

# 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](http://cpcnewhaven.org/live). You may also view a recorded version or listen to our sermons at [cpcpodcasts.org](http://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

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**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](mailto:preston.graham@cpcnewhaven.org) and Operations Coordinator [annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto: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 145:1-7, 21

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

**People: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

**People: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.**

Leader: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**People: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.**

Leader: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**People: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

## **ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME**

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

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

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

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

# 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*

## GRANT US THY GRACE

**Grant us Thy grace  
Grant us Thy grace, Lord  
Grant us Thy grace  
Grant us Thy grace, Lord**

**Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God  
Have mercy on each of us  
(Repeat)**

**Grant us Thy grace  
Grant us Thy grace, Lord  
Grant us Thy grace  
Grant us Thy grace, Lord**

**For the things we have done  
And the things we have left undone  
(Repeat)**

**Grant us Thy grace  
Grant us Thy grace, Lord  
Grant us Thy grace  
Grant us Thy grace, Lord**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Participants may kneel or lean forward.*

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

**People: God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word, and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen.**

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

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities." (Psalm 103:8-10)

## **WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS (#261)**

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

**To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on!**



# 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: Malachi 2:14-16

New Testament: Matthew 19:1-12

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

## SERMON

### “A Strange & Compelling Grace: Marriage, Divorce and Singleness”

Rev. Preston Graham

Matthew 19:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Now when Jesus had finished these sayings, he went away from Galilee and entered the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. <sup>2</sup> And large crowds followed him, and he healed them there. <sup>3</sup> And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?" <sup>4</sup> He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, <sup>5</sup> and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? <sup>6</sup> So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." <sup>7</sup> They said to him, "Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?" <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. <sup>9</sup> And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery." <sup>10</sup> The disciples said to him, "If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry." <sup>11</sup> But he said to them, "Not everyone can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given. <sup>12</sup> For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it."

## SERMON NOTES

*“Marriage is the unique one-flesh relationship of a man and woman joined together by God in a union that He wills to be both permanent and exclusive, binding the couple to each other in a life-long companionship of common life and conjugal love.”*

*(Gen. 2:23-24, Mat. 19:4-8; from “Presbyterian Church In America via adoption of Reformed Presbyterian Church Confession at Joining and Receiving”)*

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

## 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](http://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: I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment. I am a member of Christ by faith, and thus partake of his anointing. He is ordained of God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Ghost, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; and to be our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of his body, has redeemed us, and makes continual intercession with the Father for us; and also to be our eternal King, who governs us by his word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in that salvation, he has purchased for us. (Heidelberg Catechism Questions 56, 31, 32)**

## 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.**

## 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.)*

## BE THOU MY VISION

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me save that thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light**

**Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one**

**Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight  
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight  
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r  
Raise thou me heav'nward, O pow'r of my pow'r**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always  
Thou and thou only first in my heart  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art**

**High King of Heaven, my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of All**

## 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.

# 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

## ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST

**Should nothing of our efforts stand / No legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house / In vain its builders strive  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain / Tell me what is your life  
A mist that vanishes at dawn / All glory be to Christ!**

**Chorus**

**All glory be to Christ our king!  
All glory be to Christ!  
His rule and reign will ever sing  
All glory be to Christ!**

**His will be done His kingdom come / On earth as is above  
Who is himself our daily bread / Praise him the Lord of love  
Let living water satisfy / The thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet / All glory be to Christ!**

**Chorus**

**When on the day the great I Am / The faithful and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain / Is making all things new  
Behold our God shall live with us / And be our steadfast light  
And we shall e'er his people be / All glory be to Christ!**

**Chorus**

## BENEDICTION

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”  
(Ephesians 3:20-21)

## 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

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## **Two Sunday Studies Classes Continue at 9:30am Weekly**

See our “School of Discipleship” section for details on both of our opportunities to connect before worship every Sunday at 9:30am. Our “Just Prayer” group meets in the Parlor to pray corporately together, and “The Bible Project” meets in the Fellowship Hall.

