

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.

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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 14, 2008

10:30 AM

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Service Order 4

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

As there were in the Jewish church elders of the people joined with the priests and Levites in the government of the church; so Christ, who hath instituted government, and governors ecclesiastical in the church, hath furnished some in his church, beside the minister of the word, with gifts for government, and with commission to execute the same when called thereunto, who are to join with the minister in the government of the church. Which officers reformed churches commonly call Elders

-The Form of Presbyterian Church-Government

From the *Westminster Larger Catechism*:

Question 123: Which is the fifth commandment?

Answer: The fifth commandment is, Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God gives thee.

Question 124: Who are meant by father and mother in the fifth commandment?

Answer: By father and mother, in the fifth commandment, are meant, not only natural parents, but all superiors in age and gifts; and especially such as, by God's ordinance, are over us in place of authority, whether in family, church, or commonwealth.

Question 125: Why are superiors styled father and mother?

Answer: Superiors are styled father and mother, both to teach them in all duties toward their inferiors, like natural parents, to express love and tenderness to them, according to their several relations; and to work inferiors to a greater willingness and cheerfulness in performing their duties to their superiors, as to their parents.

Question 126: What is the general scope of the fifth commandment?

Answer: The general scope of the fifth commandment is, the performance of those duties which we mutually owe in our several relations, as inferiors, superiors, or equals.

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

Question 127: What is the honor that inferiors owe to their superiors.?

Answer: The honor which inferiors owe to their superiors is, all due reverence in heart, word, and behavior; prayer and thanksgiving for them; imitation of their virtues and graces; willing obedience to their lawful commands and counsels; due submission to their corrections; fidelity to, defense and maintenance of their persons and authority, according to their several ranks, and the nature of their places; bearing with their infirmities, and covering them in love, that so they may be an honor to them and to their government.

Question 128: What are the sins of inferiors against their superiors?

Answer: The sins of inferiors against their superiors are, all neglect of the duties required toward them; envying at, contempt of, and rebellion against, their persons and places, in their lawful counsels, commands, and corrections; cursing, mocking, and all such refractory and scandalous carriage, as proves a shame and dishonor to them and their government.

Question 129: What is required of superiors towards their inferiors?

Answer: It is required of superiors, according to that power they receive from God, and that relation wherein they stand, to love, pray for, and bless their inferiors; to instruct, counsel, and admonish them; countenancing, commending, and rewarding such as do well; and discountenancing, reproofing, and chastising such as do ill; protecting, and providing for them all things necessary for soul and body: and by grave, wise, holy, and exemplary carriage, to procure glory to God, honor to themselves, and so to preserve that authority which God has put upon them.

Question 130: What are the sins of superiors?

Answer: The sins of superiors are, besides the neglect of the duties required of them, an inordinate seeking of themselves, their own glory, ease, profit, or pleasure; commanding things unlawful, or not in the power of inferiors to perform; counseling, encouraging, or favoring them in that which is evil; dissuading, discouraging, or discountenancing them in that which is good; correcting them unduly; careless exposing, or leaving them to wrong, temptation, and danger; provoking them to wrath; or any way dishonoring themselves, or lessening their authority, by an unjust, indiscreet, rigorous, or remiss behavior.

** 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

Gracious Spirit, Dove Divine

*Gracious Spirit, Dove Divine let thy light within me shine;
All my guilty fears remove, fill me full of heav'n and love.*

Chorus:

*Let me never from thee stray. Keep me in the narrow way.
Fill my soul with joy divine. Keep me, Lord, forever thine.*

*Speak thy pard'ing grace to me, set the burdened sinner free
Lead me to the Lamb of God, wash me in His precious blood.*

Chorus

*Life and peace to me impart, seal salvation on my heart
Breathe thyself into my breast, earnest of immortal rest.*

Chorus

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

WORSHIP THROUGH INVOCATION AND ADORATION

*Call to Worship: from Psalm 79

Leader: The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.

People: *Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.*

Leader: Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side.

People: *His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.*

Leader: The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.

People: *The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.*

Leader: Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart.

