

Welcome to Christ Presbyterian Church of New Haven!

As a church committed to Greater New Haven, we hope to serve and reach 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 want to connect with you so please take the time to fill out a Welcome Card located in the pews and place it in the offering basket or return it to the Welcome Table. You may also include a prayer request on the reverse side. Your requests are prayed for during the week. Also, visit the Welcome Table for a Welcome Brochure!



We value families worshipping together and welcome children of all ages to join us in worship at their parents' discretion (see the booklet "Together in God's Presence" at the children's ministry table). Childcare is available for parents who wish to take advantage of it. Look for this icon in the bulletin to know when to drop off and pick up your children. Supplementary children's sermon material is available in the foyer.



When parking on Sundays please reserve our parking lot for visitors, parents with small children, and those who need to park closer. Two Yale parking lots north of the church on Whitney Ave. are available to us also. Lot 16: Gibbs Lab at Whitney Ave. and Humphrey St., and the Whitney Ave. Garage located behind 221 Whitney Ave. For safety, exit our lot on the Bradley St. side only.



We highly recommend that you participate bodily in worship, however, when necessity or mercy requires, you may access a live stream video of our full service at cpcnewhaven.org/live. You may also view a recorded version or listen to our sermons at cpcpodcasts.org. We do believe that there is a mystical communion of Christ in heaven with the body of Christ on earth by the Holy Spirit when you participate in person in worship.

PROTOCOLS FOR ATTENDING WORSHIP

Covid-19 Re-Opening as of 8/9/21: All are welcome to attend worship following these protocols. In order to allow more people to attend, we will be using both the Sanctuary and a re-imagined worship space in the Fellowship Hall (with a direct audio/video feed of the sanctuary on a big screen). Per order of New Haven's Mayor Elicker, effective 8/9/21, masks are required indoors for all individuals when social distancing is not possible.

Prior to Arrival

- Use conscience to determine whether you in good faith are comfortable attending.
- Take your temperature at home and do not attend if you have a fever or are symptomatic (cough, shortness of breath, fever).
- If you test positive for Covid-19 and have attended any church event, please alert us (email Sr. Pastor preston.graham@cpcnewhaven.org and Operations Coordinator annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org).
- Bring layers to wear for your own temperature control, we will have the doors and windows open to aid with air flow as well as the HVAC system running with HEPA filters (we will simultaneously run the heat/AC as needed).

Upon Arrival

- Use hand sanitizer before you enter the building, or upon entry.
- Use the main foyer entrance.

Outdoors

- No masks or social distancing are required for either those vaccinated or unvaccinated.

Indoors

- **Non-Vaccinated Participants:** Wear a mask inside the building at all times.
- **Upstairs Sanctuary:** Social distance seating, we ask that all people wear a mask to your seat(s) but then you can take off your mask during worship.
- **Downstairs Sanctuary:** We will not require social distance seating, but ask that all people wear a mask both to your seat and throughout the duration of worship.

Drawing Near To God

As we enter into a service carefully patterned after the logic of the gospel and the ancient temple worship, we are invited into communion with God in Christ through his Holy Spirit. We will participate in the movements of worship—which are illustrated in Revelation 4-5—as we praise God for who he is, fall to our knees as unworthy to be in his presence, receive the free reconciliation accomplished in Christ, and sing a “new” song. We are all personally invited to meet him as the Savior of sinners and gracious King of heaven and earth.

After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! Revelation 4:1



If so desired, now is a good time for children to leave for childcare.

I. Rediscovering God's Glory

God's desire initiates an invitation into his presence. Through worship, we rediscover the holy otherness of God in his glory revealed through creation and salvation.

