy Spirit is eternal God and that He has been given to me personally, so that, by true faith, He makes me share in Christ and all his blessings, comforts me, and remains with me forever.*

[Selections from Heidelberg Catechism]

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: *Your death, O Christ, we proclaim.*

Your resurrection we declare.

Your coming we await.

Glory be to you, O Lord.

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.

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: Thee We Adore Eternal Lord*

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*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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: "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD
make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the
LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you
peace." *Numbers 6:24-26*

People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!

Postlude

Sermon Notes

Hard Lessons in God's Mercy: Mercy for Rebels

Jonah 1:1-2:10

Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:

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- 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)*

Welcome Newcomers!

We are so glad you are here with us today. We invite you to pick up our Welcome Booklet and Ministry Guide which can be found on the foyer table.

There is a Ministry Connection form available on the foyer table for newcomers and members alike to fill out and return by Sept. 14th. Don't miss the new opportunities to get involved!

TODAY

Sunday Studies will be starting next week at 9 am
Worship Service will begin at 10:30 am.
CPC Café will be at 12 pm.

CPC Last Gasp Picnic Today:

Our annual CPC Last Gasp Picnic will follow worship today. 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.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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: 8 pm 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.

Elder Ordination Service: There will be a special service of elder ordination & installation on Sept. 14th during the worship service. Please be in prayer for our elder-elects.

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.

Update on Sandy Casella:

Please remain in prayer for Sandy Casella. You may keep up with her progress at her blog:

<http://hikinguphill.blogspot.com/>.

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!

Substitute Administrative Assistant Needed: We are looking for a couple of people who will be able to work during the times when our administrator will be on vacation or out of the office. Computer experience and basic office skills are helpful. This is an hourly paid position. If interested, please contact our administrator at cpc.ad@snet.net.

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.

8/31: No SS

Worship: Stephanie Lim, Lei Chen, Kristy Lamb, Katherine Bogue

9/7 SS: Sam Wills, Kit Schmeisser

Worship: Joanne Donovan, Karen Peck, Leah Kelley, Arijana Lempke

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

