

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 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 28, 2007

10:30 AM

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Service Order 4

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

Opening Songs of Praise and Worship

Be Thou My Vision

#642

*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 thy 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.*

*Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower:
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

*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.*

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

Invitational Songs of Prayers for God's Presence

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

** Congregation Standing
wherever indicated throughout
bulletin.*

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

WORSHIP THROUGH INVOCATION AND ADORATION

*Call to Worship: Psalm 33:1-5 34:1-3

Leader: Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise Him.

People: *Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to Him on the ten-stringed lyre.*

Leader: Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

People: *For the word of the Lord is right and true; He is faithful in all He does.*

Leader: The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of His unfailing love.

People: *I will extol the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips.*

Leader: My soul will boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

People: *Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together.*

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

*Hymn of Praise: *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

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*Holy God, we praise Your name;
Lord of all, we bow before You;
All on earth Your scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore You.
Infinite Your vast domain,
Everlasting is Your reign.*

*Hark, the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord."*

*Lo! The apostolic train
Join Your sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun,
Through the church the song goes on.*

*Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name you;
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim You,
And adoring bend the knee,
While we sing this mystery.*

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

*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 61:1-10*

New Testament Reading: *Luke 4:15-30*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Meditation

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 CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Corporate Confession:

[Participants may kneel or lean forward]

Leader: Jesus said: "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

People: Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience.

Leader: Jesus said: "You may ask for anything in my name."

**People: Forgive us for trying to solve our problems without
You.**

Leader: Jesus said: "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

**People: Forgive us for living in fear, anxiety, and worry
rather than trusting you.**

Leader: Jesus said: "If you remain in me, and I in you, you will bear much fruit."

**People: Forgive us for our spiritually barren lives and lack of
zeal for your kingdom.**

Leader: Jesus said: "Surely I am with you always."

**People: Forgive us for doubting your loving presence and
saving help.**

Private Confession

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

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

Communal Prayer

[Participants may be seated]

Pastoral Prayer:

Prayer for our Members: John and Peggy Keabian, Joshua, Ellen & Phoebe

Special Needs: Sam Wills- chronic sinus infections; Steve & Heather Woolbert & Family, loss of Steve's grandmother;

Bethany Stump, loss of her grandmother; Hill Harvest Party

Mission to the World: Nicaragua- Robbie & Murray Lathrop & Family

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)

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: *I Will Glory in My Redeemer*

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

*I will glory in my Redeemer
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails
And hung Him on that judgment tree
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the power of sin and death
My only Savior before the Holy Judge
The Lamb Who is my righteousness
The Lamb Who is my righteousness*

*I will glory in my Redeemer
My life He bought, my love He owns
I have no longings for another
I'm satisfied in Him alone
I will glory in my Redeemer
His faithfulness my standing place
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me
My feet are firm, held by His grace
My feet are firm, held by His grace*

*I will glory in my Redeemer
Who carries me on eagle's wings
He crowns my life with loving kindness
His triumph song I'll ever sing
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who waits for me at gates of gold
And when He calls me it will be paradise
His face forever to behold
His face forever to behold
His face forever to behold*

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon:

Jesus: Sabbath Rest for the Nations

Rev. Tolivar Wills

[Sermon notes located on page 15]

15 He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. 16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. 17 The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." 20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, 21 and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." 22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked. 23 Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself! Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'" 24 "I tell you the truth," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown. 25 I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. 26 Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. 27 And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian." 28 All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. 29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff. 30 But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

Luke 4:15-30 (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 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: *Lamb of God*

***Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from your side,
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.***

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood-
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

***Your gift of love, they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died,
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.***

Chorus

***I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to your side,
To be led by your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.***

Chorus

Communion Gifts

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

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

***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?

People: I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment. I am a member of Christ by faith, and thus partake of his anointing. He is ordained of God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Ghost, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; and to be our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of his body, has redeemed us, and makes continual intercession with the Father for us; and also to be our eternal King, who governs us by his word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in that salvation, he has purchased for us.

Heidelberg Catechism, Question #56, 31, 32

***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.

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!" Rev. 5:11-12

Note concerning the elements of the Lord's Supper

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

Prayers for those not communing:

-Prayer for those searching

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

-Prayer of belief

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

Prayers for those not communing

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

**Closing Hymn: Crown Him With Many Crowns*

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*Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*

*Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His burning eye at mysteries so bright.*

*Crown Him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; and round His pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.*

*Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime;
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.*

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: Peace be to the whole community, and love with
faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ. *Ephesians 6:23*

People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!

Postlude

Sermon Notes

Jesus: Sabbath Rest for the Nations

Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:

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