And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here...At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne....And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures...and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"
Revelation 4:1-2, 6-8

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 136

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

People: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the God of gods,

People: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

People: for his steadfast love endures forever;

Leader: Give thanks to the God of heaven,

People: for his steadfast love endures forever;

ANCIENT OF DAYS

**Blessing and honor; glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days
From every nation; all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days**

**Every tongue in heaven and earth
Shall declare Your glory
Every knee shall bow at Your throne
In worship
You will be exalted, O God
And Your kingdom shall not pass away
O, Ancient of Days**

**Blessing and honor; glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days
From every nation; all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days
Chorus**

**Your kingdom shall reign
Over all the earth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days
For none can compare
To Your matchless worth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days
(repeat)
Chorus**

**O, Ancient of Days
O, Ancient of Days**

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II. Rediscovering God's Grace

Entering God's presence naturally leads us to face our sin, yet in Christ we do so both mournfully and courageously, with the knowledge that his abundant mercy awaits. God makes it safe to be honest, real, and transparent about our moral failures and brokenness because we have nothing to prove or hide in Christ.

Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals... "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 loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." Revelation 5:1-5

JESUS I COME

**Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night
Jesus I come; Jesus I come
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light
Jesus I come to Thee**

**Out of my sickness, into Thy health
Out of my wanting, and into Thy wealth
Out of my sin, and into Thyself
Jesus I come to Thee**

**Out of my shameful failure and loss
Jesus I come; Jesus I come
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross
Jesus I come to Thee**

**Out of earth's sorrows, into Thy balm
Out of life's storms, and into Thy calm
Out of distress into jubilant psalm
Jesus I come to Thee**

**Out of unrest and arrogant pride
Jesus I come; Jesus I come
Into Thy blessed will to abide
Jesus I come to Thee**

**Out of myself, to dwell in Thy love
Out of despair into raptures above
Upward forever on wings like a dove
Jesus I come to Thee**

**Out of the fear and dread of the tomb
Jesus I come; Jesus I come
Into the joy and light of Thy home
Jesus I come to Thee**

**Out of the depths, of ruin untold
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold
Ever Thy glorious face to behold
Jesus I come to Thee**

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Participants may kneel or lean forward.

Leader: We confess, our Father, that we do not live up to the family name.

People: **We are more ready to resent than to forgive, more ready to manipulate than to serve, more ready to fear than to love, more ready to keep our distance than to welcome, more ready to compete than to help.**

*In a word or short phrase, you may share a confession to God
quietly or out loud, as directed.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith." (Galatians 3:23-24)

ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS I STAND

**On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye.
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.**

**All o'er those wide extended plains, Shines one eternal day.
There God, the Son forever reigns, And scatters night away.
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.**

**No chilling winds nor poisonous breath, Can reach that healthful shore,
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.
Chorus**

**When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blest,
When shall I see my Father's face, and in his bosom rest.
Chorus**

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III. *Renewal in Christ's Word*

The preaching of the Word of God is the Word of God, wherein it becomes the very Word of God proclaimed and received by the illumination of the Holy Spirit to believers. This is not a lecture based on a dead letter, or a self-help talk, but an encounter with the living God in the flesh of his people.

And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song...
Revelation 5:6-9

Old Testament: Hosea 5:1-15

New Testament: Matthew 19:16-30

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

SERMON

“Stop, Drop & Roll Out: The Reckoning & Rescuing of Jesus Christ from a House on Fire.”

Rev. Jefferson Bennett

Hosea 5:1-15

1 Hear this, O priests!

Pay attention, O house of Israel!

Give ear, O house of the king!

For the judgment is for you;
for you have been a snare at Mizpah
and a net spread upon Tabor.

2 And the revoltors have gone deep into slaughter,
but I will discipline all of them.

3 I know Ephraim,

and Israel is not hidden from me;
for now, O Ephraim, you have played the whore;
Israel is defiled.

4 Their deeds do not permit them
to return to their God.

For the spirit of whoredom is within them,
and they know not the LORD.

5 The pride of Israel testifies to his face;
Israel and Ephraim shall stumble in his guilt;
Judah also shall stumble with them.

6 With their flocks and herds they shall go
to seek the LORD,
but they will not find him;
he has withdrawn from them.

7 They have dealt faithlessly with the LORD;
for they have borne alien children.
Now the new moon shall devour them with their fields.

8 Blow the horn in Gibeah,
the trumpet in Ramah.

Sound the alarm at Beth-aven;
we follow you, O Benjamin!

