

# 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: Revelation 5:11-14

Leader: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

**People: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"**

Leader: 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,

**People: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"**

Leader: And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

## **PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Hallelujah!**

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**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
If with his love he befriend thee.**

**Hallelujah!**

**Hallelujah!**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again,  
Gladly fore'er we adore him.**

**Hallelujah!**

**Hallelujah!**

# 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**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Participants may kneel or lean forward.*

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

**People:** **Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will. We have eaten without a thought for the hungry. We have spoken without an effort to understand others. We have kept silent instead of telling the truth. We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge.**

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

**People: We have acted in accordance with our opinions rather than according to your commands. Within your church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors. And in the world we have not been your faithful servants. Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.**

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

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

“Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.” (Romans 8:33-34)

## **JESUS I AM RESTING RESTING**

**Jesus I am resting resting  
In the joy of what Thou art  
I am finding out the greatness  
Of Thy loving heart  
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee  
And Thy beauty fills my soul  
For by Thy transforming power  
Thou hast made me whole  
    Jesus I am resting resting  
    In the joy of what Thou art  
    I am finding out the greatness  
    Of Thy loving heart**

**Oh how great Thy loving kindness  
Vaster broader than the sea  
Oh how marvelous Thy goodness  
Lavished all on me**

**Yes I rest in Thee Beloved  
Know what wealth of grace is Thine  
Know Thy certainty of promise  
And have made it mine  
Chorus**

**Simply trusting Thee Lord Jesus  
I behold Thee as Thou art  
And Thy love so pure so changeless  
Satisfies my heart  
Satisfies its deepest longings  
Meets supplies its ev'ry need  
Compasseth me 'round with blessings  
Thine is love indeed  
Chorus**

**Whole! We are whole!  
We are whole when our eyes are filled with Christ our Lord!**

Original lyrics by Jean Sophia Pigott, 1876. Music and additional lyrics by Jefferson Bennett, 2012.

**Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.**

**When we've been here ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.**



# 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: Psalm 34:2

New Testament: Matthew 19:13-30

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

## SERMON

### “When Self-Reliance Condemns Us”

Rev. Preston Graham

Matthew 19:13-30

<sup>13</sup> Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, <sup>14</sup> but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." <sup>15</sup> And he laid his hands on them and went away. <sup>16</sup> And behold, a man came up to him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" <sup>17</sup> And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." <sup>18</sup> He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, <sup>19</sup> Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>20</sup> The young man said to him, "All these I have kept. What do I still lack?" <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." <sup>22</sup> When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>24</sup> Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>25</sup> When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" <sup>26</sup> But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." <sup>27</sup> Then Peter said in reply, "See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" <sup>28</sup> Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>29</sup> And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. <sup>30</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

## SERMON NOTES

*“For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin... Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith.” (Romans 3:20, 27)*

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

## 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: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory. (1 Timothy 3:16, 1st Century)**

## 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

## **YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL**

**You are my strength when I am weak  
You are the treasure that I seek  
You are my all in all**

**Seeking You as a precious jewel  
Lord to give up I'd be a fool  
You are my all in all**

**Taking my sin, my cross my shame  
Rising again I bless your name  
You are my all in all**

**When I fall down, you pick me up  
When I am dry, you fill my cup  
You are my all in all**

**Jesus, Lamb of God. Worthy is Your name  
Jesus, Lamb of God. Worthy is Your name**

## BENEDICTION

"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen."  
(Philippians 4:19-20)

## 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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## **In-Home Thanksgiving Fellowship Meals Sign-Up by Sunday 11/21**

An opportunity to join or host others in the congregation for a Thanksgiving meal. Sign-up at [\*\*cpcnewhaven.org/register\*\*](https://cpcnewhaven.org/register), or via the form in the bulletin, or contact [admin@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:admin@cpcnewhaven.org). Please act in accordance with your conscience concerning COVID requirements. Initial matches will be made the week of 11/15, but you may continue to sign-up through the 21st.

## **It's Christmas at CPC and You're Invited**

Ready to get in the holiday spirit? Visit [\*\*cpcnewhaven.org/christmas\*\*](https://cpcnewhaven.org/christmas) for all that's happening.

## **The Hill Christmas Store Returns for the 10th Year - Return Gifts by 12/5**

Please join us in sharing our tenth year of Christmas joy with some wonderful families from New Haven's Hill community this year. Just take an ornament from the Christmas tree in the CPC foyer, and return it with an unwrapped gift with a value of \$15 or more for a child in the designated category (e.g., "Girl, 9-14"). Recommended gifts include learning games, diverse dolls, basketballs, footballs, etc., with a more complete list of possibilities available at the foyer display. In the spirit of empowerment, your gift will in turn be bought at a very reduced price by families in the Hill for their children for Christmas. **Please return your gift to the foyer display area by Sunday, December 5** (the store event will be held on the 11th).

## **Are You Interested in Learning More about Membership at CPC?**

We have a membership joining on 12/12 and would love to begin the conversation if you're interested in learning more about joining the church. The process includes familiarizing yourself with our Membership Seminar (available at [cpcpodcasts.org](https://cpcpodcasts.org)), meeting with a pastor, and then with several of our shepherd leaders. Contact Annie ([annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:annie.mchugh@cpcnewhaven.org)) to get started. There will also be a time for potential members to interact socially with current members, shepherd leaders, and pastors on 12/3 at our "New Member Social."