## **Welcome Ben Sheldon and Family Church Planting in New London**

Ben Sheldon and his family have made it to New London and are on-the-field planting another CPC congregation! Welcome Ben, Alison, and their kids John, Mack, Ruthie, and Mary.

## **BOH Monthly Night of Prayer This Thursday 7pm | Zoom ID: 920 2624 6521; Passcode: 930131**

Join all our Bridges of Hope congregations for a Monthly Zoom Prayer Meeting (brief devotional, followed by prayer). Held on the second Thursday of each month 7pm-7:30pm through May.

## **Last Call for the Fall! Join a Proctored School of Discipleship Class in Small Groups**

Join a proctored discipleship class utilizing our new podcast series (visit [cpcpodcasts.org](https://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](mailto:craig.luekens@cpcnewhaven.org)) by Sunday 10/10. Those interested will have an initial meeting to determine meeting day, time, and frequency. Classes available:

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

## **2021 Directory of CPC Members and Regular Attenders Is Now Available**

Those in the directory have received a digital copy via email, and there are a few printed copies behind the Welcome Bar in the foyer (please ask a Welcome Team member to assist you). You can always reference this group on CCB (Church Community Builder) for up to date contact information digitally. If you’d like to be included in the future, email [admin@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:admin@cpcnewhaven.org).

## **Live Podcast Recording Every Thursday at 2pm for Smokin’ Theologians**

Smokin’ Theologians is a long form conversation hosted by curious layman, Alex Gonzalez, and learned Theologian, Rev. Dr. Preston Graham, in which the two discuss plaguing theological questions and today's societal concerns, field live audience questions, and host a variety of colorful guests. Smokin’ Theologians is an answer to questions that don’t always get addressed. This audio video podcast will be available on YouTube Live, Spotify, and Apple Podcasts. *All are invited to attend the live recording every Thursday at 2pm at The Owl Shop in downtown New Haven (268 College St, New Haven, CT 06510).*

# NEW HERE?

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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](mailto: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

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

At Connection Sunday in September you were introduced to all of our ministries. 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 | **20/30s Yale Football Tailgate Potluck** | 10am | 52 Roger Road, New Haven

The 20/30s are gathering 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](https://athletics.ticketing.yale.edu). General admission is \$12.00. Contact Josh for more information ([joshuatsanders@yahoo.com](mailto: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

## CPC ONLINE

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**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](https://youtube.com/c/CPCNewHaven) and select “Playlists” to find it (it’s called “CPC Sunday Morning Music”).



# ONGOING WEEKLY

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**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](http://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](http://cpcnewhaven.org/live)) from 9/22/21 - 12/8/21 (except Thanksgiving week on 11/24/21) and 1/19/22 - 4/6/22.

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**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!

# SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

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*See resources from all of our classes at [cpcnewhaven.org/all-classes](http://cpcnewhaven.org/all-classes).*

**Children's Sunday School at 9:30am:** More info in the foyer or at [cpcnewhaven.org/children](http://cpcnewhaven.org/children).

## **Adult Sunday Studies at 9:30am:**

- **The Bible Project: A Journey Through the Bible -- Book by Book:** 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! 9:30am in the Parlor.

**Men's Discipleship Group:** Every 1st and 3rd 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](mailto: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 via Zoom (meeting #812 2180 7643) 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](mailto:lisahgraham44@gmail.com)) or Diane Miller ([auntie.diane@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:jefferson@cpcnewhaven.org)).

**Young at Heart 60+ Group:** This group meets at 10:30am on the second and fourth Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall. We are using the book "Trusting God." If you are interested contact Alan Phillips (phillipsalanr@gmail.com) or Stacy Roney (mrsprofdoc@icloud.com).

## MINISTRY GROUPS

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### **Youth Group Crossroads | 2nd & 4th Sundays | 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
- 12/9 "Martin Luther" by Eric Metaxas

# LIFE GROUPS

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**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](mailto:kenhealy@gmail.com) or (203) 725-6894 if you are interested in joining us!