9 Ephraim shall become a desolation
in the day of punishment;
among the tribes of Israel

I make known what is sure.
 10 The princes of Judah have become
 like those who move the landmark;
 upon them I will pour out
 my wrath like water.
 11 Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment,
 because he was determined to go after filth.
 12 But I am like a moth to Ephraim,
 and like dry rot to the house of Judah.
 13 When Ephraim saw his sickness,
 and Judah his wound,
 then Ephraim went to Assyria,
 and sent to the great king.
 But he is not able to cure you
 or heal your wound.
 14 For I will be like a lion to Ephraim,
 and like a young lion to the house of Judah.
 I, even I, will tear and go away;
 I will carry off, and no one shall rescue.
 15 I will return again to my place,
 until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face,
 and in their distress earnestly seek me. (ESV)



SERMON NOTES

Text your questions to 203-800-7689 and if comfortable please include your name. You may also view a recorded version of the service or subscribe to our sermon podcast at cpcpodcasts.org.

For families worshipping with young children, supplementary children's sermon material is available in the pews and in the foyer.

*Image of 6 year old John Wesley being rescued from a house fire in 1709.

MEDITATION

IV. *Renewal in Christ's Presence*

In the Covenant Meal, we both remember the sacrificial life of Christ's atonement and partake of Christ's ascended presence by the Holy Spirit, wherein no extent of space separates us from the life-giving power of God. All Christians being united to Christ are united to each other in love and have communion in each other's gifts and graces.

*...for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation.
Revelation 5:9b*



During this time parents may retrieve their children to join them for worship. You may proceed directly to your seat from the nursery.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell in unity!
(Psalm 133:1)

COLLECTION AND PRAYERS:

If you have a personal prayer request that you would like to be shared with the congregation in a weekly email, please submit them using the prayer request cards and place them in the offering basket as it is passed, or the basket located in the back of the sanctuary.

You may virtually submit a prayer request or give toward the collection at cpcnewhaven.org/live, or you may use this QR code to donate.



MEDITATION

DOXOLOGY

**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.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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 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)

COMING FORWARD TO RECEIVE COMMUNION

All Christians are invited to come forward to receive Christ's presence of bread and wine. 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. The communion bread is gluten free. (The Downstairs Sanctuary will serve pre-sealed elements of juice and wafer.)

FAIREST LORD JESUS

**Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature
O thou of God and man the son
Thee will I cherish; thee will I honor
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown**

**Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands
Robed in the blooming garb of spring**

**Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer
You make the woeful heart to sing**

**Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight
And all the twinkling starry host
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of all the nations
Son of God and Son of Man
Glory and honor, praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be thine**

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 for 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.

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS TOGETHER

Leader: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: "I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

(Ephesians 4:1-3)

The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

V. Restored In Christ's Supremacy

From the throne of heaven, God's power and grace is with us. In reverence and awe, we worship an exalted King and receive a kingdom that cannot be shaken, going forth in his immeasurable power working within us.

...and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth. Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures... numbering myriads of myriads... saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"
Revelation 5:10-13

IN CHRIST ALONE

**In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live**

**There in the ground his body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day**

**Up from the grave he rose again
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am his, and he is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand
'Til he returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand**

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BENEDICTION

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."
(Numbers 6:24-26)

PRAYER

If you would like to pray with a shepherd leader please send a text to 203-800-7689.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Youth Group Crossroads Resumes Today 9/26 1pm-4pm

Today the youth are invited to the first Crossroads event of the fall. We will meet at Karen Peck's home. Bring bathing suits, a towel, and an appetite. Food and fun will be provided! Address: 5 Belmont Street, Milford 06460 (park on Belmont or around the corner in the spaces around the park and field). Crossroads meets every 2nd Sunday (at CPC) and 4th Sunday (somewhere else).

Join a Proctored School of Discipleship Class in Small Groups

We have three School of Discipleship Classes being offered this fall that can be done in a proctored small group utilizing our new podcast series and semi-regularly meeting with a pastor (visit cpcpodcasts.org for a sample and to learn about the classes). If you are interested in joining a group, contact Craig (craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org) by Sunday 10/10. Those interested will have an initial meeting to determine meeting day, time, and frequency. Classes offered via our School of Discipleship podcast are:

- Membership Seminar (Important if you're considering joining CPC in December)
- Bible Interpretation
- Confessional Theology

Calling All Singers and Those Who Want to Learn

We are putting together a Christmas choir for this advent season. If you are interested, contact Josh within a week by next Sunday 9/26 (joshuatsanders@yahoo.com).

