

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.

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 28, 2008

10:30 AM

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Service Order 4

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

Opening Songs of Praise and Worship

Out of The Deep I Call

*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." 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*

**Lo, He Comes*

*Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for our salvation slain;
Thousand, thousand saints attending,
Swell in triumph of His train.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.*

*Every eye shall now behold Him,
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him,
Pierced, and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.*

*Now redemption long expected,
See in solemn pomp appear!
All his saints by man rejected,
Now shall meet Him in the air.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
See the day of God, appear!*

*Yea, amen! let all adore Thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory,
Claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly, O come quickly;
Alleluia, come, Lord, come.*

** 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: John 4:21-25*

Leader: Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for the salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

**Hymn of Praise: Holy God, We Praise Your Name (vs. 1, 2 & 4) #103*

*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."*

*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.*

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 Prayer of Adoration

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

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

Old Testament Reading: Joshua 6:1-27

New Testament Reading: John 4:1-26

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Meditation: *Of the Father's Love Begotten (vs. 5)*

(Instrumental meditation – Congregation Sing)

*Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving,
And unwearied praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore!*

Invocation and Praise

Day and night without
ceasing they sing,
“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord
God the Almighty, who was and
is and is to come.”
Revelation 4:8

Hearing God's Word

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

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

Meditation 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 of Sin:

[Participants may kneel or lean forward]

Leader: Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature prone to evil and resistant in doing good, and all our shortcomings and offenses.

People: You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love, in acting as the unfaithful wife, in playing the harlot after false gods, we have been unfaithful to you.

Leader: O Lord, have mercy upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for everything in which we have displeased You.

People: Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins, for the sake of your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help us, we beseech You, to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Private Confession

Absolution

Leader: Hear now God's assurance of pardon:

“You are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and you did not forsake them.” *Nehemiah 9:17*

Confession of Sin

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

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

Absolution

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

*“I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”
Matthew 16:19*

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: Patty, Sophia & Lauren Gantenbein

Mission to the World: Bulgaria is a beautiful country with two-thirds of the terrain being mountainous. It is a post-communist, Slavic country that is suffering under economic hardship and moral relativity. The evangelical church in Bulgaria is small and young, but it is emerging.

Current Ministries: Church planting, teaching English, mercy ministry to children with special needs, evangelism training, publishing, theological education

The missionaries active in this area: Jonathan & Katherine Taylor (team leader) and family; Tony & Amy Myers and family; David & Erin Pervis and family; Mike & Susan Hershberger and family; Dave Culmer; Monica Farling. Itinerating: Pam Rambo.

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: *All Must Be Well*

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

*Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well.
Free and changeless is His favor, All is well.
Precious is the blood that healed us;
Perfect is the grace that sealed us;
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us;
All must be well.*

*Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well.
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well.
Happy still in God confiding;
Fruitful if in Christ abiding;
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding;
All must be well.*

*We expect a bright tomorrow; All will be well.
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well.
On our Father's love relying; Jesus every need supplying;
Yes in living or in dying; All must be well.
On our Father's love relying; Jesus every need supplying;
Yes in living or in dying; All must be well.*

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon: Restoration of the Kingdom

Rev. Tolivar Wills

[Sermon notes located on page 17]

[1] Now Jericho was shut up inside and outside because of the people of Israel. None went out, and none came in. [2] And the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor. [3] You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days. [4] Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. [5] And when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, everyone straight before him." [6] So Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD." [7] And he said to the people, "Go forward. March around the city and let the armed men pass on before the ark of the LORD." [8] And just as Joshua had commanded the people, the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the LORD went forward, blowing the trumpets, with the ark of the covenant of the LORD following them. [9] The armed men were walking before the priests who were blowing the trumpets, and the rear guard was walking after the ark, while the trumpets blew continually. [10] But Joshua commanded the people, "You shall not shout or make your voice heard, neither shall any word go out of your mouth, until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall shout." [11] So he caused the ark of the LORD to circle the city, going about it once. And they came into the camp and spent the night in the camp. [12] Then Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD. [13] And the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD walked on, and they blew the trumpets continually. And the armed men were walking before them, and the rear guard was walking after the ark of the LORD, while the trumpets blew continually. [14] And the second day they marched around the city once, and returned into the camp. So they did for six days. [15] On the seventh day they rose early, at the dawn of day, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times. It was only on that day that they marched around the city seven times. [16] And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout, for the LORD has given you the city.

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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.

[17] And the city and all that is within it shall be devoted to the LORD for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent.

[18] But you, keep yourselves from the things devoted to destruction, lest when you have devoted them you take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel a thing for destruction and bring trouble upon it. [19] But all silver and gold, and every vessel of bronze and iron, are holy to the LORD; they shall go into the treasury of the LORD." [20] So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they captured the city. [21] Then they devoted all in the city to destruction, both men and women, young and old, oxen, sheep, and donkeys, with the edge of the sword. [22] But to the two men who had spied out the land, Joshua said, "Go into the prostitute's house and bring out from there the woman and all who belong to her, as you swore to her." [23] So the young men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab and her father and mother and brothers and all who belonged to her. And they brought all her relatives and put them outside the camp of Israel. [24] And they burned the city with fire, and everything in it. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD. [25] But Rahab the prostitute and her father's household and all who belonged to her, Joshua saved alive. And she has lived in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho. [26] Joshua laid an oath on them at that time, saying, "Cursed before the LORD be the man who rises up and rebuilds this city, Jericho. "At the cost of his firstborn shall he lay its foundation, and at the cost of his youngest son shall he set up its gates." [27] So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame was in all the land.