People: *Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.*

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

*Hymn of Praise: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

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*Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God!
He, Whose Word cannot be broken,
Formed thee for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.*

*See! the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love;
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove:
Who can faint while such a river,
Ever flows their thirst t'assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the Giver,
Never fails from age to age.*

*Round each habitation hovering,
See the cloud and fire appear!
For a glory and a cov'ring
Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from our banner
Light by night and shade by day;
Safe they feed upon the manna,
Which He gives them when they pray.*

*Savior, if of Zion's city,
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Thy Name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure,
None but Zion's children know.*

*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: Exodus 18:10-27

New Testament Reading: John 21:1-19

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: Righteous Father, we who own more than we use,
proclaim more than we experience, and request more than we
need.

People: We come asking your forgiveness.

Leader: We seek your salvation.

People: Then act like we save ourselves.

Leader: We beg your forgiveness.

People: And then repeat our sins.

Leader: We experience your grace.

People: Then act defeated.

Leader: We eagerly rely on your power in difficult times.

People: Reluctantly in prosperous times.

Leader: We are a rebellious people and have become confused,
misguided and broken by our sin and idolatry.

**People: Forgive our every defection. Bring us to an unbroken
commitment and a steady trust, through Jesus Christ, who is the
way of hope, the truth of God, and the life of love, now and always.
Amen.**

Private Confession

Absolution

Leader: Hear now God’s assurance of pardon:

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so
that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

2 Corinthians 5:21

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*

*Song of Response: *In Christ Alone* (vs.1,2,4)

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

*In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground.
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace.
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All.
Here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*In Christ alone, who took on flesh.
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness.
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Till on that cross as Jesus died.
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death.
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath.
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man.
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till He returns or calls me home.
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.*

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon:

The Mediatorial Shepherds of God

Rev. Preston Graham

[Sermon notes located on page 17]

[1] After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. [2] Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. [3] Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. [4] Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. [5] Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." [6] He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. [7] That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. [8] The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. [9] When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. [10] Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." [11] So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. [12] Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. [13] Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. [14] This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. [15] When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." [16] He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." [17] He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. [18] Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." [19] (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

John 21:1-19 (ESV)

Sermon

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

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

Revelation 5: 1,9-10

WORSHIP IN ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

The Warrant and Nature of the Eldership

Summary of Proceedings for Ordination and Installation

Vows of Ordination and Installation:

1. *Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?*
2. *Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?*
3. *Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?*
4. *Do you accept the office of ruling elder in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?*
5. *Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?*
6. *Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?*

Congregational Vows

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as a ruling elder, and do you promise to yield him all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which his office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles him?

The Laying on of Hands

The Right Hand of Fellowship

Pronunciation

Exhortation to Elder - RE Rob Hawkes

Exhortation to Congregation – RE George Levesque

Prayer for Elders – RE Alan Phillips

Communal Prayer

[Participants may be seated]

Special Needs:

[At the invitation of the Pastor you may share your prayer request or praise at this time. You may also use your prayer request cards and place in prayer basket at the back of the sanctuary.]

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: *The Church's One Foundation* (vs. 1, 2, 5) #347

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.*

*Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.*

*Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.*

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

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

*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!*

*Confession of Faith

Leader: We believe that Jesus Christ has presented Himself in our behalf before the Father, to appease His wrath, by offering Himself on the tree of the cross, and pouring out His precious blood to purge away our sins.

People: *And therefore we always ascribe all the glory to God, humbling ourselves before Him, without presuming to trust in any merit of ours, relying and resting upon the obedience of Christ crucified alone, which becomes ours when we believe in Him.*

Leader: This is sufficient to cover all our iniquities, and to give us confidence in approaching to God; freeing our conscience of fear, terror, and dread.

People: *Wherefore we justly say with the apostle Paul that we know nothing save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified; we count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord, in whose wounds we find all manner of consolation.*

[Adapted from the Belgic Confession, 1561, Articles XX-XXII]

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.

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"

*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.

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 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.

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
communium**

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: *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

*I love thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved,
With his own precious blood.*

*I love thy church, O God:
Her walls before thee stand,
Dear as the apple of thine eye,
And graven on thy hand.*

*For her my tears shall fall,
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be giv'n,
Till toils and cares shall end.*

*Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heav'nly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.*

*Jesus, thou Friend divine,
Our Savior and our King,
Thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe,
Shall great deliv'rance bring.*

*Sure as thy truth shall last,
To Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of heav'n.*

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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." Revelation 5:13-14

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Gloria Patri (#735)

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen!***

*Benediction

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

People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!