Fire Drill Instructions for Future Evacuation Drill

Our annual evacuation drill is practice for everyone to convene in a central location for safety, for a role call if necessary in the case of children's classes, and to stay out of the way of professional firemen and police as they do their job. The drill will be held during SS this fall.

- **Children in Grades 4 and Below, and Nursery:** Sunday School teachers or nursery workers will lead children to the Whitney Ave. main sidewalk and then walk north towards Yale School of Management, gathering in the closest green space just past the church driveway.
- **Adults and Older Children:** Meet in the parking lot on Bradley Street across from CPC's playground. If you exit through the front of the church proceed to the Whitney Street sidewalk, head south (toward Bradley Street), turn onto Bradley Street, and walk to the parking lot across from the CPC playground. Parents may then retrieve their children from the area near the Yale School of Management.

NEW HERE?

1. **Submit a Welcome Card!** We want to connect with you, please take the time to fill out a Welcome Card located in the pews and place it in the offering basket (at the back of the Sanctuary or when it's passed) or return it to the Welcome Bar in the foyer. You may also include a prayer request on the reverse side to be prayed for during the week.
2. **Check Out a Life Group!** See the last page in this bulletin for a list of all of our Life Groups and when they are meeting. If you would like help discerning which group may be a good fit, contact our Director of Ministries Associate Pastor Craig Luekens (craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org or 203-500-7115).
3. **Learn about Membership!** We consider the church an essential element of the gospel, so joining CPC as a member is a way to truly join the body of Christ, in all its blessings and with all its flaws! Before joining, you'll listen to an online membership seminar, meet with a pastor, and then discuss how you've come to know Christ with the Shepherd Leaders. We hold several membership joining services annually.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 17 | **Service Sunday** | After Worship

At Connection Sunday in September you were introduced to all of our ministries and their opportunities for involvement. Now, at Service Sunday, learn about all of the teams that make up the body of Christ here at CPC New Haven and how your gifts can serve alongside our various members.

October 23 | **Yale Football Tailgate Potluck** | 10am | 52 Roger Road, New Haven

Join the 20s/30s for a pre-football game tailgate potluck at 10am at Anna Graham's house on October 23rd (52 Roger Road, New Haven). Main entree will be provided, but please bring a food item, drink, or dessert. After the tailgate we will walk to the game (which begins at 12pm)! Tickets can be purchased at athletics.ticketing.yale.edu. General admission is \$12.00. Contact Josh for more information (joshuatsanders@yahoo.com).

October 24 | **Elder Emeritus Reception Lunch** | After Worship

We'll have a special lunch in honor of Elder Emeritus Alan Phillips, in recognition of his service on the Session!

Save the Dates!

- October 30 | **Kids Fall Festival** | 10am
- November 6 | **Women's Coffee Connect** | 9am (Online Only)
- November 12 | **Marriage Enrichment Night** | 6pm
- November 25 | **Thanksgiving Fellowship Meals** | Various Times
- November 28 | **Fellowship Lunch** | After Worship
- December 3 | **New Member Social** | Time TBD
- December 4 | **Work Day and Decor Set-Up** | 9am
- December 10 | **Lessons and Carols Christmas Service** | 6pm
- December 12 | **Membership Joining and Fellowship Lunch** | During Worship and After
- December 24 | **Christmas Eve Service** | Time TBD

