

# 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](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 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.

September 7, 2008

10:30 AM

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD *Service Order 3*

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### Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

*"Whether your faith is that there is a God or that there is not a God, if you don't have any doubts you are either kidding yourself or asleep. Doubts are the ants in the pants of faith. They keep it awake and moving"*

Frederick Buechner

*"If you want to build a ship,  
don't drum up the men to gather wood,  
divide the work, and give orders.  
Instead, teach them to yearn  
for the vast and endless sea."*

Antoine de Saint-Exupery

### 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." Psalm 46:10*

*\* Congregation Standing  
wherever indicated throughout  
bulletin.*

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

Opening Songs of Praise and Worship

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

#457

*Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandr'ing heart to thee.  
Prone to wander Lord, I feel it-prone to leave the God I love:  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

*Invitational Songs of Prayers  
for God's Presence  
And I looked, and there in  
heaven a door stood open.  
Rev. 4:1*

*\*Lo, He Comes*

*Lo! He comes with clouds descending,  
Once for our salvation slain;  
Thousand, thousand saints attending,  
Swell the triumph of His train.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
God appears on earth to reign.*

*Every eye shall now behold Him,  
Robed in dreadful majesty;  
Those who set at naught and sold Him,  
Pierced, and nailed Him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing,  
Shall the true Messiah see.*

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

*Yea, amen! let all adore Thee,  
High on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the power and glory,  
Claim the kingdom for thine own:  
O come quickly, O come quickly;  
Alleluia, come, Lord, come.*

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.*

*My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.*

*Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.*

*He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.*

*He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.*

*Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues  
employ;*

*Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.*

## WORSHIP THROUGH INVOCATION AND ADORATION

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 66:1-5

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**People: sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!**

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great  
is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

**People: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they  
sing praises to your name."**

Leader: Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in  
his deeds toward the children of man.

\*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.*

### **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 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."  
Rev. 4:8*

Old Testament Reading: Psalms 37: 1-8  
New Testament Reading: John 20: 24-31  
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

Meditation: *Have Thine Own Way, Lord (vs. 1) #688*

*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way.  
Thou art the potter; I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after thy will,  
While I am waiting, yielded and still. 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. 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 THE WORD**

**Sermon:** *Doubting Unto Faith*

Rev. Preston Graham

[Sermon notes located on page 15]

[24] Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. [25] So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." [26] Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." [27] Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." [28] Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" [29] Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." [30] Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; [31] but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:24-31 (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."*

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 (first Sunday of the month) 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

## WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

### Corporate Confession:

*[Participants may kneel or lean forward]*

Jesus said: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

**People: Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church: we have not done your will; we have broken your law.**

Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" and "you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

**People: We have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### Private Confession

### Absolution

Leader: Hear now God's assurance of pardon:

"All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation." *2 Corinthians 5:18-19 (ESV)*

### 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

### 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." (Mt. 16:19)*

## 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*

### Communal Prayer

*[Participants may be seated]*

### Special Needs

**Prayer for our Members: The Bruce Family**

**Mission to North America:**

**Pastor Dave Bennett of New City Church in Phoenix AZ** asks for prayer for the launch of New City at Night when it goes weekly in September.

Currently they are meeting once a month for a preview service. Also, please pray that they will have an impact in the Hispanic neighborhood around the church building they are using. Finally, pray for their English as a Second Language Program that will start in the fall in a large Habitat Community close to the church they are using.

**Mission Utah Executive Director Anthony Thomas** asks for your prayers as he speaks to the **Southwest Church Planting Network** on **September 9** about Mission Utah and seeks to enlist additional prayer partners.

Please pray for **MNA Church Planting Coordinator Ted Powers:**

- A constant prayer is for laborers for the harvest. Ask that God will lay on the hearts of many competent and qualified men the calling of church planting. The needs continue to grow quickly, so the need for laborers is ever growing as well.
- Pray for the MNA Church Planting Assessment Centers scheduled for this fall, September 8-11 and November 10-13. Pray that God will bring candidates to a clear understanding of their calling and giftedness through the process, that assessors will use wisdom and a pastoral spirit to guide the candidates properly and that many healthy churches will be planted.

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

### 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*

## WORSHIP THROUGH SACRAMENT

### Introduction to the Lord's Table

#### \*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*

#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!*

#### \*Confession of Faith

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

*Congregation: In all my distress and persecution, I turn my eyes to the heavens and confidently await as Judge the very One who has already stood trial in my place before God and so has removed the whole curse from me. All His enemies and mine, He will condemn to everlasting punishment-- but me and all His chosen ones, He will take along with him into the joy and the glory of heaven. I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.*

[Heidelberg Catechism, question 52 & 56]

#### 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."*

*Rev. 4:10-11*

#### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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

Pastor: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**All:** *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

#### Prayer of Consecration

#### Invitation to the Lord's Table

#### Words of Institution

#### Sharing the Bread and Cup

#### 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 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 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: All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

