

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. 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.

December 9, 2007

10:30 AM

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Service Order 4

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

Opening Songs of Praise and Worship

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

#194

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.*

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain*

*O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry over the grave. Refrain*

*O come, thou Dayspring, from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain*

*O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. Refrain*

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*

***Hymn of Praise: Angels We Have Heard on High**

#214

*Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.*

Refrain

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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*Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?*

Refrain

*Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.*

Refrain

** 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 68:1-3, 32-35**

Leader: May God arise, may his enemies be scattered; may his foes flee before him.

People: *As smoke is blown away by the wind, may you blow them away; as wax melts before the fire, may the wicked perish before God.*

Leader: But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful.

People: *Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord,*

Leader: To him who rides the ancient skies above, who thunders with mighty voice.

People: *Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel, whose power is in the skies.*

Leader: You are awesome, O God, in your sanctuary; the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.

People: *Praise be to God!*

***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!*

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

Old Testament Reading: Leviticus 23:4-8
New Testament Reading: Colossians 2:6-15
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God!

Meditation: **Come and Fill**

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Alleluia. 2x*

WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Corporate Confession:
[Participants may kneel or lean forward]

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

People: Righteous Father, we who own more than we use, proclaim more than we experience, and request more than we need, come asking your forgiveness. We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves. We beg your forgiveness, and then repeat our sins. We experience your grace, then act defeated. We eagerly rely on your power in difficult times, reluctantly in prosperous times. We are a rebellious people and have become confused, misguided and broken by sin and idolatry. Forgive our every defection. Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust, through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope, the truth of God, and the life of love, now and always. Amen.

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 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.

Private Confession

Absolution

Leader: Hear now God's assurance of pardon:

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed." 1 Peter 2:24

Communal Prayer

[Participants may be seated]

Pastoral Prayer:

Prayer for our Members: George & Katie Levesque, Elijah & Simeon

Special Needs: Sam Wills - recovery from surgery

Lilian Cozza - recovery from surgery

Mission to the World: Romania – Nena Cadiente

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

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." Mmatthew16:19

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. Hebrews 4:14-16

*Song of Response: *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* #197
[A good time for children to leave for childcare - if so desired.]

*Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrow's load;
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.*

*Yea, her sins our God will pardon, Blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserved His anger He no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many a day, now her griefs have passed away,
God will change her pining sadness into ever springing gladness.*

*For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
Bidding all men to repentance, since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way!
Let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.*

*Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain:
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign,
For the glory of the Lord now o'er the earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token that his word is never broken.*

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

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon: *The Coattails of Christ*

Reverend Clay Daniel

[Sermon notes located on page 14]

4 "These are the appointed feasts of the LORD, the holy convocations, which you shall proclaim at the time appointed for them. 5 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight, is the LORD's Passover. 6 And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the LORD; for seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. 7 On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall not do any ordinary work. 8 But you shall present a food offering to the LORD for seven days. On the seventh day is a holy convocation; you shall not do any ordinary work."

Leviticus 23:4-8 (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."

Revelation 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.

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: *O Little Town Of Bethlehem*(vs. 1 & 4) #201

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

*O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!*

*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

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

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.

*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: 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]

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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

Pastor: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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!"

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.

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: *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* #198

*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.*

*A helper just He comes to thee, His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness, His scepter, pity in distress.*

*O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King of triumph
comes!*

*Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love
and joy.*

*Redeemer, come, with us abide; our hearts to thee we open wide;
Let us thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in us reveal.*

*So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.*

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

The Coattails of Christ
Leviticus 23:4-8

Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:

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If you are visiting or you regularly attend CPC, we invite you to pick up our Welcome Booklet and Ministry Guide which can be found on the greeting table in the foyer.

JOIN THE ONLINE SERMON DISCUSSION

Please visit the CPC homepage to access links to the sermon discussion message board. All are invited to participate. Community Groups are encouraged to share their thoughts online following their conversation or visit the message board prior to their meeting to facilitate discussion. <http://groups.google.com/group/cpcnewhaven/>

THIS WEEK:

TUESDAY **Coffee and prayer in Fellowship Hall 7am-8am**
Mom's Study in the Parlor 10:30-11:30

WEDNESDAY **THEOLOGY AT ANNA LIFFEY'S**
ATTN: ALL SEMINARY STUDENTS & ARMCHAIR THEOLOGIANS

You are invited to meet with Pastor Graham at Anna Liffey's every Wednesday at 5 p.m. for an informal conversation in Confessional Theology. The discussion will expand on the theological topic covered each week in the Theology I Sunday Studies, beginning the week of September 16th. Please email Mark Anderson at mark.anderson@yale.edu or Craig Luekens at craig.luekens@yale.edu for more information.

UPCOMING ADVENT EVENTS:



"Christmas Outreach in the Hill"

We are still looking for sponsors to provide gifts for the outreach in the Hill community. If you would like to participate, please contact Joanne Donovan (joanne.donovan@worldnet.att.net) for how you can take part by Dec. 11th.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14th

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Image of the Invisible God

Our Christmas service is December 14. The service will begin at 6:30 pm with a cookie reception to follow with Hot Off the Press coffee. Please bring cookies to share.

SPECIAL FOOD FOR THOUGHT FELLOWSHIP

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 19TH, 2007

JESUS: SCROOGE OR SANTA?

Now starting at 6:30 p.m. Please join us for this weekly dinner and discussion of public issues and current events as related to faith. Free for visitors, suggested \$4 donation for members. Bring friends! Please join us!

Email Leah Kelley at leah0220@yahoo.com for more information.

* Children's Christmas Eve Service - scheduled for December 24th at 7pm?

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

* For those who were unable to attend August's worship convocations and who may be interested in learning more about some of the changes that have taken place in our services during the past few months, a copy of "A Convocation on the Formal Aspects of Worship" handout is available on the foyer table.

COMMUNITY GROUP

Please see the bulletin board in the foyer for meeting dates, times and locations.

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.)

Get Connected at CPC

CPC Mom's Study Group

Meets every Tuesday morning in the Parlor from 10:30 -11:30. For more information contact Heather Woolbert at heather@woolbert.com or 203-375-1414.

CPC Women's Prayer Group

Meets every Thursday morning from 10:30 to 11:30 at Peggy Kebabian's home in Guilford. For more information contact Peggy Kebabian at 453-6965 or Jennifer Cheng at 457-9825.

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.

CPC Sunday Nursery Schedule

Please contact Abby Hodges abby.hodges@yale.edu for Sunday scheduling.

12/9	SS: Nancy Shields and Benny Finch	Worship: Lizzy Olson, Scott Wilhelm, Sara Daniel, Kristy Lamb
12/16	SS: Joanne Donovan and Jim Thomas	Worship: Yvonne Lempke, Sam Wills, Molly and Tim Gribble
12/23	SS: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	Worship: Heather Woolbert, Anna Graham, Hannah and Lei Chen
12/30	SS: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	Worship: Nathan Graham, Julie Bruce, Abby Hodges, Peggy Kebabian
1/6	SS: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	Worship: Russell Bogue, Heidi Shimp, Stephanie Lim, Keri Cocchiola
1/13	SS: Karen Peck and Megan Paek	Worship: Katherine Bogue, Sara Daniel, Paul Wildey
1/20	SS: Heather and Steve Woolbert	Worship: Catherine and Martha Olson, Benny Finch, and Scott Wilhelm
1/27	SS: Molly and Tim Gribble	Worship: Ellen Kebabian, Kristy Lamb, Sam Wills, Jim Thomas