ONGOING WEEKLY

Tuesday Night Pastoral Counseling Available 7pm-9pm: Would you like to speak one-on-one with a CPC pastor? We desire to connect the truths of scripture to the realities of life. Whether you are going through suffering or just need wisdom, the pastoral staff is dedicated to being available to meet. We recognize that our work hours are not always convenient for others. The pastoral staff is available by appointment Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. (or another time as determined by appointment). Interested persons should sign-up confidentially at cpcnewhaven.org/pastoral-counseling.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal at 7pm: Join us for a light meal before Compline in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Night Compline at 8pm (In-Person and Livestream): Beginning centuries ago, monastic communities gathered in the evening to "complete" the day by observing a worship service that weaves together songs, prayers, Scriptural reflections, and Communion. In that spirit, we hope to enter God's presence with others from around our city to experience Compline. Each night we will celebrate the central Christian feast of the Lord's Table. All are welcome to join us in the middle of the week as we take refuge in the riches of God's grace in Christ. Compline meets Wednesday at 8:00pm during the academic year (in-person or online at cpcnewhaven.org/live) from 9/22/21 - 12/8/21 (except Thanksgiving week on 11/24/21) and 1/19/22 - 4/6/22.

Study Center Open: The Study Center and church building are open Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am-4pm, and Monday and Thursday by appointment with staff. Drop-ins are welcome!

Subscribe to CPC Podcasts: Take us with you wherever you are to listen to our School of Discipleship classes, the Sunday Sermon, Compline Homilies, and other inspiring conversations with our pastors. Visit cpcpodcasts.org or subscribe wherever you listen.



Receive Our Weekly Newsletter: Go to cpcnewhaven.org and select “Newsletter Sign-Up” on the home page. Our weekly newsletter goes out on Friday mornings with Sunday Service information, highlights, upcoming events, and useful links.



Sing at Home with Our New YouTube Playlist: Enjoy the songs we regularly sing at CPC from home with our new YouTube playlist. Visit youtube.com/c/CPCNewHaven and select “Playlists” to find it (it’s called “CPC Sunday Morning Music”).



SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

See resources from all of our classes at cpcnewhaven.org/all-classes.

Children’s Sunday School at 9:30am: More info in the foyer or at cpcnewhaven.org/children.

Adult Sunday Studies at 9:30am:

- **The Bible Project: A Journey Through the Bible -- Book by Book | Begins 9/19:** Have you ever tried to read the Bible and get lost in the weeds? Try to read from cover to cover and don’t make it past Exodus? Ever wonder what the main points of each book are about? Join us Sunday Mornings as we discuss a different book of the Bible each week in order. In order to become biblically literate and to fall more in love with God and His Word, we have to understand the bigger picture of God’s redemption. We’ll be using the popular and easily digested “Bible Project” videos each week to kick off our discussions. The Psalmist exclaims, “I rejoice at your word like one who finds great spoil” (Ps. 119:162). Let’s mine the treasures together! 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Just Prayer | Begins 10/10:** Not “just” prayer, or prayer about justice, but prayer alone! Inspired by our church-wide retreat, we want to be a church that depends on God and works for results that only God can provide, as opposed to ones that we can manufacture. So let’s do this together - no program, no agenda, just a commitment to pray kingdom prayers together according to the command of Christ, for the glory of Christ, and the building up of His Church!

Men's Discipleship Group: Every 1st and 2nd Thursday evening at 6:30pm we gather for a time of fellowship and discussion of an article. Emails are sent out every Monday with info on time, location, and a link to the article. If you are interested in joining (and are not on the men's email list), contact Jerry (jerry.ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org).

Women's Discipleship Group: In Romans, Paul expresses a longing to be together "that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith." Consider joining us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month (7-8:30 pm) as we encourage, support and challenge one another in a small group setting. We are using the book *A Place to Belong* by Megan Hill. Please join us (in person with safe distancing or by Zoom) as we explore the beauty of the church and how we can delight in the "loveliness of Christ's gathered people." Contact Lisa (lisahgraham44@gmail.com) or Diane Miller (auntie.diane@comcast.net).

Young Moms & Dads Discipleship Groups: If you have a child age 12 or under and are desiring to grow in your faith contact Jefferson Bennett (jefferson@cpcnewhaven.org).

Young at Heart 60+ Group: This group is forming and will meet in the morning on the second and fourth Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall (time TBD). If you are interested contact Alan Phillips (phillipsalanr@gmail.com) or Stacy Roney (mrsprofdoc@icloud.com).

