

# 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 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 148

**People: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created. And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

**People: Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,**

Leader: Fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

**People: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Beast and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!**

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!  
Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

**People: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.**

Leader: He has raised up for his people a horn, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him.

**People: Praise the Lord!**

## **RISING SUN**

**Praise Him all you sinners  
Sing oh sing you weary  
Oh praise Him all you children of God**

**We lift high His glory  
Shown throughout our stories  
We praise Him as the children of God  
Our great Redeemer glorious Savior  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun  
Light of the morning You shine forever  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun**

**Praise His Name forever  
Speak it loud and clear now  
Oh praise Him all you children of God  
Chorus**

**Hallelujah name above all  
Forever we lift Your Name in praise  
Hallelujah now and always  
Forever we lift Your Name in praise  
Hallelujah our God You reign  
Forever we lift Your Name in praise  
Chorus**

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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*

## LORD HAVE MERCY

**Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on me  
(repeat)**

**Jesus I've forgotten  
The words that You have spoken  
Promises that burned within my heart  
Have now grown dim  
With a doubting heart I follow  
The paths of earthly wisdom  
Forgive me for my unbelief  
Renew the fire again  
Chorus**

**I have built an altar  
Where I've worshipped things of man  
I have taken journeys  
That have drawn me far from You  
Now I am returning  
To Your mercies ever flowing  
Pardon my transgressions  
Help me love You again**

## Chorus

**I have longed to know You  
And all Your tender mercies  
Like a river of forgiveness  
Ever flowing without end  
So I bow my heart before You  
In the goodness of Your presence  
Your grace forever shining  
Like a beacon in the night  
Chorus**

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Participants may kneel or lean forward.*

**Leader:** What is the duty which God requires of mankind?

**People:** **The duty which God requires of mankind, is obedience to his revealed will, revealed in the moral law, and summarized in the ten commandments.**

**Leader:** What is the sum of the ten commandments?

**People:** **The sum of the ten commandments is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.**

**Leader:** Is any person able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?

**People:** **No mere person, since the fall, is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but does daily break them in thought, word, and deed.**

(The Ten Commandments, from WCF, Shorter Catechism, Q 39-42, 82)

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

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"The blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."  
(1 John 1:7-9)

## GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou has been thou forever wilt be.**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

**Chorus**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

**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 6:10-7:16

New Testament: Titus 1:15-16

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

## SERMON

### "Half-baked Religion and the Gospel"

Rev. Jerry Ornelas

Hosea 6:10-7:16

10 In the house of Israel I have seen a horrible thing; Ephraim's whoredom is there; Israel is defiled. 11 For you also, O Judah, a harvest is appointed. When I restore the fortunes of my people, 1 when I would heal Israel, the iniquity of Ephraim is revealed, and the evil deeds of Samaria, for they deal falsely; the thief breaks in, and the bandits raid outside. 2 But they do not consider that I remember all their evil. Now their deeds surround them; they are before my face. 3 By their evil they make the king glad, and the princes by their treachery. 4 They are all adulterers; they are like a heated oven whose baker ceases to stir the fire, from the kneading of the dough until it is leavened. 5 On the day of our king, the princes became sick with the heat of wine; he stretched out his hand with mockers. 6 For with hearts like an oven they approach their intrigue; all night their anger smolders; in the morning it blazes like a flaming fire. 7 All of them are hot as an oven, and they devour their rulers. All their kings have fallen, and none of them calls upon me. 8 Ephraim mixes himself with the peoples; Ephraim is a cake not turned. 9 Strangers devour his strength, and he knows it not; gray hairs are sprinkled upon him, and he knows it not. 10 The pride of Israel testifies to his face; yet they do not return to the LORD their God, nor seek him, for all this. 11 Ephraim is like a dove, silly and without sense, calling to Egypt, going to Assyria. 12 As they go, I will spread over them my net; I will bring them down like birds of the heavens; I will discipline them according to the report made to their congregation. 13 Woe to them, for they have strayed from me! Destruction to them, for they have rebelled against me! I would redeem them, but they speak lies against me. 14 They do not cry to me from the heart, but they wail upon their beds; for grain and wine they gash themselves; they rebel against me. 15 Although I trained and strengthened their arms, yet they devise evil against me. 16 They return, but not upward; they are like a treacherous bow; their princes shall fall by the sword because of the insolence of their tongue. This shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.

## SERMON NOTES

*"How better to describe a half-fed people, a half-cultured society, a half-lived religion, a half-hearted policy, than by a half-baked scone?" - George Adam Smith on Hosea 7*

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](http://cpcpodcasts.org).

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

### GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

**People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic† church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(Apostles' Creed)

†That is, the true Christian church of all times and all places.

