

Welcome to Christ Presbyterian Church of New Haven!

As a church committed to Greater New Haven, we hope to serve and reach both downtown New Haven and the surrounding edge towns. We believe that the gospel transcends all ethnic, social, and demographic boundaries. We are ambitious for the glory of God and aim to extend a Christ-centered gospel throughout Greater New Haven.



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



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



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



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

PROTOCOLS FOR ATTENDING WORSHIP

Covid-19 Re-Opening as of 12/21/21: 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, and the emergence of variants, masks are required indoors for all individuals at all times.

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 in relation to our air flow.

Upon Arrival

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

Outdoors

- **Both Vaccinated and Non-Vaccinated Participants:** No masks or social distancing are required.

Indoors

- **Both Vaccinated and Non-Vaccinated Participants:** Wear a mask inside the entire CPC building at all times for Sunday worship, as well as any other public event held at CPC (this includes the sanctuary, foyer, fellowship hall, classrooms, etc.). *If for medical reasons there is a need to remove your mask at some point during Sunday services, you may contact the session moderator (Sr. Pastor) who with the Shepherd Leaders will discern a way to make that happen if possible.*

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

A PRAYER OF GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 33:1-5

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

People: Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him the harp of ten strings!

Leader: Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

People: For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

Leader: He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

O Worship the King

**O worship the King, all glorious above
O gratefully sing his power and his love
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise**

**O tell of his might; O sing of his grace
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm
 We lay down our crowns at the feet of the Lord
 We lay down our crowns at the feet of the Lord
 We lay down our crowns at the feet of the Lord who reigns
 Who reigns!**

**Frail children of dust and feeble as frail
In you do we trust nor find you to fail
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend
 Chorus**

**O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
whom angels delight to worship above!
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,
in true adoration shall sing to your praise!
 Chorus**

Additional music and lyrics by Jefferson Bennett

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

PEACE, LORD

**Peace, Lord
Grant us your peace, Lord
Peace, Lord
Grant us your peace, Lord**

**Not as the world gives,
But sure as your Son lives,
So may we have his peace with us.**

**The peace of your Word, God
We've read and we've heard, God
So may we now know, deep down in our bones, your voice alone.
Refrain**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Participants may kneel or lean forward.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins.

People: **For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you alone, have we sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

**Not as the world gives,
But sure as your Son lives,
So may we have his peace with us.**

**The peace of your Word, God
We've read and we've heard, God
So Spirit apply the blessings of Christ to each of our lives.**

**Peace, Lord
Grant us your peace, Lord
Peace, Lord
Grant us your peace, Lord**

Leader: Indeed, we were born guilty, sinners when our mothers conceived us.

People: **Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put new and right spirits within us. Do not cast us away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from us, we pray through Him Who loved us and gave Himself for us, even our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Based on Psalm 51)

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

**May the peace of Christ comfort our hearts, comfort our minds
May the love of Christ move in our hands, move in our lives
May the work of Christ lead us through death, lead unto life
May the peace of Christ comfort our hearts, comfort our minds
Refrain**

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

**What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace**

**To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
O how strange and divine; I can sing: all is mine
Yet not I, but through Christ in me**

**The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, his power is displayed**

**To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
O the night has been won, and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me**

**No fate I dread; I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave**

**To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
O the chains are released; I can sing: I am free
Yet not I, but through Christ in me**

**With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne**

**To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me**

(repeat)

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: Zechariah 9:8-10

New Testament: Matthew 21:1-11

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

SERMON

Donkey or Warhorse? A Triumph Not Of This World

Rev. Preston Graham Jr.

Matthew 21:1-11

Matt. 21:1 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5 "Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'

Matt. 21:6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. 8 Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" 10 And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" 11 And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

SERMON NOTES

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

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

MEDITATION

IV. *Renewal in Christ's Presence*

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

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



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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

COLLECTION AND PRAYERS:

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

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



MEDITATION

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: We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible, and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to the life in the world to come. Amen. (Nicene Creed, 325 AD)

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS TOGETHER

Leader: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

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.

BREAD OF THE WORLD IN MERCY BROKEN

**Bread of the world, in mercy broken
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed
By Whom the words of life were spoken
And in Whose death our sins are dead**

**Have mercy, have mercy
Have mercy on us**

**Look on the heart by sorrow broken
Look on the tears by sinners shed
And be Thy feast to us the token
That by Thy grace our souls are fed**

**Have mercy, have mercy
Have mercy on us**

**Here is mercy, here is mercy
Here is mercy for us**

**So let us come to the feast of Jesus
Let us eat of the Bread of Life
Let us drink of the wine, His blood
To talk and dine with Jesus Christ**

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: "I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."
(Ephesians 4:1-3)

The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

V. Restored In Christ's Supremacy

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

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

HIS KINGDOM NOW IS COME

The light shines **(the light shines)**
In the darkness **(In the darkness)**
And the darkness cannot overcome **(And the darkness cannot overcome)**
(Repeat)

Refrain: Behold, Behold, his Kingdom now is come

The valleys **(The valleys)**
Will be lifted **(Will be lifted)**
And the mountains will be brought down low
(And the mountains will be brought down low)
(Repeat)

Refrain

Hear the voice cry **(Hear the voice cry)**
From the highway **(From the highway)**
Make way for the Prince of Peace **(Won't you make way for the Prince of Peace)**
(Repeat)

Refrain

God of Justice **(God of Justice)**
Righteous Judge **(Righteous Judge)**
Behold, behold, behold

Our defender, **(Our Defender)**
Prince of Peace **(Prince of Peace)**
Behold, behold, behold
Father to the fatherless **(Father to the Fatherless)**
Our strong defender **(Our strong defender)**
Behold, behold, behold
He's troubling the water **(He's troubling the water)**
And we're marching through
Refrain

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BENEDICTION

“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.” Amen.
(Hebrews 13:20-21)

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

Wednesday 1/19 | **Fellowship Meal at 7pm and Compline at 8pm Resume:** Join us weekly on Wednesdays for a light meal in the Fellowship Hall at 7pm, followed at 8pm in the Sanctuary by an evening of prayers and communion. Compline is also live streamed at cpcnewhaven.org/live.

Thursday 1/20 | **Smokin' Theologians is Back!** We'll be starting a new series this Winter. 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. 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.

Saturday 1/22 | **Men's Breakfast at 8am:** Men of CPC, if you like a warm meal, hot coffee and sweet fellowship, an enriching devotion from one of our pastors and a time of prayer, please join us from 8am-10am in the Fellowship Hall for just that! Bring your sons and spread the word to your neighbors and friends. Please RSVP at cpcnewhaven.org/register to help us plan food.

Saturday 1/29 | **Baby Shower for the Kebabians at 10am:** Women of CPC are invited to celebrate and pray for the expectation of Josh and Alicia Kebabian's baby, hosted by the Downtown Life Group. The shower is Saturday, Jan 29th at 10am at Anna Graham's house (52 Roger Rd.) As per our Life Event Celebration Policy, the church's mercy fund will provide them a gift from CPC, so please feel no pressure to bring gifts, though you may do so if so inclined. Please Contact Anna (asgraham07@gmail.com) with any questions.

Saturday 1/29 | **UNsad Party at 6pm at the East Rock Brewing Company:** Time to be "UNsad"! Invite your friends to join CPC for a beer 1/29 at East Rock Brewing Company (284 Nicoll Street, New Haven). Newcomers and friends of members, your first drink is on us, so when you show up, ask for the free drink card. Our heart behind this party is both to defy the winter blues in their face and invite our friends to share in the joy of the body of Christ (under 21 must be accompanied by a legal guardian).

Saturday 2/12 | **Dads Needed:** Calling all Dads with daughters, we need your help in planning and hosting a Daddy/Daughter dance this February. We will be looking to host our neighbors and friends while also fostering meaningful moments for our own dad's and daughters. All ages welcome. Please contact Jefferson Bennett if you're interested (jefferson@cpcnewhaven.org).

VOLUNTEER WITH BRIDGES OF HOPE

Thursday Nights | **Mentors Needed:** Bridges of Hope is seeking more volunteers to staff their mentoring program on Thursday nights from 5-7 pm at Ross-Woodward School. The commitment would be once a week from March 3rd until June 2nd. (3 months) Each volunteer will be trained to mentor one child in 2nd-5th grade. Mentoring involves building a relationship, academic tutoring, spiritual input, and recreation. More information is available on our website www.bridgesnewhaven.org/mentoring.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 19 | **Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal and Compline Resume** | 7pm and 8pm
See the *"Ongoing Weekly"* section for more info.

January 22 | **Men's Breakfast** | 8am-10am | CPC Fellowship Hall
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January 23 | **Fellowship Lunch** | After Worship | CPC Fellowship Hall
Join us after worship to share a fellowship meal together.

January 29 | **UNsad Party** | 6pm | East Rock Brewing Company
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February 5 | **Women's Virtual Coffee Connect** | 9am-10am | Zoom ID: 899 8418 6915
Grab a mug and hang out with the women on Zoom for Coffee Connect (Meeting ID: 899 8418 6915) from 9am-10am. See you there!

February 5 | **Men's B-3 Event** | Time and Location TBD | Save the date!

February 12 | **Daddy/Daughter Dance** | Time TBD | CPC Fellowship Hall

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February 20 | **Mission Sunday** | 9:30am | During Sunday Studies

Join us before worship during Adult Sunday Studies to learn about the local and global missions that CPC supports, the current work of Mission Anabaino, and upcoming projects! There will be a special program for our kids in Sunday School this day as well.

February 20 | **Fellowship Lunch** | After Worship | CPC Fellowship Hall

Join us after worship to share a fellowship meal together.

February 21 | **Membership Seminar Proctored Groups Begin** | TBD Day/Times

We have our next membership joining on Easter Sunday 4/17/22 and would love to begin the conversation if you've been interested in learning more about joining the church. The process includes familiarizing yourself with our Membership Seminar (available at cpcpodcasts.org), meeting with a pastor, and then with several of our shepherd leaders. There will also be a time for potential members to interact socially with current members, shepherd leaders, and pastors on 4/1 at our "Newcomer's Social". Please let us know you are interested in joining a proctored group to go through CPC's Membership Seminar at cpcnewhaven.org/register. You'll be contacted to help decide a time and date to meet beginning at the end of February 2022.

ONGOING WEEKLY

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

Resumes 1/19 | Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal at 7pm: Join us for a light meal before Compline in the Fellowship Hall.

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

Resumes 1/20 | 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. 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.*

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?

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.
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 discuss how you've come to know Christ with the Shepherd Leaders.

CPC ONLINE

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



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



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



Apply for a Social Outreach Grant: Life Groups, Ministry Groups, or ad hoc groups of at least four people may plan fellowship/outreach events that encourage 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.



SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

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

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

Adult Sunday Studies at 9:30am:

- **Pilgrim's Progress | Fellowship Hall** | We need encouragement to persevere in the faith! With so many distractions and sins in our lives, what a great time to read and pray through a Christian classic that is the 2nd best selling book of all time, after the Bible, Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan. We'll tackle topics like the cost of discipleship, despair, prayer, doubt, greed, battles we face in walking the road of faith, and many more! Read along with us if you'd like, but not necessary.
- **Just Prayer | Parlor** | Not "just" prayer, or prayer about justice, but prayer alone! Inspired by our church-wide retreat, we want to be a church that depends on God and works for results that only God can provide, as opposed to ones that we can manufacture. So let's do this together - no program, no agenda, just a commitment to pray kingdom prayers together according to the command of Christ, for the glory of Christ, and the building up of His Church!

Men's Discipleship Group: Every 1st and 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).

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) or Diane Miller (auntie.diane@comcast.net).

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

Young at Heart 60+ Group: This group 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

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).

Resumes 1/21 | 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.

- **(Change in Date/Time)** Feb. 8th (Tues) @ 1pm "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" by Betty Smith

LIFE GROUPS

Downtown New Haven: Newly formed, the vision of this group is to reach and serve those that live in and around Downtown New Haven. 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 if you are interested.

East Rock Life Group: The East Rock Life Group usually meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, either mid or late afternoon, 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 twice monthly: Once on Sunday at 1:00pm for a delicious lunch, fellowship and a time of prayer together, and the other time on a weeknight at 7:30pm for "Bible & Life," using Zoom to disciple one another through discussion of the sermon, the Word, or other resources. Please contact Jennifer (203-675-3268, jenandjen@att.net) with any questions or if you'd like to join us. We'd love to have you!

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: 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. We meet the second Sunday of the month at 4pm. Contact Ken Healy at kenhealy@gmail.com or (203) 725-6894 if you are interested in joining us!