MINISTRY GROUPS

Youth Group Crossroads | 2nd & 4th Sundays | Resumes 9/26 | 1:00pm-4:00pm

“Crossroads” is our bi-monthly youth gathering on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. On the 2nd Sunday we will meet in the Fellowship Hall. On the 4th Sunday we will meet at the home of one of the youths. Each meeting has a shared meal, fun games, and music. During the summer and fall months, outdoor activities such as playing at a nearby park or swimming in the pool are activities to be enjoyed. Contact Pastor Jerry (jerry.ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org).

College Students: Welcome Back!

Yale and SCSU students, we’d love to connect with you as you return for the start of the year. We have several events coming up on campus and at CPC, so please reach out to Jerry (jerry.ornelas@cpcnewhaven.org) or Craig (craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org) to learn more!

Digging Deep@Yale | Fridays | 9am-10am | Hopper College tables

Calling all Yale undergrads! We love good questions and real theology here, so let’s discuss the big topics together. With the indoor restrictions as they are now, let’s plan to meet outside in the Hopper courtyard. Email Craig (Craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org) for more details.

Graduate Student Small Group | Thursdays | 7:30pm | CPC Fellowship Hall

We’re excited for our weekly Small Group with graduate students (and significant others!) to continue, as we discuss Scripture, pray for each other, and build relationships during this unique time of life. If you’re new, feel free to join us! Contact Craig, craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org.

Women’s Book Club | Second Thursdays | 3pm | Zoom ID: 824 7985 2619

The Women's Book Club meets the second Thursday of each month at 3pm. Please contact JoAnn (thekupiecfamily@comcast.net) if you have any questions. Zoom 824 7985 2619.

- 10/14 "A Tale of Two Cities" by Charles Dickens
- 11/11 "One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich" by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

LIFE GROUPS

Downtown New Haven: Newly formed, the vision of this group is to reach and serve those that live in and around Downtown New Haven. Contact Tyler Rice (tylerarice@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining.

East Rock Life Group: The East Rock Life Group usually meets on the 2nd and last Sundays of each month, from 4:00 to 5:30 (or later), outdoors as the weather permits and often with food or a meal. We seek to embody the fellowship of believers in a smaller, more intimate community of CPC through discussion, activities, and prayer. Contact Trey Billings (203-606-0366, treybillings@gmail.com) and Kaitlyn Jessee (617-620-2101, kaijessee@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining us.

Hamden/Cheshire Life Group: The Hamden/Cheshire group has members from Hamden, Westville and Cheshire and generally meet twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 4 pm at different members' homes. This semester we are studying Rosaria Butterfield's book, *The Gospel Comes with a House Key: Practicing Radically Ordinary Hospitality in our Post-Christian World*. For more information about this and upcoming meetings, contact Julie Walker: walkerfj@comcast.net.

Shoreline Saturday Life Group: We generally meet on the second Saturday of each month from 4:30 – 7:30pm for a time of fellowship and dinner. We are currently meeting in person. Please contact Cliff Bogue (Clifford.bogue@me.com) or Lisa Tweed (hatwik@aol.com) if you are interested in joining us! If we need to move to meeting remotely, we will use Zoom ID 99720453539.

Shoreline Sunday Life Group: We are currently gathering using Zoom every other week on Sunday at 2:00pm to touch base, share news and pray together, and to disciple one another through discussion of the sermon, the Word, or other resources. Beginning when warmer weather arrives, one meeting will likely return to an outdoor, in-person time of fellowship. Please contact Jennifer (203-675-3268, jenandjen@att.net) or Joanne (860-395-0827, j.e.donovan@att.net) with any questions or if you'd like to join us! Meeting ID: 982 2146 1719

Trumbull Life Group: We meet the second Sunday of each month from 4-5:30 PM in Trumbull for a time of teaching and sharing of prayer requests. When things begin to open up more, we will follow our meetings with a meal. All are welcome to join us in person or via Zoom. Contact Heather Woolbert at 203-494-4805 for more information.

West Side Life Group: Newly formed, this group will serve the greater Westville/Orange/Woodbridge/West Haven area with an emphasis on fellowship and prayer support, accompanied by a discussion-based Bible Study. Additional details including the meeting schedule will be provided after the September 19th meeting. Contact Ken Healy at kenhealy@gmail.com or (203) 725-6894 if you are interested in joining us!