## 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.)*

## 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

## LORD ENTHRONED IN HEAVENLY SPLENDOR

**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor, first begotten from the dead,  
You alone, our strong Defender, now lift up Your people's head.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Jesus, true and living Bread! Jesus, true and living Bread!  
Behold the Lamb of God, who takes ours sins away  
Risen, ascended, glorified, we worship you, we worship you  
You reign on high, in never ending day  
Risen, ascended, glorified, we worship you, we worship you**

**Here our humblest homage pay we, here in loving reverence bow;  
Here for faith's discernment pray we, lest we fail to know You now.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
You are here, we ask not how, You are here, we ask not how.  
Chorus**

**Paschal Lamb, Your offering, finished, once for all when You were slain,  
In its fullness undiminished, shall forevermore remain.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Cleansing us from every stain. Cleansing us from every stain.  
Chorus**

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## BENEDICTION

“May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!” (Psalm 29:11)

## 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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**Young Families Fall Festival Today After Worship:** Come to our annual fall festival at the CPC Playground right after worship at 12p. We will be taking family portrait photos, painting pumpkins, and enjoying some autumn snacks together.

**Women's Coffee Connect This Saturday 11/6:** Grab your cup of coffee and join the women as we discuss on zoom "3 Things We Wish We Could Tell Our Younger Selves about the Faith Journey" (Meeting ID: 899 8418 6915) from 9am-10:30am.

**Marriage Enrichment Night Friday 11/12 at 6pm Save the Date:** A night out with Dinner, discussion, and interacting with other couples. Registration and special location coming soon!

**Help Our New London Church Planter:** Ben Sheldon and his family have made it to the greater New London area and would love to make connections in the area. If you know anyone in the area, regardless of church background, Ben and Alison would love to meet them! Please pass along their info to Ben ([benjamin.sheldon@anabaino.org](mailto:benjamin.sheldon@anabaino.org)).

**Social Outreach Grants Open for Submission:** CPC New Haven is announcing the opportunity for our Life Groups, Ministry Groups, or ad hoc groups of at least four people, to take the lead and help plan fellowship/outreach events that encourage our friends and neighbors to interact with the body of Christ! We have a designated amount of money to help these plans come to fruition and applications will be accepted and granted on a rolling basis. Scan here to apply or visit [cpcnewhaven.org/forms-and-handbooks](http://cpcnewhaven.org/forms-and-handbooks).



## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**New Young Mom's Discipleship Group Begins This Tuesday 11/2:** We will start meeting on two Tuesday evenings/month (TBD which, first meeting is 11/2 to decide) in the church parlor, 5:30pm-7pm. We will read about the heart of Christ in the book "Gentle and Lowly" by Dane Ortlund, and focus on prayer and personal scripture reading. Join us if you have children under 12! Contact Meg ([mhbogue@yahoo.com](mailto:mhbogue@yahoo.com)) or Patty ([patty.gantenbein@comcast.net](mailto:patty.gantenbein@comcast.net)).

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# 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 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 31 | **Family Fall Festival** | After Worship

Come to our annual fall festival at the CPC Playground right after worship at 12pm. We will be taking family portrait photos, painting pumpkins, and enjoying some autumn snacks together. Invite your neighbors!

November 06 | **Women's Coffee Connect** | 9am-10:30am | Zoom Meeting ID: 899 8418 6915

Grab your cup of coffee and join the women as we discuss on zoom "3 Things We Wish We Could Tell Our Younger Selves about the Faith Journey" (Meeting ID: 899 8418 6915) from 9am-10:30am. See you there!

November 12 | **Marriage Enrichment Night** | 6pm | Location TBD

A night out with dinner, discussion, and interacting with other couples. Registration and special location coming soon!

## Save the Dates!

- November 12 | **Marriage Enrichment Night** | 6pm
- November 25 | **Thanksgiving Fellowship Meals** | Various Times
- November 28 | **Fellowship Lunch** | After Worship
- December 03 | **New Member Social** | Time TBD
- December 04 | **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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# 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.

**Thursday Live Podcast Recording at 2pm:** Recorded at New Haven’s The Owl Shop, the Smokin’ Theologians Podcast 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). Also visit [cpcpodcasts.org](http://cpcpodcasts.org).*

**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** | 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 Graham ([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.

- 11/11 "Martin Luther" by Eric Metaxas
- 12/09 "One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich" by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

# 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. We meet weekly on Thursdays at 7:30pm but location varies from week to week. Text Tyler Rice at 863-255-5138 or email [tylerarice@gmail.com](mailto:tylerarice@gmail.com) if you are interested.

**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](mailto:treybillings@gmail.com)) and Kaitlyn Jessee (617-620-2101, [kaijessee@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Clifford.bogue@me.com)) or Lisa Tweed ([hatwik@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:jenandjen@att.net)) or Joanne (860-395-0827, [j.e.donovan@att.net](mailto: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!



