

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.

November 4, 2007

10:30 AM

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Service Order 3

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

Opening Songs of Praise and Worship

Out of the Deep

*Out of the deep I call
To Thee, O Lord, to Thee.
Before Thy throne of grace I fall;
Be merciful to me,
Be merciful to me.*

*Out of the deep I cry,
The woeful deep of sin,
Of evil done in days gone by,
Of evil now within,
Of evil now within.*

*Out of the deep of fear
And dread of coming shame;
All night 'til morning watch is near
I plead the precious name,
I plead the precious name.*

*Lord, there is mercy now,
As ever was, with Thee.
Before Thy throne of grace I bow;
Be merciful to me,
Be merciful to me.*

Liturgical Definitions:

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation:

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

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

** Congregation Standing
wherever indicated throughout
bulletin.*

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

Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand

*Ten thousand times ten thousand in sparkling raiment bright,
The armies of the ransomed saints throng, up the steep of light:
'Tis finished, all is finished, their fight with death and sin:
Fling open wide the golden gates, and let the victors in.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!
'Tis finished, all is finished,
Thou Prince and Savior, come.*

*What rush of alleluias fill, all the earth and sky!
What ringing of a thousand harps bespeaks the triumph nigh!
O day, for which creation, and all its tribes were made;
O joy, for all its former woes, a thousandfold repaid!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!
'Tis finished, all is finished,
Thou Prince and Savior, come.*

*O then what raptured greetings on Canaan's happy shore;
What knitting severed friendship up where partings are not more!
Then eyes with joy shall sparkle, that brimmed with tears of late;
Orphans no longer fatherless, nor widows desolate.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!
'Tis finished, all is finished,
Thou Prince and Savior, come.*

*Bring near thy great salvation, thou Lamb for sinners slain;
Fill up the roll of thine elect, then take thy power, and reign:
Appear, desire of nations, thine exiles long for home;
Show in the heaven thy promised sign, thou Prince and Savior, come.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!
'Tis finished, all is finished,
Thou Prince and Savior, come.*

WORSHIP THROUGH INVOCATION AND ADORATION

*Call to Worship: Psalm 34:1-3

Leader: I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

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

Leader: Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

*Hymn of Praise: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #38

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee*

*Invocation and Prayer of Adoration

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

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

*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: *Leviticus 20:10-16, 22-26*

New Testament Reading: *John 8:1-11*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Meditation: ***Bless The Lord***

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

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

Sing 2x

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

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.

Sermon:

Neither Do I Condemn You!

Reverend Preston Graham

[Sermon notes located on page 14]

1 but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. 2 Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. 3 The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst 4 they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. 5 Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" 6 This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. 7 And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." 8 And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. 9 But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. 10 Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" 11 She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."

John 8: 1-11 (ESV)

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

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

Rev. 5:1, 9-10

Right after the sermon is a good time to retrieve your children from childcare to experience the Lord's Table, especially on the weeks we come forward (first Sunday of the month) in order to receive God's blessing for his covenant children.

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

WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Corporate Confession:

[Participants may kneel or lean forward]

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

People: *Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin against you. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken and fallen world. We pursue success, profit and pleasures without regard to the consequences to our neighbors, our world and ourselves. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Private Confession

Absolution

Leader: Hear now God's assurance of pardon:

"I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me." *Jeremiah 33:8*

Confession of Sin

Because sin is so pervasive in both our corporate and individual lives, we are invited to come before God with honesty and transparency, confessing our brokenness and moral failures, asking for both forgiveness and healing through Jesus Christ. We confess corporately to show our unity even in our brokenness. We confess honestly because in Christ, we are safe to confess our sins without fear of condemnation and no longer in need of hiding in defensiveness and blame shifting.

And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.
Rev. 2:4

Absolution

Christ has given the Church authority to declare the forgiveness of sins in his Name. This promise is for all who have been joined to Christ by faith as mediated through any gospel-believing church.

"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." (Mt. 16:19)

Communal Prayer

[Participants may be seated]

Pastoral Prayer:

Prayer for our Members: Catherine Kozak, Kristy Lamb

Special Ministry Needs: Congregational meeting - common vision for Christ; RUF Retreat

Mission to the World: Nigeria: Elizabeth Matthias

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

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

Collection Hymn: *How Lovely Shines the Morning Star!*

*How lovely shines the Morning Star!
The nations see and hail afar
The light in Judah shining.
Thou David's son of Jacob's race,
My bridegroom and my King of grace,
For thee my heart is pining. Lowly, holy,
Great and glorious, thou victorious,
Prince of graces, filling all the heav'nly places.*

*Now richly to my waiting heart,
O thou, my God, deign to impart
The grace of love undying.
In thy blest body let me be,
Even as the branch is in the tree,
Thy life my life supplying. Sighing, crying,
For the savior of thy favor;
Resting never till I rest in thee forever.*

*Thou, mighty Father, in thy Son
Didst love me ere thou hadst begun
This ancient world's foundation.
Thy Son hath made a friend of me,
And when in Spirit him I see,
I joy in tribulation. What bliss is this!
He that liveth to me giveth
Life forever; nothing me from him can sever.*

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: What is your only comfort in life and death?

Congregation: *That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with His precious blood has fully paid for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil, and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; moreover, that all things must work together for my salvation, and by His Holy Spirit, Christ also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready, henceforth, to live for Him.* [Heidelberg Catechism, #1]

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Pastor: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The Eucharistic Sacrament of the Lord's Supper:

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

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Rev. 5:11-12

Note concerning the elements of the Lord's Supper:

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

Prayers for those not communing:

~Prayer for those searching

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

~Prayer of belief

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

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

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

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

6. *Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.*

*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: Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you
completely, and may your whole spirit and soul
and body be kept blameless at the coming of our
Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he
will surely do it. *1 Thessalonians 5:23-24*

People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!

Postlude

Sermon Notes

Neither Do I Condemn You!

Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:

