

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.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Service Order 1 (formerly Order 3)

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

Quotes:

The devilish strategy of pride is that it attacks us, not in our weakest points, but in our strongest. It is preeminently the sin of the noble mind.

Dorothy Sayers

Man by nature inclines to deluded self-admiration... There is indeed nothing that man's nature seeks more eagerly than to be flattered... God's truth requires the kind of knowledge that will strip us of all confidence in our own ability, deprive us of all occasion for boasting, and lead us to submission. We ought to keep this rule if we wish to reach the goal of both wisdom and action.

John Calvin

Liturgical Definitions:

*Prelude & Pre-Worship
Meditation:*

A time to quiet your heart and mind in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.

"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10

** Congregation Standing
wherever indicated throughout
bulletin.*

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

Opening Songs of Praise and Worship

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

#457

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

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

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

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

*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.*

WORSHIP THROUGH INVOCATION AND ADORATION

*Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!

People: *Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence
with singing.*

Leader: Know that the Lord, He is God; it is He who made
us, and not we ourselves. We are His people and
the sheep of His pasture.

People: *Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His
courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His
name.*

Leader: For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting. and
His truth endures to all generations.

*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!*

Call to Worship

*And the first voice, which I had
heard speaking to me like a
trumpet, said, "Come up here,
and I will show you what must
take place after this." At once I
was in the spirit, and there in
heaven stood a throne, with one
seated on the throne! Rev. 4:2*

Invocation and Praise

*Day and night without
ceasing they sing,
"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord
God the Almighty, who was and
is and is to come."
Rev. 4:8*

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-3:3 (sermon: Ezekiel 2-3:21)
New Testament Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-5
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God!

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

***Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way.
Thou art the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still. 2x***

Hearing God's Word

A time to hear God's holy Word, ultimately unveiled to us in Christ by the Holy Spirit.

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. Rev. 5:1

Meditation on God's Word

In stillness and meditation, please take a moment to reflect on the power and privilege of hearing God's Word.

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon: *When Bitter is Sweet*

Rev. Preston Graham

[Sermon notes located on page 17]

[1] And he said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." [2] And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. [3] And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. [4] The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' [5] And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them. [6] And you, son of man, be not afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions. Be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. [7] And you shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear, for they are a rebellious house. [8] "But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you [9] And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. [10] And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

[1] And he said to me, "Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." [2] So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. [3] And he said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it." Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey. [4] And he said to me, "Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them. [5] For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel— [6] not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you. [7] But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me: because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. [8] Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. [9] Like emery harder than flint have I made your forehead. Fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house." [10] Moreover, he said to me, "Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. [11] And go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD,' whether they hear or refuse to hear." [12] Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me the voice of a great earthquake: "Blessed be the glory of the LORD from its place!"

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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."

Rev. 5:1, 9-10

[13] It was the sound of the wings of the living creatures as they touched one another, and the sound of the wheels beside them, and the sound of a great earthquake. [14] The Spirit lifted me up and took me away, and I went in bitterness in the heat of my spirit, the hand of the LORD being strong upon me. [15] And I came to the exiles at Tel-abib, who were dwelling by the Chebar canal, and I sat where they were dwelling. And I sat there overwhelmed among them seven days. [16] And at the end of seven days, the word of the LORD came to me: [17] "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. [18] If I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, in order to save his life, that wicked person shall die for his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. [19] But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, or from his wicked way, he shall die for his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. [20] Again, if a righteous person turns from his righteousness and commits injustice, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die. Because you have not warned him, he shall die for his sin, and his righteous deeds that he has done shall not be remembered, but his blood I will require at your hand. [21] But if you warn the righteous person not to sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning, and you will have delivered your soul."

Ezekiel 2-3:21 (ESV)

WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION, ABSOLUTION & SACRAMENT

Introduction to the Lord's Table

Corporate Confession:

[Participants may kneel or lean forward]

Leader: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

People: *We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us.*

Leader: O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their sins.

People: *Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

[Based upon The Book of Common Worship, second order]

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

Private Confession

Absolution

Leader: Hear now God’s assurance of pardon:

"Then I called on the name of the Lord: O Lord, I pray, save my life. Gracious is the Lord, and righteous, our God is merciful."

Psalms 116:4

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

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)

At this time children will rejoin their parents for worship, escorted by nursery facilitators. This is in order to experience the Lord’s Table as a more complete covenant family, 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

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: Chris & Nicole Clay

Mission to North America:

John Carroll, Associate Pastor of Christ Church PCA in Katy TX praises God that their long awaited building is starting to go up. The groundbreaking was on June 30. Please pray for good weather to continue so that the builder can make steady progress, allowing Christ Church to open their new facility in the spring of 2009.

Pray for City Seminary in Chicago IL, a certified MNA Leadership and Ministry Preparation (LAMP) site. The program trains those wanting to minister, using classroom work as well as on the job mentoring and training. Currently, City Seminary is training 5 ex- offenders with gang backgrounds who are eager to gain theological training in order to impact their communities for Christ. In time, some of these men may seek ordination and become church planters in the city. Pray for Brad Beier, the program administrator in Chicago.

Please pray for MNA Leadership and Ministry Preparation (LAMP) Director Brian Kelso and his assistant Leonardo Rodriguez:

- Praise God for the 19 Learning Sites all over the US and the country of Haiti, and for several churches who are in process to become Learning Sites.
- Please pray for our student body and their families as they either begin or continue their training this fall.
- Also pray that more churches will become Learning Sites in order to help the growing number of men who will be called to serve as PCA pastors and church planters.

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. “ Hebrews 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. Revelation 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: 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.*

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*

***Confession of Faith**

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

Congregation: *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic† Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

(Apostles' Creed)

†That is, the true Christian church of all times and all places.

***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

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.

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: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

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*All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!*

*Crown him ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call:
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod, and crown him Lord of all;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod, and crown him Lord of all!*

*Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!*

*Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!*

*Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.*

*O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.*

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: "May the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, himself restore, establish, and strengthen you. To him be the dominion for ever and ever. Amen." *I Peter 5:10-11*

People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!

Postlude

Sermon Notes

"When Bitter is Sweet."

Ezekiel 2-3:21

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)



*Welcome Lunch with Our Pastor
Meet in the Reading Room*

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



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!



Share your gift of song! All singers are welcome to be a part of our Christmas choir. Christmas choir rehearsals will continue today in preparation for our Christmas Service in December. Rehearsals will begin at 1:15pm in the sanctuary after the CPC Café So, enjoy lunch with friends at the Café then bring them along to rehearsal. Any questions contact Janine Lempke at 720-7912 or singpraz@sbcglobal.net.

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 Two Ch: 4,6 & 7. (skim ch.5)...*

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 are *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.

Hot Off the Press coffeehouse, Nov 14th:

This month we are featuring singer/songwriter Nick Lauer who is raising money for the Rise School.

Young Parents Fellowship:

There will be a party at the Graham's home on November 14th for all young parents! Come and be encouraged in your calling to diaper-duty. If you need help finding a babysitter, please contact Rebekah Caldwell at rebekahcaldwell@mac.com.

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. If interested email Tolivar at cpctolivar@snet.net.

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.

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 Rogotzke, 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

