

Welcome to Christ Presbyterian Church of New Haven!

We are delighted that you have chosen to join us in worship this Lord's Day. It is our sincere hope and prayer that you will know the saving presence, power, love and authority of our King and Savior Jesus Christ as a result of our time spent together in worship.

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

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

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

Our Offices are adjacent to the sanctuary. Core office hours at CPC are from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm Monday-Friday. Should you need to use our facilities, please call our Administrator to make arrangements. We are currently building a unique library and reading room containing various selections of books, journals, children's literature and tapes (library is located in our balcony area). Selections may be checked out or you are welcome to drop by for a reading break from your busy schedule.

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

Log onto: christpresnewhaven.org for more information or calendar events.
You may also call 777-6960 and press 5 to hear weekly events.

Sermon MP3's are downloadable at no cost online or are available upon request for \$3 per CD. To order a copy, please fill out a request sheet (located in the foyer) and place your payment into the container labeled Media Payments. Only orders accompanied by payment will be filled.

As a church committed to Greater New Haven, we meet in the middle of the region we hope to serve and reach, which consists of both downtown New Haven and the surrounding edge towns. We believe that the gospel transcends all ethnic, social, and demographic boundaries. We are ambitious for the glory of God and aim to extend a Christ-centered gospel throughout Greater New Haven.

We reuse bulletin covers - if you do not need one - please place covers on the foyer table as you leave.

October 26, 2008

10:30 AM

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Service Order 4

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

Opening Songs of Praise and Worship

Be Still My Soul

*Be still, my soul! The Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! Thy best, thy heavenly, Friend,
Thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*

*Be still, my soul! Thy God doth undertake,
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul! The waves and wind still know,
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.*

*Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*

*Be still, my soul: begin the song of praise
On earth, believing, to thy Lord on high;
Acknowledge Him in all thy works and ways,
So shall He view thee with a well-pleased eye.
Be still, my soul: the Sun of life divine,
Through passing clouds shall but more brightly shine.*

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

** Congregation Standing
wherever indicated throughout
bulletin.*

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

*God, all nature sings thy glory, and thy works proclaim thy might;
ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night;
beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea;
all the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity.*

*Clearer still we see thy hand in man whom thou hast made for thee;
ruler of creation's glory, image of thy majesty.
Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days,
are the calling of his Maker to the harvest feast of praise.*

*But our sins have spoiled thine image; nature, conscience only serve
as unceasing, grim reminders of the wrath which we deserve.
Yet thy grace and saving mercy in thy Word of truth revealed
claim the praise of all who know thee, in the blood of Jesus sealed.*

*God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;
we, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;
with our acts as with our voices, thy commandments to fulfill.*

*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: Psalms 104:1-4, 31, 33,34

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great!

*People: You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering
yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens
like a tent. He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters; he
makes the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind; he
makes his messengers winds, his ministers a flaming fire.*

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever

*People: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing
praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be
pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.*

*Invocation and Prayer of Adoration

* Hymn of Doxology: *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

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

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 1

New Testament Reading: Revelation 4.1-8

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

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*

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: Come and Fill

(Instrumental meditation – Sing 2x - Instrumental meditation)

***Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia.***

WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Corporate Confession of Sin:

[Participants may kneel or lean forward]

Leader: O great and everlasting God, Who dwells in unapproachable light, Who searches and knows the thoughts and intentions of the heart, we confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, or with all our soul, or with all our mind, or with all our strength, or our neighbors as ourselves.

People: We have loved what we ought not to have loved; we have coveted what is not ours; we have not been content with provisions for us. We have complained in our hearts about our family, about our friends, about our health, about occupations, about Your church, and about our trials.

Leader: We have sought our security in those things which, rather than in You, the Everlasting God.

People: Chasten, cleanse, and forgive us, through Jesus Christ, who is able for all time to save us who approach You through him, since he always lives to make intercession for us. Amen.

[Based upon Deuteronomy 6 and Hebrews 7]

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.

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

Private Confession

Absolution

Leader: Hear now God's assurance of pardon:

"You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish."

1 Peter 1:18 & 19

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.]