Postlude

Sermon Notes
The Mediatorial Shepherds of God
John 21:1-19

Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:

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Scripture Meditation

- What is hopeful (good news) about this passage in light of our own brokenness and struggles?

- What are we led to believe from this passage?

- How does this passage help us to locate the sacred presence of Christ in our lives?

- How does this relate to the greatest commandment of loving God and one another?

- What from this passage is good news for the people and the world that you participate in?

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

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.

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

Attn Parents: Please place a checkmark next to your name in the register if you will be at the congregational meeting and making use of the provided childcare. We're trying to get a head count.

Annual Congregational Meeting/Fellowship Meal Tonight: CPC's annual congregational meeting will be held this evening at 5:30pm. We will be having a fellowship meal together and a time of vision sharing and budget presentation. Please pick up a copy of the proposed budget which is on the foyer table for the meeting tonight.
(For the fellowship meal, families please bring two generous dishes, singles one dish, and college students are our guests.)

Ministry Connection: In your bulletin is a ministry connection form which is an opportunity for you to consider the ministry opportunities available to you at CPC. Please fill them out and leave in the basket on the foyer table or try to bring them back tonight at the congregational meeting.

Student Partnership: If you are at all interested in participating in the student partnership, as a high school student, their parent, or a college student, please meet in the front of the sanctuary following announcements for a 5 minute informational meeting.

College Students! Come hear musician Jay Mathes perform and lead us in praise songs at 7pm tonight. Bible study on 1 Corinthians will immediately follow in the Bingham basement on Yale's campus. Contact Kevin Nelson, knelson@ruf.org for more information.

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.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:



CPC Wedding
Saturday, September 27th, 2008
1pm

Heidi Shimp and Lark Perez invite their CPC family to attend their wedding ceremony. Joanne Donovan has graciously offered to provide childcare during the ceremony in the CPC nursery.

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. All readings are on reserve in the CPC library. The first meeting will be held on Wed. Sept. 24th at 7:30pm. The first chapter is on the Knowledge of God. Please email Rev. Graham at cpc.preston@snet.net or Rebekah Caldwell at rebekahcaldwell@mac.com to get the assignments.

CPC Workday: Welcome back to CPC! Oh, the excitement of the New Academic year! We look forward to meeting new people, catching up with old friends and sporting those new shining clothes. The facilities & cleaning teams invite you to join us Saturday, September 20th from 9 am -12 pm. We hope you get a chance to renew old friendships and start new ones as we work side by side putting the shine back into our building. Work will be both outside and inside, so choose to come celebrate with us. It won't be the same without you.

SAVE THE DATE! October 10th – 12th
Living the Vision: Celebrating 15 years in the City
This will be special conference celebrating the completion and dedication of the sanctuary, our 15-year anniversary and our ongoing vision campaign

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/>.

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 Keabian's home in Guilford. For more information contact Peggy Keabian 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.

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 or 203-375-1414.

- 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.

September 14:

SS: Julie Bruce, Steve Woolbert

Worship: Valerie Rogotzke, Martha Olson, Julie Walker, Phoebe Keabian

September 21:

SS: Evan Finch, Megan Paek

Worship: Paul Wildey, Hannah Chen, Nancy Shields, Anna Graham

September 28:

SS: Kit Schmeisser

Worship: Peggy Keabian, Molly and Tim Gribble, Gwen Hawkes

October 5:

SS: Karen Peck

Worship: Karen Peck, Keri Cocchiola, Heather Woolbert, Ellen Keabian

October 12:

SS: Ruth Phillips, Valerie Rogotzke

Worship: Benny Finch, Kristy Lamb, Lei Chen, Vivian Cheng

October 19:

SS: Sam Wills, Steve Woolbert

Worship: Joanne Donovan, Laura Derksen, Stepanie Lim, Hailey Wills

October 26:

SS: Julie Bruce, Evan Finch

Worship: Marney Walker, Hannah Chen, Paul Wildey, Yvonne Lempke

Do you know which Sunday Studies classes we are teaching this Fall?

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.
