

# Welcome to Christ Presbyterian Church of New Haven!

We are delighted that you have chosen to join us in worship this Lord's Day.

It is our sincere hope and prayer that you will know the saving presence, power, love and authority of our King and Savior Jesus Christ as a result of our time spent together in worship.

We would also like to get more acquainted with you, so please take the time to **fill out the register** as it comes down your row during the announcements. Please use the prayer card located in the inside pocket of the register or the back of pews to communicate your prayer requests or other concerns and place it in the basket on the back table as you leave the worship service. Your requests are prayed for during the week.

As a church, we value family worship, and therefore children of all ages are welcome to join us in the worship service at their parents' discretion. However, **childcare** is available (off of the foyer area - Children's Education Wing) for parents who wish to take advantage of it (there is no age restriction). Please do not hesitate to ask a greeter for assistance.

**Introduction and Welcome to CPC** - please pick up your free copy on the table located at the foyer entrance.

**Our Offices are adjacent to the sanctuary.** Core office hours at CPC are from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm Monday-Thursday. Should you need to use our facilities, please call our Administrator to make arrangements. We are currently building a unique library and reading room containing various selections of books, journals, children's literature and tapes (library is located in our balcony area). Selections may be checked out or you are welcome to drop by for a reading break from your busy schedule.

**Parking - On Sundays**, please reserve the on-site parking lot for our visitors & parents with small children. In courtesy to our neighbors, please do not park in front of Bradley St. homes, but use the RIS parking lot located next door. **During the week**, please contact our administrator for parking information as most of our spaces are rented out during the week. And, for safety reasons, exit the lot on the Bradley Street side only. Thank you.

**Log onto:** [christpresnewhaven.org](http://christpresnewhaven.org) for more information or calendar events.

**You may also call 777-6960 and press 5 to hear weekly events.**

**Sermon** MP3's are downloadable 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.

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.

October 7, 2007

10:30 AM

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

### Service Order 3

#### Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

*Paul wrote... "All this is for your sake" and Christendom would like to stop there, would like to leave us as Christians enjoying the benefits of our salvation and working away at the threats to our blessedness that arise both out of the world and our own rebellions. But the text has no period. It says, "All this is for your sake so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving to the glory of God" (2 Cor. 4:15). The purpose of God's mission is ultimately the acknowledgment and enjoyment of the glory of God; it happens as grace extends to more and more people; the evidence of that spread is growing thanksgiving to God which displays before the world the loving character and purposes of our God. It is the task and privilege of a missional ecclesiology to serve God's glory by guiding the church to an ever growing understanding of who it is and what it is for. Thus, every classical theme of ecclesiology, the doctrine and practice of the sacraments, of ordered ministry, of membership, of stewardship, of spiritual disciplines, will be drawn into and redefined by the foundational vocation of the church to be Christ's witness, to lead its life worthy of its calling, to be Christ's letter to the world, to be, as Peter summarized it, "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness in his marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).*

Darrel Guder, *The Church As Missional Community* (2004)

*The church is missionary by its very nature: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" defines the very being of the Church as mission. In this sense everything that the Church is and does can be and should be part of mission." Mission is not one (even the most important) of the many tasks of the church. Mission is not secondary to its being nor does mission simply belong to the "bene esse" of the church. Rather, mission is essential to the church's being and of the "esse" of its nature.*

Michael W. Goheen, *As The Father Has Sent Me, I Am Sending You: Lesslie Newbigin's Missionary Ecclesiology* (2002)

#### 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." Psa. 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

*Jesus Cast a Look*

*Jesus cast a look on me,  
Give me sweet simplicity  
Make me poor and keep me low,  
Seeking only Thee to know*

*All that feeds my busy pride,  
Cast it evermore aside  
Bid my will to Thine submit,  
Lay me humbly at Thy feet*

*Make me like a little child,  
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled  
Seeing only in Thy light,  
Walking only in Thy might*

*Leaning on Thy loving breast,  
Where a weary soul can rest  
Feeling well the peace of God,  
Flowing from His precious blood*

*In this posture let me live,  
And hosannas daily give  
In this temper let me die,  
And hosannas ever cry!*

**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*

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

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

WORSHIP THROUGH INVOCATION AND ADORATION

\*Call to Worship: Revelation 15:3-4

Leader: "Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord  
God the Almighty!