Prayer for our Members: The Cheng Family

Mission to North America:

Pray for **Church Planter Mel Sensenig** and **Christ Presbyterian Church in Reading PA**. God has been good to bring a Muslim family, an unchurched family and a Mormon family to faith in the last year. Praise God for the Gospel of Grace taking root in Reading PA. Two of these families are single parent families and need special pastoral counseling. Pray that the Lord will give Mel strength to minister God's love and grace to them.

Please pray for **MNA African American Ministries Coordinator Wy Plummer:**

- Pray that God will give Wy perseverance and patience.
- Pray that God will provide a young assistant for Wy.
- Pray that God will raise up African American pastors and leaders and Pray for our new RUF ministers, that God will help them raise their support.

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*

Pastoral Prayers:

Our prayers are ultimately "in the name of Jesus Christ," which means that our trust is not in the power of our prayers, but in the power of Christ's prayers who prays for us as our "great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God... For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."
Heb. 4:14-16

The four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. Rev. 5:8

*Song of Response: *Satisfied*

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

*All my life long I had panted for a drink from some cool spring
That I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within.*

*Chorus: Hallelujah! He has found me,
the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings;
through his blood I now am saved.*

*Feeding on the filth around me till my strength was almost gone
Longed my soul for something better, only still to hunger on.*

Chorus

*Poor I was and sought for riches, something that would satisfy
But the dust I gathered 'round me only mocked my soul's sad cry.*

Chorus

*Well of water ever springing, Bread of life so rich and free
Untold wealth that never faileth my Redeemer is to me.*

Chorus 2x

*Through his blood I now am saved.
Through his blood I now am saved.*

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon:

A Glorious Vision For the Visionless

Rev Preston Graham

[Sermon notes located on page 16]

In the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the exiles by the Chebar canal, the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. [2] On the fifth day of the month (it was the fifth year of the exile of King Jehoiachin), [3] the word of the Lord came to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the Chebar canal, and the hand of the Lord was upon him there.

[4] As I looked, behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, and a great cloud, with brightness around it, and fire flashing forth continually, and in the midst of the fire, as it were gleaming metal. [5] And from the midst of it came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had a human likeness, [6] but each had four faces, and each of them had four wings. [7] Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the sole of a calf's foot. And they sparkled like burnished bronze. [8] Under their wings on their four sides they had human hands. And the four had their faces and their wings thus: [9] their wings touched one another. Each one of them went straight forward, without turning as they went. [10] As for the likeness of their faces, each had a human face. The four had the face of a lion on the right side, the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and the four had the face of an eagle. [11] Such were their faces. And their wings were spread out above. Each creature had two wings, each of which touched the wing of another, while two covered their bodies. [12] And each went straight forward. Wherever the spirit would go, they went, without turning as they went. [13] As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches moving to and fro among the living creatures. And the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning. [14] And the living creatures darted to and fro, like the appearance of a flash of lightning.

[15] Now as I looked at the living creatures, I saw a wheel on the earth beside the living creatures, one for each of the four of them. [16] As for the appearance of the wheels and their construction: their appearance was like the gleaming of beryl. And the four had the same likeness, their appearance and construction being as it were a wheel within a wheel. [17] When they went, they went in any of their four directions without turning as they went. [18] And their rims were tall and awesome, and the rims of all four were full of eyes all around. [19] And when the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures rose from the earth, the wheels rose. [20] Wherever the spirit wanted to go, they went, and the wheels rose along with them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels. [21] When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those rose from the earth, the wheels rose along with them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.

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Sermon

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

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

Revelation 5: 1,9-10

[22] Over the heads of the living creatures there was the likeness of an expanse, shining like awe-inspiring crystal, spread out above their heads. [23] And under the expanse their wings were stretched out straight, one toward another. And each creature had two wings covering its body. [24] And when they went, I heard the sound of their wings like the sound of many waters, like the sound of the Almighty, a sound of tumult like the sound of an army. When they stood still, they let down their wings. [25] And there came a voice from above the expanse over their heads. When they stood still, they let down their wings.

[26] And above the expanse over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness with a human appearance. [27] And upward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were gleaming metal, like the appearance of fire enclosed all around. And downward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness around him. [28] Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around.

Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking.

Ezekiel 1:1-28 (ESV)

WORSHIP THROUGH SACRAMENT

Introduction to the Lord's Table

The Collection of the Communion of the Saints

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.”

2 Corinthians 8:9

Collection Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision*

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

Communion Gifts

We give not as a payment for a service rendered nor out of compulsion to gain God's favor. The communion offering is symbolic of offering our whole lives and weekly vocations in consecration to God in spiritual service of worship! It is as if we join the holy procession of saints throughout history in offering ourselves as a living and holy sacrifice made acceptable to God by Christ who completes us by faith. Please give as an act of worship and only if you can give cheerfully as unto the Lord.

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

*People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."
Luke 18:15-16*

***Presentation of Gifts**

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

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

Revelation 4:10-11

***Processional Hymn: Doxology**

(Old Hundredth)

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

The twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

Revelation 4:10-11

***Confession of Faith**

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

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]

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord!

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

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic Sacrament of the Lord's Supper:

Eucharist means "the good grace" and "communion" implies a real participation in that grace. Therefore, the Lord's Supper is both a thankful memorial service to remember Christ's sacrificial death on the cross and a life giving participation in that grace as we are being united to Christ in heaven by the Holy Spirit and received by faith. In short, Christ is really present in, with and through the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, even if not bodily but spiritually being united to the body of Christ in the church.

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Revelation 5:11-12

Note concerning the elements of the Lord's Supper

We serve wine in the Lord's Supper, believing it to be the biblical element used. We provide grape juice for those who, out of conscience or reasons of health, do not partake of wine. Grape juice is in the outer rim.

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayers for those not communing:

~Prayer for those searching

Oh God, I am discovering that the more I have, the more I need to have, the more I am loved, the more I need to be loved, the more I achieve, the more I need to achieve. Nothing seems to satisfy me. "Nothing tastes." Could it be, as someone once said, that "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." Dear God, if this is true, and if as the Bible teaches there is life and life eternal in Christ alone, please guide me to Him. Open me to the reality of the One who alone can satisfy my restless heart. Give me the courage to believe that which I cannot see but can understand, feel and touch through the Word, sacraments and church family. Lord I want to believe, please help me in my unbelief! Amen.

~Prayer of belief

Lord God, I now see that I am weaker and more flawed than I ever before believed, but in Christ, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. Even as I have not loved You or my neighbor with all of my heart, You have shown Your love for me in that while I am still sinning, Christ died for me and took upon Himself the condemnation that I deserve. I now know that You owe me nothing for my efforts, but You offer acceptance, love and blessing into all eternity because of Christ's efforts on my behalf. I therefore ask that You would enable me to turn away from trusting in my own efforts to gain Your acceptance and forgiveness, and trust in the perfectly righteous efforts of Christ on my behalf in order to be accepted by You and entered into Your holy family. And just as You raised Christ from the dead, so too I ask that You would give me a new life in Christ, one that will lead eventually to Heaven itself. Thank you for Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit to believe in Him alone for my salvation. And as You have called us to follow You in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in Your church, grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with Your people, and live in the fullness of Your Spirit. Amen.

*Prayers for those not
communing*

Those who have genuinely confessed their own brokenness in sin, received Christ by faith and have joined to Christ by means of joining any gospel believing church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. If you are not yet prepared to participate in the sacrament, please know that we are glad that you are here, even as we respect your sincerity for not participating at this time. We want CPC to be a safe place for you to be "in journey" and would not want you to feel any compulsion to partake until it is the right time as noted above. With you in mind, we have included some prayers if you would desire some aid in praying to God during this time.

*Closing Hymn: *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

*Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains He took His seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*His kingdom cannot fail, He rules over earth and heav'n,
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*He sits at God's right hand till all His foes submit,
And bow to His command, and fall beneath His feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge shall come,
And take His servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

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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 of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with you all. Amen."

2 Thessalonians 3:16

People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!

Postlude

Sermon Notes

A Glorious Vision For the Visionless

Ezekiel 1:1-28

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)



Share your gift of song! All singers are welcome to be a part of our Christmas choir. Christmas choir rehearsals will begin today in preparation for our Christmas Service in December. Rehearsals will be in the sanctuary after the CPC Cafe. So, enjoy lunch with friends at the Cafe then bring them along to rehearsal. Any questions, contact Janine Lempke at 720-7912 or singpraz@sbcglobal.net.

Beautiful Minds Wanted: Come dream with us about engaging our city in our Christmas service. Grab your lunch and join us for this brainstorming session in the reading room after worship today. * We are looking for people with any past experiences (kindergarten & up) in drama, music, stage set-up, design, sound & anything else.

To All Aspiring Theologians! Rev. Graham is leading a theological reading group! The group meets on Wednesday evening at 7:30pm in the parlor to discuss selected readings in John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. All readings are on reserve in the CPC library. This week's selections are from *Institutes Book One Ch. 15 and Book Two Ch. 1 & 2, .*

Kids Club and Study Center: Please join us every Wednesday for a catered dinner at 5:30pm followed by Kids Club and Study Center classes from 6 to 7. The adult study center classes will be Christianity & Culture and Christian Parenting.

Save the Date: November 9th is our next Christian Faith & Practice. CF&P is a quarterly luncheon intended to help us understand the integration of our faith and vocation.

Van Drivers Needed: We are looking for various people to go through the process of getting licensed to drive the church van to provide rides to church for college students. A few of our physicians have offered to provide the required physical for free! If money is an issue, the \$75 fees will be provided. Once we have enough drivers, we will establish a driving/pick-up schedule for students. This is a great way to help the church reach Yale's campus for Christ.

Get Connected at CPC

CPC Prayer Groups

- 1) Women's prayer group meets every Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 10:30am 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.

CPC Mom's Study Group

Meets every Thursday morning in the Parlor from 10:15 -11:15am For more information contact Heather Woolbert at heather@woolbert.com or 203-375-1414.

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.

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.)

CPC Sunday Nursery Schedule

Please contact Karen Peck at kitkaren@optonline.net for Sunday scheduling.

October 26:

SS: Julie Bruce, Evan Finch
Worship: Marney Walker, Hannah Chen, Paul Wildey, Yvonne Lempke

November 2:

SS: Megan Paek
Worship: Gary Wininger, Peggy Kebabian, Molly & Tim Gribble

November 9:

SS: Ruth Phillips & Kit Schmeisser
Worship: Martha Olson, Catherine Olson, Valerie Rogtozke, Keri Cocchiola

November 16

SS: Kristy Lamb & Karen Peck
Worship: Colleen Potter, Lei Chen, Katherine Routenberg, Russell Bogue

November 23:

SS: Julie Bruce & Sam Wills
Worship: Hannah Chen, Joanne Donovan, Nancy Shields, Anna Graham

November 30:

SS: Evan Finch & Megan Paek
Worship: Paul Wildey, Julie Walker, Bennie Finch, Hailey Wills

December 7:

SS: Steve Woolbert & Kristy Lamb
Worship: Katherine Routenberg, Ellen Kebabian, Molly & Tim Gribble

December 14:

SS: Ruth Phillips & Heather Woolbert
Worship: Valerie Rogtozke, Keri Cocchiola, Katherine Bogue, Sophia Gantenbein

December 21:
SS: Julie Bruce
Worship: Gary Wininger, Lisa Graham, Marne Walker, Gwen Hawkes

December 28:
SS: Sam Wills & Karen Peck
Worship: Arijana Lempke, Peggy Kebabian, Phoebe Kebabian, Nancy Shields

January 4:
SS: Evan Finch & Megan Paek
Worship: Paul Wildey, Heather Woolbert, Martha Olson, Lizzy Olson

January 11:
SS: Steve Woolbert & Kit Schmeisser
Worship: Kristy Lamb, Lisa Graham, Colleen Potter, Vivian Cheng

January 18:
SS: Julie Bruce
Worship: Yvonne Lempke, Lei Chen, Marney Walker, Julie Walker

January 25:
SS: Ruth Phillips & Karen Peck
Worship: Hannah Chen, Joanne Donovan, Bennie Finch, Anna Graham