**#4**

***All praise to God, who reigns above, The God of all creation,  
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, The God of our salvation!  
With healing balm my soul he fills, The God who every sorrow***

***stills,***

***To God all praise and glory!***

***What God's almighty pow'r hath made, His gracious mercy  
keepeth;***

***By morning dawn or evening shade, His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;  
Within the kingdom of his might, Lo, all is just and all is right,  
To God all praise and glory!***

***I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O, hear my calling!  
For death he gave me life indeed, And kept my feet from falling.  
For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank him, thank our God,  
with me,***

***To God all praise and glory!***

***The Lord forsaketh not his flock, His chosen generation;  
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.  
As with a mother's tender hand, He leads his own, his chosen band,  
To God all praise and glory!***

***Ye who confess Christ's holy name, To God give praise and glory!  
Ye who the Father's power proclaim, To God give praise and glory!  
All idols under foot be trod, The Lord is God! the Lord is God!  
To God all praise and glory!***

***Then come before his presence now, And banish fear and sadness;  
To your Redeemer pay your vow, And sing with joy and gladness:  
Though great distress my soul befell, The Lord, my God, did all  
things well,  
To God all praise and glory!***

**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  
worshipped.*

*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: "Now may the Lord bless you according to the riches of his glory and strengthen you with the power of his Spirit that you may be filled with all the fullness of God in Christ." Amen. *Ephesians 3:16ff*

*People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!*

Postlude

## Sermon Notes

*Doubting Unto Faith*  
John 20: 24-31

Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:

[Music reprinted by permission – CCL #745254]

- 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)*

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### *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. 14<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss the new opportunities to get involved!



### *Welcome Lunch with Our Pastor*

*Meet in the Reading Room*

*You are invited to join Rev. Graham for lunch following the worship service today.  
This is a great time to get know our pastor and all the wonderful events planned  
for the upcoming semester.*

### **TODAY**

CPC Café is open immediately following worship service  
(\$4.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children, visitors are free)

**College Students!** Tonight is the first meeting of Reformed University Fellowship. It's at 7pm in the basement of Bingham on Yale's campus. All college students are invited to attend. Contact Kevin Nelson at [knelson@ruf.org](mailto:knelson@ruf.org) for more information.

**To All Aspiring Theologians!** Rev. Graham is starting a theological readings group! The group will meet regularly to discuss selected readings in John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. A supplemental bibliography will be provided as well. If interested, please meet with Rev. Graham IMMEDIATELY following the service in the front of the sanctuary to discuss possible time and place of discussions.

### **Are you ready for Fall Sunday Studies?**

Check out the two adult classes we will be offering:

**Galatians** – Part one of CPC's foundations series, this study of Paul's epistle to the Galatians provides a clear description of what the gospel is and how it applies to our lives. It will be taught by elders of CPC in the small room off of the fellowship hall.

**Spiritual Leadership Training** – An important part of leadership training at CPC, this class will take you through the theology driving leadership, lay counseling, basic hermeneutics, and other tools for leadership. It will be primarily taught by Rev. Graham in the fellowship hall.

## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Moms' Book Study:** We will meet on Tuesdays in the Parlor Room in the Study Center from 10:30-11:30 AM. Starts on Tuesday, September 9. Childcare will be provided (moms are part of rotation).

**CPC Celebration & Dedication Weekend:** There will be a meeting on **Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm**. Come help us plan for our special weekend of sanctuary dedication and anniversary events coming up October 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

**Fellowship Meal next week!** Families please bring two generous dishes, singles one dish, and college students are our guests.

**Wednesday Night Dinner, Kids Club, & Study Center starts Sept 17:** Wednesday nights this semester there will be a catered dinner at 5:30 and Kids Club and Study center classes from 6-7 pm. For more info see the brochure on the back table.

**Hot Off the Press coffeehouse:** Robert Messoré is going to be at CPC on Sept 19! You seriously don't want to miss him, he's one of the premier folk musicians in the New Haven area. See you at 8 pm.

**Graduate Students and Professionals:** Interested in getting involved with our Grad/Pro ministry or joining a Small Group? Please, fill out response cards on the table in the foyer.

### **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](mailto:kitkaren@optonline.net). Thanks in advance.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Mom's Study Group**

Meets every Tuesday morning in the Parlor from 10:30 -11:30. For more information contact Heather Woolbert at [heather@woolbert.com](mailto:heather@woolbert.com) or 203-375-1414.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:cpctolivar@snet.net) or call 777-6960.

## **CPC Sunday Nursery Schedule**

Please contact Karen Peck at [kitkaren@optonline.net](mailto:kitkaren@optonline.net) for Sunday scheduling.

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, Stepanie Lim, Hailey Wills

10/26 SS: Julie Bruce, Evan Finch

Worship: Sandy Cassella, Hannah Chen, Paul Wildey, Yvonne Lempke



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