Joshua 6: 1-27 (ESV)

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

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 Lord, Most High, Eternal King*

[At this time parents should retrieve their children from the nursery to join them for worship]

*O Lord Most High, eternal King,
By thee redeemed thy praise we sing.
The bonds of death are burst by thee,
And grace has won the victory.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Ascending to the Father's throne
Thou claim'st the kingdom as thine own;
And angels wonder when they see
How changed is our humanity.*

Refrain

*Be thou our joy, O Mighty Lord,
As thou wilt be our great reward;
Let all our glory be in thee
Both now and through eternity.*

Refrain

*O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to thee let earth accord,
Who art, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit, One.*

Refrain

Communion Gifts

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

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

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

Luke 18:15-16

***Presentation of Gifts**

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

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

Revelation 4:10-11

Processional Hymn: *Doxology

(*Old Hundredth*)

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

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

Revelation 4:10-11

*Confession of Faith

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

Congregation: I believe in the life everlasting, where the souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness and do immediately pass into glory and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves until the final resurrection and the full enjoyment of God to all eternity.

[from Westminster Standards]

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Your death, O Christ, we proclaim.

Your resurrection we declare.

Your coming we await.

Glory be to you, O Lord.

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.

The Eucharistic Sacrament of the Lord's Supper:

Eucharist means "the good grace" and "communion" implies a real participation in that grace. Therefore, the

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

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

Revelation 5:11-12

Note concerning the elements of the Lord's Supper

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

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayers for those not communing

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.

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.

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

*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.**

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: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of
God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with
you all." Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!

Announcements

Postlude

Sermon Notes

Restoration of the Kingdom

Joshua 6:1-27

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)*

The CPC Weekly

December 28th, 2008

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.

Cancellation Policy

If a service is to be cancelled it will be announced on our website and on our phone system no later than 2 hours prior to event. If no announcement is posted then scheduled event will still take place.

This week:

No Sunday School/Café:

There is no Sunday School and CPC Café from Dec.21st thru Jan.4th 2009.

There is also no Tuesday morning prayer group for the next two weeks. It will resume the week of January 5th, 2009.

Study Center Hours: Due to the Holidays, the Study Center will be closed at 12 pm Wednesday, Dec.24th – Dec. 26th and will be closed at 12 pm on Tuesday Dec.30th until Jan.2nd. Regular Study Center hours will resume the week of January 5th, 2009.

Upcoming events in January:

Christian Faith & Practice Luncheon: January 11th, 2009. **Graduates and Professionals:** The Jan. 11th Christian Faith & Practice will explore the issue of **Sabbath**. Rev. Mike Glodo, professor of Biblical Studies at Reformed Theological Seminary, will help us understand this complex but vital topic.

Hot Off the Press: January 16th at 8pm featuring Chuck E. Costa.

CPC Member Joining & Baptism Service on January 25th, 2009 - There will be a new member joining and baptism service coming up in the new year. Now is the time to schedule a pastoral visit before year's end. Please contact administrator at cpc.ad@snet.net.

Christmas Offerings:

Hope for New Haven Christmas Offering – A subsidiary ministry of CPC & Trinity Baptist, provides various gospel-driven services to many of New Haven's urban families. Currently, they provide a Christ-centered childcare center and an after-school program for over 70 children, at a rate which is affordable and in a safe environment. During the Advent Season, both CPC & Trinity Baptist will be providing their congregations the opportunity to give an end-of-the-year gift to help them continue to provide these vital ministries in the name of Christ. Please see the flyer on the back foyer table to see how you can participate.

Year End Vision Campaign Fund: As our vision campaign is coming to a close please see letter from Session on the back foyer table. Gifts will be shared towards:

Nursery renovation
Securing Hill Community Center
Debt Reduction

SNEP Spring Youth Retreat 2009

Who: YOU!!(th) in Grades 7-12

Theme: SUPERHEROES... (Is. 50:10b)
Out of the Darkness, Into Light

When: March 20-22

Where: Lakeside Camp (Pittsfield, MA)

Why: Because [heavy sigh] if you're not there [sniffle, sob] it just won't be the same!

How: Forms will be available soon—watch for more bulletin announcements!

How \$: \$98 by February 7, 2009



Opportunities for Service at CPC

Volunteers: Volunteers are needed to make coffee for the Sunday studies on Sunday mornings. Please contact Gary Bach at gbach20@yahoo.com if you can assist.

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 Keabian's home in Guilford. For more information contact Peggy Keabian 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 Christie Nelson at christine.nelson@alumni.duke.edu 203-287-0438.

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.

December 28:

Worship: Arijana Lempke, Peggy Keabian, Phoebe Keabian, Nancy Shields

January 4:

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