## **Did You Miss the Opportunity to Mentor with BOH?**

Bridges of Hope is still looking for volunteers to serve as mentors for the 2021-22 school year. Volunteers should be college-age or older, be fully vaccinated, and have a heart for kids from low-income families. The two most urgent needs are for mentors Thursday night, and specifically for a male mentor on Tuesday night. Both nights are from 5-7pm at Ross-Woodward School. Mentors are assigned one student to work with all year. Duties include helping with homework, discussing a brief devotional, participating in recreational activities, and building a relationship of trust. Go to [\*\*bridgesnewhaven.org\*\*](https://bridgesnewhaven.org) and click on the link to fill out an initial application or email the director ([kathy.jennings@bridgesnewhaven.org](mailto:kathy.jennings@bridgesnewhaven.org)) with any questions.



# CHRISTMAS AT CPC

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## Holiday Happenings

- **Advent Sermon Series “Desires Fulfilled”**

*Sundays 11/28 - 12/26 | During 10:30am Worship*

During Christmas, should we look to the past or the future? Should we imagine Jesus is a baby all over again, or not? This year, our advent sermons are going to focus on all the ways Christ has fulfilled all our desires. In a restless culture, at a time when we are perhaps most restless, let's imagine the surprising grace of God himself coming to us. Just as the prophecies of the Old Testament point to Christ, the desires we seek to fulfill are ever only satisfied in Christ.

- **Traditional Lessons and Carols Christmas Service**

*Friday 12/10 | 6pm followed by Party*

Join us for a traditional service of Lessons and Carols. Stay afterwards as we fellowship indoors and out with window painting, fire pits, hot cocoa, s'mores, and holiday treats.

- **Christmas Eve Compline Service**

*Friday 12/24 | 8pm*

On Christmas Eve, join us for a contemplative service of prayers and communion as we welcome our Savior.

## Participate or Serve

- **Work Day and Decor Set-Up** | Saturday 12/4 | 9am-12pm
- **The Hill Christmas Store** | Take an ornament in the foyer and return a gift by 10/5.
- **Special Christmas Offering** | More info coming soon!

## Special Schedules

- **Sunday School:** Last Class 12/12 | Resumes 1/9
- **Compline:** Last Service 12/8 | Resumes 1/19
- **Christmas Break:** 12/27 - 12/31 the building will be closed, appointments may be made individually with staff

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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November 25 | **Thanksgiving Fellowship Meals** | Various Times and Locations

An opportunity to join or host others in the congregation for a Thanksgiving meal. Sign-up at [cpcnewhaven.org/register](http://cpcnewhaven.org/register), or via the form in the bulletin, or contact [admin@cpcnewhaven.org](mailto:admin@cpcnewhaven.org). Please act in accordance with your conscience concerning COVID requirements. Initial matches will be made the week of 11/15, but you may continue to sign-up through the 21st.

November 28 | **Fellowship Lunch** | After Worship

Join us after worship to share a fellowship meal together.

December 03 | **New Member Social** | 7pm | CPC Fellowship Hall

If you are new to CPC, and especially if you are going through the process of membership, you are invited to our New Member Social to get to know about CPC and the life of the church.

December 04 | **Work Day and Decor Set-Up** | 9am | CPC Building and Grounds

This is our annual winter Work Day and Christmas Decor Set-Up! From 9am-12noon come and Deck the Halls in preparation for the Christmas season, and tackle some house-keeping projects for all skill levels and hand sizes, including leaf pick-up.

December 10 | **Lessons and Carols Christmas Service** | 6pm | Followed by Party

Join us for a traditional service of Lessons and Carols. Stay afterwards as we fellowship indoors and out with window painting, fire pits, hot cocoa, s'mores, and holiday treats.

December 12 | **Membership Joining and Fellowship Lunch** | During Worship and After

Join us during worship to celebrate our new members joining CPC, and stay afterwards for a meal together.

December 24 | **Christmas Eve Compline Service** | 8pm

On Christmas Eve, join us for a contemplative service of prayers and communion as we welcome our Savior.

# 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!

# 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.

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**Receive Our Weekly Newsletter:** Go to **[cpcnewhaven.org](http://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](https://youtube.com/c/CPCNewHaven)** and select “Playlists” to find it (it’s called “CPC Sunday Morning Music”).



**Apply for a Social Outreach Grant:** 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)**.



# 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 Dads Discipleship Group:** 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 Moms Discipleship Group:** We meet two Tuesday evenings/month 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) or Patty (patty.gantenbein@comcast.net).

**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 Sundays 1pm-3pm & 4th Sundays 1pm-4pm**

“Crossroads” is our bi-monthly youth gathering. On the 2nd Sunday we will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 1pm-3pm. On the 4th Sunday we will meet at the home of one of the youths from 1pm-4pm. 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).

### **Digging Deep@Yale | Fridays | 9am-10am | Schwartzman Commons Elm Cafe**

Calling all Yale undergrads! We love good questions and real theology here, so let’s discuss the big topics together. We’ll meet at the Schwartzman Commons Cafe. 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.

- 12/9 "Martin Luther" by Eric Metaxas
- 1/13 "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!