*People: Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!*

Leader: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your  
name? For you alone are holy.

*People: All nations will come and worship you, for your  
righteous acts have been revealed."*

**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*

\*Hymn of Praise: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.*

*Praise to the Lord, Who over all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, Yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how all your longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?*

*Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness And mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.*

*Praise to the Lord, Who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee;  
Decked thee with health, And with loving hand,  
guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,  
Spreading his wings to o'er-shade thee.*

*Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, Come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen Sound from His people again,  
Gladly for aye we adore Him*

\*Invocation and Prayer of Adoration

\*Doxology (#733)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost;  
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 60:1-7*

New Testament Reading: *Ephesians 5:3-17, 6:10-15*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Meditation: *Bless The Lord*

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

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

Sing 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: Let there be Light!

### An Exposition on Missional Spirituality

Reverend Preston Graham

[Sermon notes located on page 14]

*Ephesians 5:3-17*

*3But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. 4Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. 5For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7Therefore do not become partners with them; 8for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), 10and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. 11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. 12For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. 13But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, 14for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." 15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.*

*Ephesians 6: 10-15*

*10Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.*

*Ephesians 5:3-17 & 6:10-15 (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]*

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

***People: Our great and glorious God, You who know and judge the secrets of every human heart, we do acknowledge and confess that we have followed our father Adam in revolting against your commandments. We have turned from your ways and from your blessed Presence and have reaped the misery of turning away from You, the very Author of life. None of us is righteous, no not one. None of us has understanding, none of us seeks God. We use our tongues to deceive, our mouths are full of cursing and bitterness, our feet are swift to shed blood, ruin and misery are in our paths, and the way of peace we have not known. There is no fear of God before our eyes. We appeal to you, through your great mercy made manifest in Jesus Christ Your obedient Son, that you would forgive our sins for His sake, that you would make many righteous through His one act of obedience, that where our sin has increased, Your grace would abound. Just as Christ was raised from the dead by your glory, so also may we walk in newness of life. Amen.***

*Based upon Romans 3*

Private Confession

Absolution

Leader: Hear now God's assurance of pardon:

*"Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them."*

*Hebrews 7:23-25*

#### 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)

## Communal Prayer

*[Participants may be seated]*

### Pastoral Prayer:

**Prayer for our Members:** Robert and Lisa Hawkes

**Special Ministry Needs:** Retreat; Ministry Teams

**Mission to the World:** Korea: Yong & Soon Ja Park

## 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: *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

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*My Jesus, I love thee, I know Thou art mine;  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.*

*I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,  
And Purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

*In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

### 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*

### \*Presentation of Gifts

*[Please stand as we present our lives and gifts to Christ at His banquet table.]*

...and they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created."

*Revelation 4:10-11*

### \*Processional Hymn: *All People That on Earth Do Dwell (vs.1)* #1

*All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with fear, His praise forth-tell,  
Come ye before Him and rejoice.*

### \*Confession of Faith

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

**Congregation:** *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. 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. 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. 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.

*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 and Consecration

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Pastor: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died!  
Christ is risen!  
Christ will come again!**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Pastor: The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and  
feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

**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 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: **King of the Nations**

1 **Come, let us worship Jesus,  
King of nations, Lord of all.  
Magnificent and glorious,  
Just and merciful.**

**Chorus:** Jesus, King of the nations.  
(vs. 1,2,3 & 5) Jesus, Lord of all.  
Jesus, King of the nations.  
Lord of all.

2 **Lavish your heart's affection,  
Deepest love and highest praise.  
Voice, race and language binding,  
All the world amazed.**

3 **Bring tributes from the nations,  
Come in joyful cavalcades.  
One thund'rous acclamation,  
One banner raised.**

4 **Come, Lord, and fill your temple,  
Glorify Your dwelling place  
Till nations see Your splendor  
And seek Your face.**

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

5 **Fear God and give Him glory  
For His hour of judgment comes.  
Creator, Lord Almighty,  
Worship Him alone.**

**Hymns of Coronation and  
Praise**

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Gloria Patri (#735)

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

\*Benediction

Leader: 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

Let there be Light!

An Exposition on Missional Spirituality

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Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:



